

The relevance of Ramakrishna Mission not only existed during British India but also present at current times. Discuss.

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Ramakrishna Mission was started in 1871 at Belur, Calcutta by Swami Vivekananda. It was primarily to spread the philosophy of his guru Ramakrishna Paramahansa and bring about change among Indian youth. The platform served as an amalgam of western and Indian values - reformist society.

Ramakrishna Mission - British era

- 1) It primarily served as social reform organisation.
- 2) worked relentlessly for awakening the 'purposefulness of youth' and strive to achieve their goal through mental, physical, intellectual - eradicate hunger and ignorance.
- 3) It helped to awaken nationality, equality of rights, dignity to fight against caste related oddities.
- 4) The main philosophy 'service to humankind is service to God' was followed in safeguarding women and poor rights.
- 5) Swami Vivekananda was able to propagate his principles of Vedanta that would be pillar stone of building strong, vibrant India.
- 6) Propagation of harmony of religion to build secularism in India when communalism was let out through British carrot & stick policy.

Ramakrishna Mission - Continuing service

Off late the Ramakrishna mission has moved from the principles of social service, common religion to civic responsibility, environmental responsibilities.

- 1) With regards to fulfill environmental obligation, it had recently announced ban on firecrackers during diwali celebration.

- 2) In its work towards creating 'Swachh Bharat', the mission in Mangalore has ~~took~~ up the cause of solid waste segregation and collection in selected localities.
- 3) Mission is striving hard to bring about behavioural change among rural youth, women by engaging them in live demonstrations.
- 4) Further, Ramakrishna Mission has been vigorous support for famine, flooding, disaster resilience.
- 5) Even today, it continues to establish schools across India, world to train youth according to vedanta philosophy.

Thus, Ramakrishna Mission created by the sheer love of Swami Vivekananda's guru, stands silent and tall in motivating youngsters to serve the society at best along with their responsibilities towards their lives.