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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011

We convey our greetings and best wishes for the New Year! And we are happy to launch the fourth volume of MĀSA (2011) by sharing some inspiring words from the Mother about Mother India, her mission and how we may offer any help in fulfilling this mission.

The Soul of India is one and indivisible. India is conscious of her mission in the world. She is waiting for the exterior means of manifestation.

6 June 1947

The future of India is luminous in spite of its present gloom.

1957

True spirituality is not to renounce life, but to make life perfect with the Divine Perfection.

This is what India must show to the world now.

26 January 1963

Overgrow your small egoistic personality and become a worthy child of our Mother India, fulfil your duties with honesty and rectitude, and always keep cheerful and confident, with a steady trust in the Divine's Grace.

3 February 1963

THE NEW BIRTH



Birth into the true consciousness,
that of the Divine Presence in us.

Alive to the truth that dwells in God's extremes,
Awake to a motion of all-seeing Force,
The slow outcome of the long ambiguous years
And the unexpected good from woeful deeds,
The immortal sees not as we vainly see.
He looks on hidden aspects and screened powers,
He knows the law and natural line of things.
Undriven by a brief life's will to act,
Unharassed by the spur of pity and fear,
He makes no haste to untie the cosmic knot
Or the world's torn jarring heart to reconcile.
In Time he waits for the Eternal's hour.
Yet a spiritual secret aid is there;
While a tardy Evolution's coils wind on
And Nature hews her way through adamant
A divine intervention thrones above.

Sri Aurobindo

Savitri, Book I, Canto IV

It is always good to look within oneself from time to time and see that one is nothing and can do nothing, but afterwards one must turn one's eyes to Thee, knowing that Thou art all and Thou canst do all.

Thou art the life of our life
and the light of our being,
Thou art the master of our destinies.

The Mother

Prayers and Meditations, January 3, 1914

Top Painting by Priti Ghosh, Sri Aurobindo Ashram

SACAR OFFERS THE FOLLOWING COURSES IN FEBRUARY 2011

Philosophy of Evolution of Consciousness

This course focuses upon Sri Aurobindo's integral world-view and his integral Advaitism. What is of equal importance is his vision of individual and cosmic evolution and his faith in the higher destiny of man culminating in the descent of a supramental race. His views are at the same time essentially modern and synthetic in nature giving solutions to the present predicament of man.

Certificate in Essentials of the Gita

The Gita's study of the different levels of human consciousness, human nature and the practical solution it offers to face the battle of life are inimical and are of supreme importance to day-to-day life. This course is primarily based on Sri Aurobindo's *Essays on the Gita* because it provides a perfect blend of Gita's essential philosophy and highlights its integral and yogic-psychological approach.

Certificate in Integral Yoga Psychology

This course examines the manifold nature of our being and consciousness together with their various parts and planes in Sri Aurobindo's psychological system. A complete integration of this manifold being and consciousness with a transformation of the lower consciousness in the light and power of the higher consciousness is the aim of Integral Yoga. The course examines the basic principles of the four main branches of the Integral Yoga.

Rhythm of Social Development

This course provides students with an introductory knowledge of Sri Aurobindo's theory of social development in the context of other theories, with a view towards understanding their application in today's world. Learners examine the theory in terms of self-understanding and how his concepts may be applied in the contemporary world.

Certificate in Integral Management

Integral Management is inspired by the vision and works of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, and incorporates the advantages of the modern and emerging management theories and practices, and simultaneously overcomes their limitations. This course covers the basics of what a theory and practice of Integral Management may look like. Learners also discover how key aspects of managerial work such as Finance, Personnel Management, Leadership, Planning, Motivation, Collaboration and Co-operation, Organizing and Delegation of Authority may be re-interpreted in the light of a spiritualized system of management.

Certificate in Integral Education

Integral Education as developed by Sri Aurobindo and The Mother aims to develop the whole person, including the spiritual part, by bringing out what is latent in the being and seeking to emerge. It emphasizes a truly learner-centered pedagogical approach taking into consideration individual student's unique personality, capacities, style and rhythm of progress. The focus of this course is on the nature and training of the spiritual, psychic, mental, vital, and physical parts of the being. It also covers various practical insights into the educational process.

