

**Bharati Vidyapeeth's,**

**Matoshri Bayabai Shripatrao Kadam Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Kadegaon, Dist-Sangli.**

## **Celebration of Rajmata Jijabai Jayanti & Swami Vivekananda Jayant**

**Organizer**

**Library Committee**

**Day and Date – Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Venue**

**Main Building B.V.M.B.S.K. Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Kadegaon, Dist-Sangli.**



### **Swami Vivekananda**

12 January 1863 – 4 July 1902), born Narendranath Datta was an Indian Hindu monk, philosopher, author, religious teacher, and the chief disciple of the Indian mystic Ramakrishna. He was a key figure in the introduction of Vedanta and Yoga to the Western world; and is credited with raising interfaith awareness, and bringing Hinduism to the status of a major world religion. Vivekananda became a popular figure after the 1893 Parliament of Religions in Chicago, where he began his famous speech with the words, "Sisters and brothers of America..." before introducing Hinduism to Americans. He was so impactful at the Parliament that an American newspaper described him as: "an orator by divine right and undoubtedly the greatest figure at the Parliament". After great success at the Parliament, in the subsequent years, Vivekananda delivered hundreds of lectures across the United States, England and Europe, disseminating

the core tenets of Hindu philosophy, and founded the Vedanta Society of New York and the Vedanta Society of San Francisco both of which became the foundations for Vedanta Societies in the West.

Born into an aristocratic Bengali Kayastha family in Calcutta, Vivekananda was inclined from a young age towards religion and spirituality. He later found his guru, Ramakrishna, and became a monk. After the death of Ramakrishna, Vivekananda extensively toured the Indian subcontinent, acquiring first-hand knowledge of the living conditions of Indian people in then British India. Moved by their plight, he resolved to help his country men, and found a way to travel to the United States where he was highly successful. In India, Vivekananda founded the Ramakrishna Math, which provides spiritual training for monastics and householder devotees, and the Ramakrishna Mission, to provide charity, social work and education.<sup>[7]</sup> Vivekananda was also a major force in contemporary Hindu reform movements, and contributed to the concept of nationalism in colonial India. He is regarded as a patriotic saint, and his birthday in India is celebrated as National Youth Day.

### **Rajmata Jijabai,**

mother of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, founder of the Maratha kingdom. The mother of Shivaji, who was the protector of the country as well as religion. She was the guide who shaped his mind from his early years. She was the embodiment of self-respect. That great mother suffered in silence and became a source of inspiration to her heroic son.


The true importance of a mother in an individual's life can be judged from the fact that while on one hand, she has been to be the first guru, on the other hand, the very heaven is said beneath her holy feet. Such a mother and brave woman were Jijabai who was not only his friend, guide but also a great source of inspiration. She never lost courage and patience in case of difficulties and adversities. She imparted moral values and ideals to her son.

Jijabai was a very pious and intelligent woman with a great vision for an independent kingdom. Shivaji grew up and began his fight for freedom. At the young age of sixteen, he captured the fort of Thorangadh. Shivaji would not take any important decision without consulting his mother. Jijabai is widely credited with raising Shivaji in a manner that led to his future greatness.

She inspired Shivaji by telling stories from Ramayana, Mahabharata. Right from his childhood, Jijau would tell Shivaji about the lives of Shriram, Maruti, Shrikrishna to make him pious and patriotic. Right from his childhood, she sowed the seeds of devotion to the nation. She instilled in him many values like courage, modesty, truthfulness, fearlessness. She inspired him to the establishment of Hindavi Swaraj. In Shivaji's spotless character and courage, Jijabai's contribution is enormous. It was through the efforts of Jijau that Shivaji became an Ideal administrator and ruler.

**Participants –All Faculty, Non-Teaching staff and students**



  
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