

*But few are they who tread the sunlit path;
Only the pure in soul can walk in light.*

Savitri, Book VI, Canto II

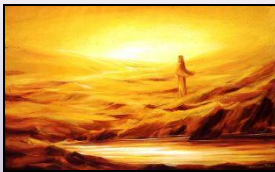


*A new light is dawning on
the world.*

*Wake up and unite to
receive and welcome it.*

The Mother

SACAR wishes all its
friends and well-wishers
a very happy new year!



Painting by Priti Ghosh

Pranab Kumar Bhattacharya
(18.10.1923 - 08.01.2010)



Dada's sketch made by the Mother
Text written by Pranab-da in 1998

Mother had a liking for Pranab from the very beginning and She opened opportunities for him so he could come closer to Her.

...slowly and steadily Mother started building [Ashram's] Physical Education organisation making him "Her instrument". She had seen great possibilities in Physical Education for the work of Physical Transformation which is our true aim. That is why She gave Physical Education so much importance in the Ashram.

Mother started taking him more and more in Her fold. In August 1947, Mother permitted him to see Her whenever he needed. He was going to Her for various works and to attend on Her. Gradually he became a part of Her life and by November 1973, when She left Her body, he used to be on duty by Her side for about 16 to 18 hours every day.

She taught him personally all about Sri Aurobindo's yoga and His teachings. She guided him integrally in every field of life's actions. And She had given [him] Her Peace and Her Ananda, that remain[ed] with him all the time. He was able to see the true goal of life.

After She left Her body, he continue[d] doing Her work as one of Her "Uttar Sadhaks" (Uttar Sadhaks carry forth the Guru's work from where the Guru has left.

Remembering Pranab-da:
An Uttar Sadhak

"Dada had a very special compassion for SACAR. In many ways SACAR was born because of his blessings. In my brief years of working with him I saw how he guided the PED more by his joyful and inspiring presence than by rules and coercion!"

Ananda Reddy, Director

"Initially when Ananda shared with me his dream about starting an academic centre which would focus on teaching the works of Sri Aurobindo, I was hesitant in pursuing this idea for various reasons, finances being the foremost among them. After sometime when I saw Ananda persistently pursuing the dream, I went to Pranab-da who convinced me of the truth in his vision and to join him in the work required for manifesting the dream."

Deepshikha Reddy

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"It is absolutely certain that we are extremely lucky to be born in the age of Mother and Sri Aurobindo. All their lives, Mother and Sri Aurobindo have worked untiringly for individual and collective progress. Their supreme contribution to the World-Consciousness is the glorious thought of Supramental Evolution. In unmistakable terms they have proclaimed that the Supramental is a Truth and its advent, inevitable.

"...Like true sadhaks, asking for nothing, not even success in sadhana, let us march on and fulfill our duty and responsibility, never forgetting all that we owe to them."

**Dada's message given on his last
birthday, 18.10.2009**

2010 marks the 100 years of arrival of Sri Aurobindo in Pondicherry



He who would save the world must share its pain.

Sri Aurobindo

DARSHAN TALKS AT SACAR

February 11-24, 2010

Selected chapters from
The Life Divine

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Sri Aurobindo's arrival in Pondicherry in April 1910 marked the beginning of a concentrated sadhana which was worldwide in its bearing and significance. His was a yoga not for himself but for the world, aimed not at personal liberation but at a spiritual transformation of life on earth. He had left his revolutionary activities that had already implanted in the Indian mind and heart the ideal of independence from British rule, and had laid out a programme for its execution, much of which was taken up by later leaders of the independence movement. He had realized that the independence of India was necessary for the world so that its ancient spiritual knowledge and culture would be preserved and contribute to the unification and uplifting of the world.

The Mother had first met Sri Aurobindo on a visit to Pondicherry in 1914. Together they started a monthly philosophical journal, the Arya. In it, he published serially over the next six years most of his major works including those which laid out the principles of his spiritual philosophy, his discipline of yoga, and the evolution and development of societies which was leading towards a human unity founded on a spiritual basis. These writings not only presented a new vision, but also showed Sri Aurobindo's perspective in relation to other philosophies, scientific advances, and historical and cultural developments. Other writings in the journal focused on Indian culture and on India's spiritual scriptures which he newly translated and interpreted, and which provided a firm basis for his own spiritual philosophy and practice. He also wrote a series of essays that set out a new theory of poetics. Sri Aurobindo had already been writing poetry and dramas since his student days and later as a professor of English at Baroda; in Pondicherry his literary writing continued and took on an increasingly spiritual substance and style. It was during this period that Sri Aurobindo first began work on his literary masterpiece, the epic poem Savitri, which was completed only weeks before his passing in December 1950.

