



**A Two Days National Seminar On
PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK IN INDIA IN
THE LIGHT OF SWAMI VIVEKANANDA'S
PHILOSOPHY**

20th & 21st February 2025

**P G DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK
RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIVEKANANDA
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“Don't look back—forward, infinite energy, infinite enthusiasm, infinite daring, and infinite patience—then alone can great deeds be accomplished.”

Swami Vivekananda

About College

According to Swami Vivekananda, the aim of education is to manifest in our lives the perfection that is the very nature of our inner self. The Ramakrishna Mission works with this vision. The Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda College in Chennai was formally opened on June 21, 1946, to meet the growing demand for mass education. The Evening

College was started in 1974. It is now an autonomous institution offering various UG, PG and Research degrees in multiple disciplines.

About Department

The PG Department of Social Work began its journey in 2010 with two specializations: Community Development and Human Resource Management. The vision of the department is to promote knowledge and skills in students to enhance personal, family, and social relationships, while also producing students with excellent character. The mission of the department is to provide enriched social work knowledge to students in order to uplift communities and vulnerable individuals, and to collaborate with community development organizations and industries.

About the Seminar

Swami Vivekananda's insights on spirituality, ethics, and service have created a significant impact in India, greatly shaping the areas of social work, community welfare, and humanitarian efforts. Grounded in the tenets of Sanathana Dharma and Practical Vedanta, his philosophy highlights the importance of selfless service, comprehensive education, and the empowerment of underprivileged groups. This seminar intends to investigate the modern-day significance of Swami Vivekananda's concepts, particularly his perspective on selfless service as a manifestation of Vedantic unity and his dedication to social justice. By analyzing these ideas, the seminar seeks to demonstrate how Swami Vivekananda's philosophy can guide contemporary social work practices in India, emphasizing aspects such as youth empowerment, women's advancement, community welfare, and the Indianization of social service frameworks.

The seminar will unite scholars, practitioners, and students of social work to explore Swami Vivekananda's philosophy through panel discussions, keynote addresses, and paper presentations. With a

focus on Practical Vedanta, the event will investigate particular areas such as the contribution of the Ramakrishna Mission to social work, the ethical obligations of Vedanta, and how comprehensive education can cultivate socially responsible individuals.

The objective of the seminar is to motivate participants to embrace Swami Vivekananda's principles in both their professional and personal spheres, nurturing a spirit of service and unity that resonates with the nation's rich cultural diversity and progressiveness towards realizing the Atma-Nirbhar-Bharat. This seminar will serve as a forum to examine how Swami Vivekananda's teachings may be perpetuated among the people so as to influence and enhance the practice of social work in India today.

Sub-themes

- **Sanathana Dharma, Practical Vedanta, and Social Work**
- **Holistic Human Development through Education**
- **Science, Spirituality, and Social Work**
- **Social Reform, Community Development, and Nation-Building**
- **Contextualization and Indigenization of Social Work Practices**
- **Community Development, and Empowerment**
- **Youth Welfare, Development, and Empowerment**
- **Social Work in Human Wellbeing – Its Role and Relevance**
- **Women's Empowerment and Social Equality**
- **Religious Pluralism and Social Harmony**

Call for papers

Original, thoughtful, comprehensive, and unpublished papers on the aforementioned subthemes are invited from academicians, researchers, research organizations, and students. The abstract, not exceeding 300 words, and the full paper, not

exceeding 8 pages with no more than two authors, should be typed on A4-sized paper with a font size of 12 (Times New Roman). The papers should be sent to the Seminar Organizing Secretary. The names of the authors must be clearly typed below the title of the paper on the front page, along with their addresses. Submit your full papers to the following email ID: vyusha2025@rkmvc.ac.in

Key Dates

Abstract Submission: 24.01.2025

Selected Abstract Intimation: 28.01.2025

Registration & Full paper Submission: 14.02.2025

Seminar Date: 20th & 21st February 2025

Registration Fees:

Academicians/ Practitioners / NGO's: Rs.300/-

Scholars / Students: Rs. 200/-

The participants are requested to make their own arrangements for stay and travel. Accommodation may be arranged on request.



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Publication

The selected abstracts will be published in the seminar proceedings, and shortlisted full papers will have the opportunity for publication in an international journal with an ISSN or in a book with an ISBN, subject to additional charges.

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