

B.A III year (History)

Paper-II

(Objectives according to MCQ pattern)

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Swami Dayananda Saraswati

(J.S College)

- He was a social and religious reformer of 19th century
- Born on 12th Feb 1824 at **Tankara** (Gujrat)
- Original name was **Mul Shankar**
- He learnt Sanskrit and vedas in childhood
- He started wandering over the meaning of life after his sister and uncle death
- Married in teen age but wanted to spent an ascetic life and so he left home for 15 years (1845-1860) at different places of northern India
- Seeking truth of life and gave up all material goods and luxuries
- He started practice '**Yoga**'
- He received education from the teacher Swami Virajananda at Mathura (U.P)
- He understood that Hinduism strayed away from its roots and had been tainted to restore the true religion and need to go "**Back to Vedas**"
- He preached against the giving of donations to priest .He was dead against the rituals and superstitions
- He extolled spiritualism and nationalism and appealed the people to fight for **Swaraj**
- He respect cows for prosperity of nation and adoption of Hindi for national integration
- He emphasized on the **importance of education of all children and preach the respect and equal rights for women**
- He founded "**Arya Samaj**" at **Bombay on April 7,1875**,through this reform movement, he stressed on One God and rejected idol worship. He also criticised the respectful position of priest in Hinduism
- He established Vedic school for the education of girls and boys of all castes. All the books and dresses given free. The Vedic scriptures were taught especially in these school
- He started "**Suddhi**" Movement to reconvert people who had converted from Hinduism to other faiths forcefully or willingly

- He worked for the widows
- He wrote many books. The notable book was **“Satyarath Prakash”** in Hindi and other books were **“Ved Bhashya”** in Sanskrit and **“Ved Bhashya Bhumika”** in both Hindi and Sanskrit
- The person who were influenced by the personality of Dayananda Saraswati were **Shyamji Krishna Verma, M.G Ranade, V.D Savarkar, Lala Hardyal, Madan Lal Dhingra, Bhagat Singh, Swami Vivekananda, Subhash Chandra Bose, Bipan Chandra pal, Vallabh Bhai Patel and Romaine Ronald etc.**
- Dayananda Saraswati was poisoned during the stay at the palace of the Maharaja of Jodhpur, **Jaswant Singh-II** and died **on 26th Oct.1883 in the age of 59 years**
- After the death in 1883, a difference arose among the followers of Arya Samaj over the question of education, resulting a split in 1892. one section known as the **“Gurukula Section”** led by Swami Shardhanand advocated the adoption of the ancient system of Hindu education and established institutions **for boys only** as first opened at Haridwar. The other one called the **“Colleges Section”** led by LalaLajpatRai and Hansraj for **the spread of English Education and established a number of Dayananda Anglo Vedic (DAV) schools or colleges for both boys and girls** and first found at Lahore