

General Awareness

Major Socio-Religious Reform Movements in India

Movement / Organization	Year	Founder / Leader	Main Objective / Focus
Brahmo Samaj	1828	Raja Ram Mohan Roy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opposed idol worship, caste system, sati - Promoted monotheism & women's rights
Arya Samaj	1875	Swami Dayanand Saraswati	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vedas are supreme - Against idol worship, child marriage - Promoted Shuddhi
Ramakrishna Mission	1897	Swami Vivekananda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Based on teachings of Ramakrishna Paramhansa - Social service & spiritual unity
Theosophical Society	1875 (US), 1879 (India)	Madame Blavatsky, Annie Besant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revival of Hindu philosophy, support for Indian self-rule
Aligarh Movement	1875	Sir Syed Ahmad Khan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modern education for Muslims - Founded Aligarh Muslim University
Ahmadiyya Movement	1889	Mirza Ghulam Ahmad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reform within Islam, opposed jihad, supported modern education
Young Bengal Movement	1830s	Henry Louis Vivian Derozio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Radical, westernized ideas - Promoted liberty, equality, rationalism
Prarthana Samaj	1867	Atmaram Pandurang, later R.G. Bhandarkar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reform Hinduism - Opposed caste & rituals, promoted monotheism
Satya Shodhak Samaj	1873	Jyotiba Phule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upliftment of lower castes - Opposed Brahmanical dominance, promoted women's rights
Sri Narayana Dharma Paripalana (SNDP)	1903	Sri Narayana Guru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social equality in Kerala - "One caste, one religion, one God for mankind"
Servants of India Society	1905	Gopal Krishna Gokhale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social reform through education, health, and welfare work

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