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Raja Ram Mohan Roy :

- Raja Ram Mohan Roy was one of the founders of the Brahma Sabha, the precursor of the Brahma Samaj, a social-religious reform movement in the Indian subcontinent.
- He was known for his efforts to abolish the practices of sati and child marriage.
- Raja Ram Mohan Roy is considered to be the "Father of the Bengal Renaissance" by many historians.

Ishwar Chandra Vidya Sagar :

- Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar was a social reformer, philosopher and education who had a major role in the reformation of Indian society
- He was a key figure of the Bengal Renaissance. He wanted to modernize orthodox Hindu society from within.

Dayanada Saraswathi :

- Dayananda Saraswati was an Indian philosopher, social leader and founder of the Arya Samaj, a reform movement of the Vedic dharma.

- He was the first to give the call for Swaraj as "India for Indians" in 1876.
- The philosopher and President of India, S. Radhakrishnan called him one of the "makers of Modern India", as did Sri Aurobindo.

Swami Vivekananda :

- Swami Vivekananda was an Indian Hindu monk and one of the most celebrated spiritual leaders of India. He was more than just a spiritual mind; he was a prolific thinker, great orator and passionate patriot.
- He carried on the free-thinking philosophy of his guru, Ramakrishna Paramhansa forward into a new paradigm.