Opened to the breath is a new diviner air,
Opened to man is a freer, happier world:
He sees high steps climbing to Self and Light.

Savitri, Book IV, Canto II



One has always something to learn and a progress to make, and in each circumstance we can find the occasion of learning the lesson and making the progress.

The Mother

India of the ages is not dead nor has she spoken her last creative word; she lives and has still something to do for herself and the people.

Sri Aurobindo

From the Editor's Desk: Dear Readers,

We bring this special issue of MĀSA to inform you of two upcoming events at SACAR, and also briefly introduce some new online certificate programmes that have been launched at SACAR. We hope some of our readers will be able to join us in these new ventures.



SACAR Introduces Three New Online Certificates in Indian Cultural Studies

Certificate in Spiritual Foundations of Indian Culture (C-SFIC)

Certificate in Creative Expression in India (C-CEI)

Certificate in Contemporary Indian Society and Polity (C-CISP)

Please note that successful completion of C-SFIC is a pre-requisite in order to enroll for C-CEI or C-CISP. All these programmes are offered through SACAR's easy-to-navigate webbased course forum.

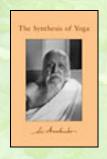
A Certificate of Completion will be awarded by SACAR at the successful completion of the 16-week programme.

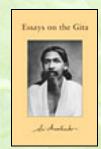
START DATE: AUGUST 15, 2010

To apply, email: suhasmehra@gmail.com
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www.sacar.in/cics/cics.html

Last date for email submission of completed application - August 4, 2010

Last date for postal submission of signed application form with all supporting documents – August 7, 2010





Upcoming Event at SACAR August 2010 Darshan Talks

Facilitator: Ananda Reddy Dates: August 12-25, 2010

Topic: Selected Chapters from The Synthesis of Yoga & Essays on the Gita

The special issue of SACAR quarterly journal, <u>New Race: A</u> <u>Journal of Integral Studies</u> (February-April 2010) is now available on the web. To browse through the journal, click: http://sacar.in/journal of is/feb-april10/new_race.html

"The knowledge that seems to come to you from outside is only an occasion for bringing out the knowledge that is within you. Let all circumstances, all happenings in life be occasions, constantly renewed, for learning always more and more."

The Mother

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Spiritual power in the present creates material power in the future and for this reason we always find that if it is material force which dominates the present, it is spiritual which moulds and takes possession of the future...

> Sri Aurobindo (CWSA vol 6-7, p. 610)

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SYMPOSIUM ON SRI AUROBINDO STUDIES

Integral Philosophy, Yoga-Psychology & Management October 4-10, 2010

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The programme begins at 2:30pm on October 4 & closes after lunch on Oct 10. Active participation in all sessions is mandatory.

For fees and more details, click:

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Sri Aurobindo

News from Institute of Human Study at Hyderabad

Matridarshan Trust runs a free residential school for poor children from the surrounding villages of Jangaon, Warangal District. Twenty children have been recently admitted in June 2010 session and the schools reopened after summer break on 14th June.

To learn about many academic programmes SACAR offers in collaboration with IGNOU (Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi)

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