Certificate in Spiritual Foundations of Indian Culture

According to Sri Aurobindo, spirituality is the master-key of Indian culture because the Indian spirit saw since the beginning of its cultural development that the material, vital, and mental aspects of life do not get their full meaning until they are rightly related to the spiritual reality. This course provides learners a broad overview of spiritual foundations of Indian culture.

Certificate in Contemporary Indian Society and Polity

This course provides learners an opportunity to investigate into the timeless significance of life-affirming spirituality of Indian culture for the present and future India. Learners develop a good understanding of the social and political organization in ancient India, as described by Sri Aurobindo. They then switch their attention on the present socio-cultural reality of India and explore several key questions: How does the present India connect to her past, and what are and/or should be her aspirations for the future? What is Indian-ness, what is the group-soul of India, and what is India's *dharma*?

Certificate in Creative Expression in India

This course helps the learner to develop a spirituality-informed critical perspective to examine and appreciate the uniqueness of Indian art, architecture, literature, and performing arts.

**ALL COURSES LISTED HERE ARE
16-WEEK-LONG AND ARE
AVAILABLE ONLINE.**



These courses are open to all interested learners!

Students currently enrolled in any of the SACAR-IGNOU degree programmes – MA, MPhil & PhD – may also opt for any of these courses as part of their studies. For more details, email:

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Learners interested in a systematic study of various aspects of Sri Aurobindo's thought may apply for one of our advanced degree programmes offered in partnership with IGNOU.

We presently offer:

**MA, MPhil and
PhD in Sri Aurobindo Studies**

Other programmes offered in partnership with IGNOU:

- **Certificate in Introduction to Sri Aurobindo Studies**
- **PG Diploma in Studies in Indian Culture**
- **PG Diploma in Integral Education**

For more details, visit:

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START DATE:

February 21, 2011

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Last date to apply:

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Upcoming Events at SACAR



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FEBRUARY 2011

A series of talks on selected chapters from
Sri Aurobindo's Essays on the Gita

Facilitator: Dr. Ananda Reddy

DATES: FEBRUARY 17-27, 2011 (No class on February 21)

Time: 9AM-11:30AM (with a small break in between)

Venue: Ground floor conference hall at SACAR

For more information, contact: (0413) 234-8067 or sacar@auromail.net



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APRIL 2011

A SACAR-IGNOU Symposium on Sri Aurobindo Studies
The World in Crisis: An Interdisciplinary Exploration

DATES: APRIL 17-23, 2011

The symposium aims to provide an intensive learning opportunity through in-depth, rich and constructive deliberations on selected topics. Programme includes lectures, interactive question-answer sessions, group reflections & discussions, film shows and visits to Auroville and Ashram.

A SACAR-IGNOU Certificate of Participation will be given to the participants who attend all the required sessions.

Some of the themes to be covered at the symposium include: Sri Aurobindo-The Future, The Evolutionary Crisis, A New World Order, A Contemplative Approach to Pluralism in Society, Toward a Future Beyond the "isms", Transcending the Limitations of Human Knowledge and Will, Learning to See the Sacred, Education that Liberates and Harmonizes, Spiritual Passivity and Spiritual Activism.

FOR REGISTRATION AND OTHER DETAILS:

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Or visit: http://sacar.in/upcoming_events/April2011_symposium.html

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Last Date for Registration: March 25, 2011

REGISTER EARLY! LIMITED SEATS!

Thoughts and Aphorisms

There are four very great events in history, the siege of Troy, the life and crucifixion of Christ, the exile of Krishna in Brindavun and the colloquy with Arjuna on the field of Kurukshetra. The siege of Troy created Hellas, the exile in Brindavun created devotional religion, (for before there was only meditation and worship,) Christ from his cross humanised Europe, the colloquy at Kurukshetra will yet liberate humanity. Yet it is said that none of these four events ever happened.

Sri Aurobindo



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We invoke the blessings and grace of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo through our reference to MĀ and SA.

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