

Date	Location	Description	*Source
Mon, 12 Jan 1863	North Calcutta (Now Kolkata)	Swami Vivekananda was born on Monday, January 12th, 1863 . His time of birth was 6:33 am , a few minutes before sunrise. It was the great Indian festival called, Makara Sankranti. His father was Vishwanath Dutta , a famous and important attorney, and his mother Bhuvanewari Devi was a pious lady in the ancestral house. His great-grandfather Rammohan Dutta originally built this house 300 years ago, at 3 Gourmohan Mukherjee Street, North Calcutta.	<i>Life 1: 11;</i> <i>VAB: 9</i>
~ 1863		Naming ceremony: Name Given- Vireshwar. For short they called him- Bileh. Later was called Narendranath or simply Naren .	<i>Life 1: 11</i>
~ 1865		As a baby, he was very naughty, playful, and restless . Often was beyond the control of the Mother or two elder sisters. There were two nurses employed to keep his exuberant energy under control. To pacify him, his mother would often put his head under the cold water, chanting Shiva's name., which always produced the desired effect.	<i>Life 1: 12;</i> <i>VAB: 11</i>
~ 1866		Had great fancy for Wandering monks and used to be delighted and rushed towards them. Used to tease his sisters; And on chased he would fly to an open drain and infuriate them to catch him. Had several pets : a monkey, goat, peacock, pigeon and some guinea pigs, a family cow, etc.	<i>Life 1: 14</i>
~ 1867		Used to listen to stories of Ramayan and Mahabharata from his Mother, Grandmother, and other family elderly ladies. He was very friendly with servants, neighbours, and other people. Had a fancy of becoming a Sannyasi .	<i>Life 1: 17</i>
~ 1868		Unknowingly, started doing meditation . He would be completely unaware of the surroundings, Once even a cobrawas around him but he was not aware of it. While sleeping he used to have a very special vision of luminous colours around his eyes and which would expand his whole body in a flood of white radiance. And after that, he used to sleep.	<i>Life 1: 19;</i> <i>VAB: 12</i>
1869	Pathshala at Calcutta	At the age of 6 , he started going to Primary School . But due to inappropriate company, he started using some inappropriate words. Hence he's going to pathshala was stopped and instead, a private tutor was appointed to teach him along with his other cousins and some other boys.	<i>Life 1: 20</i>
~ 1869		Found to have exceptional intelligence . Learned to read and write well before other students. Found to have a superb memory, and could recite learned topics word for word.	<i>Life 1: 20</i>
~ 1869	at home	Learnt from an old relative - Narasimha Datta (Father of Ramchandra Datta) many Sanskrit aphorisms, Sanskrit Grammar Mugdhabodha, hymns and passages from Ramayan and Mahabharata. Young Naren memorised a lot from them and could correct others if they made any mistakes while repeating.	<i>Life 1: 21</i>
~ 1869	neighbour- hood	Started leading other lads and friends, He used to be king of them, they all liked his company and enjoyed playing with him. He was everything to his teammates- A leader, friend, protector , etc.	<i>Life 1: 23</i>

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~ 1869	father's office room at home	The <i>Hookah</i> incident: In his father's office, separate Hookahs (Smoking Pipe Equipment) were kept for people of different castes and religions. Curious Naren tried all the different Hookahs. When his father found him and asked, he said he was checking whether each cast or religion's hookah tastes different. He found that all hookahs are the same.	<i>Life 1: 23</i>
1869	Charhak Fair in town	At 6 years of age- Saved a younger boy from running over by a horse cart at a fair. At the 'Charhak Fair' in his town, they went to buy a Shiva doll image. While returning, the younger boy was slightly separated and left behind the road. When Naren noticed this he quickly turned to see him. He found that a carriage is just about to dash the boy. He quickly rushed there and grabbed his hand and pulled him aside and saved him. The people around him admired his bravery and blessed him.	<i>Life 1: 24</i>
~ 1870		Naren's Grand Uncle was on his deathbed. To pass his last moment in a spiritual atmosphere, he requested that somebody should read aloud the 'Mahabharat' to him. When nobody in his family dared to, Naren read it aloud. His uncle said to Naren, "Child, you have a great future before you."	<i>Life 1: 25</i>
~ 1870		People started to see great qualities in Naren even as a kid. He had a fair complexion, a well-shaped and graceful physical appearance, bright and large eyes, face like a genius . He started taking delight in meditation, worship and prayers . He started his search for God .	<i>Life 1: 25</i>