"Without the Divine we are limited, incompetent and helpless beings; with the Divine, if we give ourselves entirely to Him, all is possible and our progress is limitless.

"A special help has come upon the earth for Sri Aurobindo's centenary year; let us take advantage of it to overcome the ego and emerge into the light."

*The Mother, 1st January, 1972
CWM, vol 13, p. 16*

Sometimes one is led to think that only those things really matter which have never happened; for beside them most historic achievements seem almost pale and ineffective.

Sri Aurobindo



SACAR Team is presently busy planning and preparing for its Feb 2010 batch of students enrolling in various academic programmes SACAR offers in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi.

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August 2010 session:

June 1, 2010



*The bounded mind became
a boundless light,
The finite self mated with
infinity.*

Sri Aurobindo

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National Seminar at SACAR March 27-29, 2010

*A day will come, I hope, when we shall be
able to tell freely and truly all that
Sri Aurobindo's Presence has meant for the
town of Pondicherry....*

The Mother, 12 January 1961



*(The port at Pondicherry where Sri Aurobindo had landed
in April 1910)*

Seminar Theme: Sri Aurobindo's Contributions toward a Global Spiritual Culture

This seminar is being organized not only to commemorate the centenary year of Sri Aurobindo's arrival in Pondicherry on April 4, 1910, but also to have an in-depth reappraisal of Sri Aurobindo's vision which can help India and the world move towards their next spiritual destiny.

Selected Topics for Deliberations

Literature of the Future

- Different stages of Sri Aurobindo's evolution as a Poet
- Sri Aurobindo's unique contribution to literature in English and other regional languages
- Comparing Sri Aurobindo's Poetry and Contemporary Poetry
- Sri Aurobindo's influence on contemporary poets

Science and the New Consciousness

- Sri Aurobindo's vision for the future of science in general
- The sciences that could lead the way towards the discovery of the New Consciousness
- Sri Aurobindo's prophecies regarding discoveries in science
- Usefulness of science in the discovery of the higher levels of consciousness
- Inspiration and Influence of Sri Aurobindo's vision of spirit and matter on science and scientists
- Bridging science and spirituality

Integral Yoga Psychology

- Theory of consciousness: Materialistic and Spiritual views
- Relation between the state of consciousness (Swapna, Turiya, etc.) and Sri Aurobindo's concentric system
- Connection between the sheaths of Ancient Indian Psychology and Sri Aurobindo's organisation of man's being
- Present systems of Psychology inspired by or connected with Sri Aurobindo's Integral Psychology
- Application & usefulness of Integral Yoga Psychology as a therapy

Integral Philosophy

- Sri Aurobindo's influence on contemporary philosophers in India and abroad
- Applicability of the principles of Integral Philosophy on individual and collective levels; parameters for assessing & evaluating such an application
- Impact of Integral Philosophy on society
- Misunderstandings of Integral Philosophy
- Bringing Integral Philosophy from mental understanding to the level of life: Prospects & problems

Integral Education

- Difference between Integral Education & other philosophies and systems of Education
- Contribution of Integral Education to society
- Practical application of Integral Education as a mainstream system of Education
- A National Board of Integral Education Schools: Possibilities & problems

Contemporary Social Issues in India

- The most urgent issues in Indian society
- Solutions given by eminent thinkers of the present
- Solutions to in the light of Sri Aurobindo
- Future of Caste system in India

India's Nation-Soul

- Defining India's Nation soul
- India's ability to devise a political system better than parliamentary democracy
- Sri Aurobindo on the unity of India and Pakistan: Prophecy and reality
- Concept of Sanatana Dharma in Sri Aurobindo

Towards Human Unity

- Contemporary movements towards a larger unity in different parts of the world
- Visionaries hoping for human unity (apart from Sri Aurobindo)
- Movements in politics, management, economics reflecting a larger unity of mankind
- Practicing collective yoga on a day to day level
- Auroville and group-soul