

**VIDYA BHAWAN BALAKA VIDYAPITH SHAKTI UTTHAN ASHRAM  
LAKHISARAI**

**CLASS 7<sup>th</sup>**

**SUBJECT S.SCI**

**New Kind of Bhakti in South India – Nayanars and Alvars**

- The seventh to ninth centuries saw the emergence of a new religious movement, led by Nayanars (saints devoted to Shiva) and Alvars (saints devoted to Vishnu).
- They were sharply critical of the Buddhists and Jainas and preached ardent love of Shiva or Vishnu as the path to salvation.
- The Nayanars and Alvars went from place to place composing exquisite poems of praise of the deities enshrined in the village they visited and set them to music.
- The Chola and Pandya kings built elaborate temples around many of the shrines.

**Philosophy and Bhakti**

- Shankara, a philosopher, of Kerala advocated Advaita or the doctrine of the oneness of the individual soul and the Supreme God which is the ultimate reality.
- Ramanuja of Tamil Nadu advocated that the best means of attaining salvation was through intense devotion to Vishnu.

READ THE ABOVE ARTICLE CAREFULLY AND TRY TO UNDERSTAND AND GIVE THE ANSWER OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- 1.DESCRIBE THE TEACHING OF NAYANARS AND ALVARS
- 2.WRITE THE PHILOSOPHY OF RAMANUJA AND SHANKAR.

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