

Message by High Commissioner Shri Ashok Kumar on the occasion of National Youth Day on 12th January 2022

I congratulate you all on the occasion of National Youth Day on 12th January 2022, which marks the birth anniversary of one of the greatest spiritual leaders Swami Vivekananda, who stands as an iconic figure for the youths not only in India but world over.

The thoughts and actions of Swami Vivekananda spread beyond the realms of spirituality and stand in unison with the cause of humanity through selfless service to achieve a society free from poverty, disease and illiteracy. As a means of achieving his goals, Swami Vivekananda placed great faith and confidence on the youth, whom he considered to have the power, strength and will to change the society for good. His message of love, service and brotherhood transcends all borders into a universal ideal.

On this occasion, I want to request the youth of today, specially of the Indian diaspora in Zambia to uphold the ideas, messages and teachings of Swami Vivekananda which I believe will help you to re-discover India, understand her better and connect to her in a better and purposeful way. I also request that you to spread Swami Vivekananda's message of love, knowledge and service among your Zambian friends to help them in a better way to understand India and its rich heritage.