



Dear Members,

Season's Greetings to all members, patrons and volunteers of the Chapter. Thank you for your continuous support as the chapter completes yet another year of great accomplishments and achievements. As we gear up for a new year, chapter continues its focus on spreading Project Management awareness across corporate and project management communities in the region.

As we are stepping into 2017 with new energy, we are looking for fresh ideas of passionate professionals as chapter volunteers. We encourage you to come forward and be an anchor in volunteer capacity to participate in various chapter's activities and events.

This is an invitation for you to attend the first ever PMI Regional Conference to be held at Grand Oberoi, Kolkata on 22nd April, 2017. Requesting you to please attain and grab an opportunity join the PMI West Bengal Chapter, free of charge, for your current PMI membership period. If you want to know more about this, please send an email to pmiwbc.membership@pmiwbc.org

This is the time to expand your network, attend chapter events, meet up and study for accreditation

Cheers,
Editor's Desk

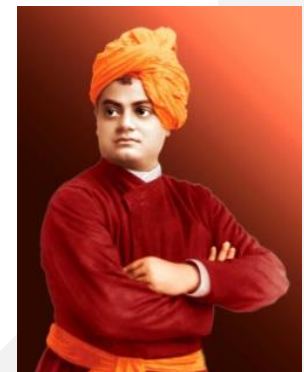
Cover Story: SWAMIJI'S THOUGHT AND VISION ON SOCIAL ECONOMIC GROWTH IN INDIA

Swami Vivekananda was the spiritual leader however his main concern all through his life was the economic prosperity of India. He sincerely tried to build a bridge between age old Indian moral and ethical approaches to life and modern economics needs of India. Though vast changes have taken place in the country since the beginning of the twentieth century, his influence continues to increase over the years. In fact many of his thoughts appear to be more relevant today for managing the social economic growth.

He also spoke extensively on industrialisation, and borrowing science and technology from the developed countries. He established Ramakrishna Mission in Kolkata to spread the teachings of Sri Ramakrishna to remove the spiritual poverty on one hand, and on the other hand, to remove the physical poverty with the spread of education and health.

Swami Vivekananda said: ***"My ideal is growth, expansion, and development on national lines"***.

He was perhaps the first leading personality to speak along such decades before independence. He underlined even while India was under the British rule that India need to develop her own system for the development of the economy. He wanted India to progress based on our own strength and methods without depending on other countries. As a pioneering thinker, he advocated an Indian economic method for our country, as he must have had a clear understanding of the economic fundamentals of India and the western world. That was long before the world witnessed failure of the western models and the emergence of India at the global level after independence. that's why he was called as ***'father of modern materialism'***.



Swami Vivekananda advocated the development of the industrial sector for economic progress. He gave much importance to the promotion of a vibrant industrial sector. Swamiji was aware that India could be built only by developing the entrepreneurial talents of people. Hence he encouraged self-employment activities at different levels.

Swamiji understand the importance of science and technology, he saw that science is not contradictory to the eternal spiritual principles, which is the foundation of Indian culture. Swamiji always said that '**lack of education**' is the root cause behind all problems in India. Without mass education the desirable socio-economic changes in our country is not possible. He considered education as the birth right of every human being. It is a biological, social, economic and spiritual necessity. He was in favour of woman education. The idea and objective of his scheme of female education is to make them strong, fear-less, and conscious of their dignity. Their uplift and welfare was a part and parcel of his basic philosophy.

Today we talk about globalization, but Swamiji talked about **globalization** more than a centuries ago. In a global business environment, the companies that have credibility, those who believes in quality and productivity will survive in the long run. Today we are talking of corporate social responsibility, which has become the need of the hour. Swamiji spoke about this social responsibility and corporate responsibility centuries ago. **Trusteeship Management** which is introduced by so many multinational companies for success, the thought was popularised by Mahatma Gandhi, but it was first articulated and introduced to the erstwhile business community by Swamiji. Unselfishness and giving back to the society is a must. He said, "**Unselfishness is more paying in the long run. Unfortunately people do not have the patience to practice it.**"

Another term **Servant Leadership** is becoming popular worldwide. It means, not taking the credit as a leader. You inspire your colleagues, you inspire your subordinates, not by preaching, but by setting example and by not dictating them. Sharing ideas with subordinates, controlling them through love and the attitude of service, not by power and position and through order that is the new concept of management which is coming up. Swamiji practised Servant Leadership more than 100 years back, when he started Ramakrishna mission. He said that worship the Lord who is present in poor and sick people. According to him there is no difference between sacred and secular, the symbiosis between sacred and secular is the greatest gift of Swamiji to the modern age. To work is to worship. According to him, this is the message of practical Vedanta, and by application of this people will develop greater work efficiency. he had showed the path to work in slums, wiping the tears of poor, afflicted people, spreading knowledge of every part of society. He said science and technology is must, if we want to develop. Science and western science coupled with Vedanta, is what he emphasized. What he told, all of his speeches are relevant today. he gives a very comprehensive technique to develop spiritual intelligence(**SQ**) with emotional intelligence(**EQ**) and **IQ** thorough yoga's which gives success, eternal happiness and peace in one's life.

