

## **Nirvana Day of Swami Vivekananda**

- Swami Vivekananda's Nirvana Day, observed annually on July 4th, marks his death anniversary.
- Swami Vivekananda was born as Narendranath Datta on January 12, 1863.
- His birth anniversary is observed in India as National Youth Day.
- He was an Indian Hindu monk, philosopher, author, religious teacher, and the chief disciple of the Indian mystic Ramakrishna.
- He was a pivotal figure in introducing Vedanta and Yoga to the Western world.
- He passed away in 1902 at the young age of 39.
- He attained Mahasamadhi while meditating in his room at Belur Math, near Kolkata.
- Vivekananda is universally celebrated for his historic 1893 address at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago of USA.
- The day he delivered his speech at the Parliament of Religions (11 September) is observed as "World Brotherhood Day".
- After returning to India from his first visit to the West, Swami Vivekananda founded the Ramakrishna Order at Belur, near Kolkata, in 1898.