

Report on National Youth Day 2021:

“Arise, awake, and do not stop until the goal is reached”

REVA University celebrated National Youth Day on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary, at its campus on January 12, 2021. The REVA University organized a lecture on the 'Life of Swami Vivekananda and his Journey' to make students aware of his teachings, and to take his message to the youths.

Sri Ramesh.B.Umarani, Director, Vivekananda Institute for Youth Awakening, addressed the students, faculty, and staff on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Sri Ramesh said Swami Vivekananda believed in the power of youth and often approached youth who were reluctant to listen to him or did not have belief in his teachings. Recalling his journey, he said, “My own idea of Swami Vivekananda was only the aged and senior citizens listen to Swami Vivekananda's preaching. However, I became his biggest disciple when I understood his teachings.”

Taking the students through some of the most inspiring quotes of Swami Vivekananda, Sri. Ramesh said a person needs 3 things to become successful – A heart to feel, a brain to conceive, and strong arms to work hard. He advised the students to put their heart into what they do, brain to understand and develop good intellect, and strong arms for hard work. He said, “Education is for empowerment and not employment.”

He concluded the speech by inspiring the students to achieve great things, and quoted Swami Vivekananda's teachings to motivate them. He said, “One must undergo 3 stages in life - ridicule, opposition and acceptance. Only when people ridicule you and oppose you, will they accept you. Let people pull you down before they believe in you and have faith in your dreams.”

REVA University Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr. M. Dhananjaya and Registrar Dr. Beena G were present on the occasion.