This era belongs to organization and teamwork. Be it any sector from science, technology to business, teamwork constitutes a major cornerstone to attaining the desired results. Swamiji greatly emphasized on team work and revitalised the spirit of team work. Swamiji's unique contribution to the creation of new India was to open the minds of Indians to their duty to the downtrodden masses. he told, **"A few heart-whole, sincere, and energetic men and women can do more in a year than a mob in century."** He spoke about the role of labouring classes in the production of country's wealth. He was the first religious leader in India to speak for the masses, formulate a definite philosophy of service and organize large-scale social service. Jawaharlal Nehru wrote, **"Rooted in the past and full of pride in India's prestige, Vivekananda was yet modern in his approach to life's problems, and was a kind of bridge between the past of India and her present...His mission was the service of mankind through social service, mass education, religious revival and social awakening through education"**.

He always insisted on grass-roots reforms, not agendas imposed from above of which the common man had little or no understanding. He believed that a nation built on the bedrock of education and equality, including gender equality, which guaranteed a level playing field for all citizens, could never be a laggard in the comity of nations.

Swami Vivekananda has a perennial appeal. He is a phenomenon. His relevance will increase with each passing day. In a short life of 39 years, 5 months and 22 days, this great man conquered the entire world with his message. His contribution to the awakening of modern India is critique in its kind and quality. If education is viewed as the most powerful instrument of social change, his contribution to educational thought is of paramount importance. That's why Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose remarked, **"Swamiji harmonized the east and the west, religion and science, past and present. And that is why he is great. Our countrymen have gained unprecedented self-respect, self-reliance and self-assertion from his teachings"**.

Events & ACTIVITIES



2016

Learn and Earn Session

PMI West Bengal Chapter conducted **learn and earn session** on 3rd December, 2016 on the topic of **Measurement of Productivity** in Project Management. The speaker, Dr. Ashim Roy with an established core academic and corporate background gave us a different perspective on productivity measurement in project management and this was something new the participants got to learn. He enlightened us by covering variegated topic of general principal of productivity management, KPI and metrics bench-marked and productivity measurement case studies from core industries and also how it can be used to increase our productivity. The event was interactive with satisfactory feedback from the participants. The speaker was extended vote of thanks with a memento presented by PMI WBC Chapter President Mr. Sumit Kr Sinha



Felicitation of Volunteers – Communication portfolio

Pratik Singh, Supratim Sen and Pryanka Roy – volunteers of communication portfolio were felicitated by board members on 3rd Dec 2016





Project Management Training for “Save the Children” in Kolkata, India by PMI West Bengal Chapter

It was indeed an overwhelming and enlightening experience to collaborate with the PMI Education Foundation (PMIef) first initiative in Eastern India with the PMI West Bengal Chapter (PMIWBC) to impart training of project management to the team of “Save the Children” at Kolkata.

The Chapter developed a customized training material and the training sessions were attended by 11 participants.

Save the Children is India's leading independent NGO and child rights organization. As of 2015, it works in 120 countries across the globe and 20 states in India. “New Horizons” is a skill development and employment generation programme initiated by Save the Children in Kolkata, India, in 2008. It aims in building economically viable life and technical skills amongst adolescents and young people (who are vulnerable to, or victims of, exploitative, hazardous and worst forms of child labour). Know more at <https://www.savethechildren.in/>

Save the Children had approached the PMI West Bengal Chapter for a capacity building training on project management. The objective was to help its implementing team to improve application of knowledge, skills, tools, and techniques of project activities. This was scheduled for 14th and 21st Jan 2017.

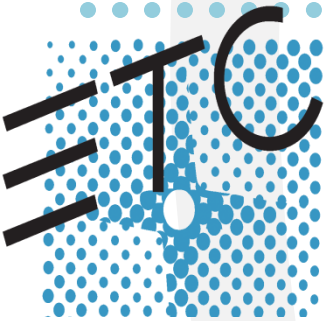


Chapter welcomes our new members

A warm welcome and hearty wishes for a successful career in project management for new members (Oct –Dec) 2016

Biman Ranjan Das
Mousumi Ghosh
Debashis Mishra
Satrajit Mukherjee
Amrita Bandyopadhyay
Sumit Barman
Koushik Ghosh
Dharmendra Gupta

Ashok Pal
Subhasis Samantaray
Avijit Banerjee
SalehAhmed Choudhury
Arka Nishanta Kanungo
Nipu Nath
Tanmoy Halder



Etc that matters

India's premier project management conference

Block your calendar for India's most awaited Project Management event of year! The event theme of #PMNC17 is Project Management - Powering India's Global Leadership is pertinent in the current socio-economic scenario.

<http://www.pmi.org.in/events/pmnc17/>

Don't Miss Your Free, Exclusive Project Scheduling Virtual Event

As a valued PMI member you are entitled to register and attend this member-only event for free! It is the perfect way to learn what's new in project scheduling and network with PMI members across the globe. This year we are talking about how to tackle project scheduling challenges in a changing profession.

<https://www.projectmanagement.com/events/356123/PMI-Scheduling-Conference-2017>



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<http://www.pmi.org.in/manageindia/volume6/issue11/>



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