*Source Abbreviations

We have used abbreviation for the name of the book, in the source column.

Following is a list of all the abbreviations used in the column along with the referred book name and additional details:

<i>CW</i>	Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda Mayavati Memorial Edition	Advaita Ashrama, Eighteenth Reprint, April 2001 CW1 indicates to Volume 1, CW2 indicates to Volume 2, and so on...
<i>Himalay</i>	स्वामी विवेकानंद का हिमालय- भ्रमण तथा कुछ अन्य यात्राएँ (हिन्दी) - स्वामी विदेहात्मानंद	(Swami Vivekananda ka Himalay bhramaN, tatha kuchh anya yatraen, Hindi) Advaita Ashram, Kolkata, First Edition, June 2016
<i>Life</i>	Life of Swami Vivekananda by His Eastern and Western Disciples	Advaita Ashram, Sixth Edition, Jan 1989 Life1 indicates to Volume 1, Life2 indicates to Volume 2.
<i>Maha97</i>	महाराष्ट्रात स्वामी विवेकानंद (मराठी) - स्वामी विदेहात्मानंद	(Maharashtrat Swami Vivekananda) Ramakrishna Math, Nagpur, Maharashtra, First Edition, 1997
<i>ND</i>	Swami Vivekananda In The West: New Discoveries - Marie Louise Burke	Advaita Ashrama, Forth Edition, April 2013 ND1 indicates to Volume 1, ND2 indicates to Volume 2; and so on..
<i>Rajas19</i>	स्वामी विवेकानंद और राजस्थान (हिन्दी) - स्वामी विदेहात्मानंद	(Swami Vivekananda aur Rajasthan, Hindi) Advaita Ashram, Kolkata, First Edition, April 2019
<i>Rajkot19</i>	Swami Vivekananda and Gujarat	Souvenir. 125 Anniversary of Swamiji's Visit to Gujarat. by Sw. Nikhileshwarananda Shri Ramakrishna Ashram,Rajkot, First Edition, June 2019
<i>RVinfo</i>	RamakrishnaVivekananda.info	http://www.ramakrishnavivekananda.info/ . It contains online versions of many literary works on the Holy Trio. Although, Chitramrit is not affiliated with this website, but the owners of the website have kindly allowed us to link to the pages from this website. (Specially for Swamiji's letters and lecture links from his 'Complete Works' series.). Special thanks to the developers of this site.
<i>VAB</i>	Vivekananda A Biography	by Swami Nikhilananda, Advaita Ashrama, First Indian Edition, Nov 1964
<i>wvca</i>	Vivekananda Vedanta Society of British Columbia (Canada)	https://vedantavancouver.ca/arrival-in-vancouver/

Instructions on Abbreviations

1. In the Source column, the number after the Colon mark (:) indicates the page number of the book, from where we have gathered the respective information. For example, "**Life1:17**" in the sources column indicates to the 17th page of the book 'Life of Swami Vivekananda' **Volume 1**

2. In the Date column, the tilde sign (~) indicates that the date is an '**approximate date**'. We have tried our best guess to approximate the date. For example, the date **~1870** indicates that the event has happened either in 1870CE or some time closer to 1870CE. If you have more information about it or have suggestions, please feel free to [let us know](#). We will try to update it ASAP.

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