

Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati

Context: The Prime Minister paid tributes to Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati on his birth anniversary.

EARLY LIFE & FOUNDATION



He was born on **February 12, 1824**, in Tankara, Gujarat. He later became a **disciple of Swami Virajanda.**

He founded the **Arya Samaj in 1875** to counter social inequities and promote social reform.

1875

SLOGAN & CORE IDEAS



"Back to the Vedas"



He issued the slogan "Back to the Vedas" and emphasized two core ideas:



the infallible authority of the Vedas and monotheism.

MAJOR BELIEFS & SOCIAL REFORM



Among his major beliefs were the rejection of idolatry and overly ritualistic traditions, support for women's education, denunciation of child marriage, and opposition to untouchability.



He also advocated the idea of shuddhi, supporting reconversion into the Hindu fold.



Publications: Satyarth Prakash, Sanskar Vidhi, and Yajurved Bhashyam.



PUBLICATIONS



LEGACY

Inspired by his beliefs, teachings, and ideas, his disciples established the **Dayanand Anglo Vedic College Trust and Management Society** after his death in 1883.

