



INDIA'S EVOLUTIONARY MARCH

A Three Day
National Workshop

Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research
in collaboration with
Dept. of History, Pondicherry University

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SACAR

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ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

This workshop delves into the vision of Sri Aurobindo, a prominent cultural scientist and philosopher, on the evolutionary growth and essence of Indian culture. We will explore his perspective that views Indian culture progressing on spiritual lines, distinct from the materialism often associated with the West.

Sri Aurobindo believed ancient India achieved a unique harmony of its three facets – body, mind and soul. It is the understanding of this aspect that facilitates a deeper comprehension of Indian culture. It is a novel way of revisiting Indian culture and its glorious past based on which we can carve a noble road map for the future.

In this three-day workshop, we'll delve into the development of Indian culture through its spiritual traditions, intellectual contributions, and social structures. This program is designed for those seeking a fresh perspective on Indian culture. We'll explore key concepts like culture, civilization, and evolution, drawing from Sri Aurobindo's insightful cultural writings. This will spark your interest in further exploration of his works and their connection to India's past, present, and future.

WHO CAN ENROLL

PHD RESEARCH SCHOLARS ONLY, THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED TO GET A FRESH LOOK AT INDIAN CULTURE: ITS PAST AND FUTURE.

WHAT TO EXPECT

THREE-DAY HANDS-ON & IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE WITH EXPERTS ON INDIAN CULTURE | INTERACTIVE SESSIONS
CASE STUDIES | GROUP DISCUSSIONS
WORLD CAFÉ & A CULTURAL EVENING

A JOINT CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

will be issued by Pondicherry University and SACAR to the scholars completing all the three days and all sessions of the workshop.

All scholars will have to send a letter of approval to attend this workshop from their respective departments' HoD.

DAY ONE: 01.08.2024

Rooted in the Past: Understanding Sri Aurobindo's Vision

- 09.00 – 10.00 Inaugural:** Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, former president ICCR and former Rajya Sabha Member, Prof. K. Tharanikkarasu, VC-in-charge, PU, Prof. G. Chandhrika, Dean Social Sciences & HOD History, PU
- 10.00 – 11.00 Plenary Session:** Guest Lecture by Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, on “India on the March: An Evolutionary Perspective” based on Sri Aurobindo’s Concept of Evolution of Consciousness.
- 11.00 – 11.20 Tea Break**
- 11.20 – 01.00 Video Presentation:** Sri Aurobindo’s Life and Works and theme-wise discussion on India’s spiritual foundations
- 01.00 – 02.00 Lunch Break**
- 02.00 – 03.30 Immersive learning:** On Vedic Age
Participants will be given a text to read and discuss and make ppt, video, skit presentations (prep time)
- 03.30 – 04.00 Tea Break**
- 04.00 – 05.30 Group Learning:** Presentations of the Learnings and Outcome of the Previous Session Chaired by: Prof. N Chandramouli

DAY TWO: 02.08.2024

Our Present Moorings

- 09.00 – 10.30 Plenary Session:** Special talk on “India’s Stupendous Vitality”
Dr. Bharat Gupt, Trust Member, IGNC
- 10.30 – 11.00 Tea Break**
- 11.00 – 01.00 Inauguration of World Café:** An intellectual round table forum
“India’s Strong Intellectuality”.
Dr. Bharat Gupt, Prof. K. Venugopal Reddy,
Dr. V. Ananda Reddy and Dr. Mahesh Kaul
- 01.00 – 02.00 Lunch Break**
- 02.00 – 03.30 Case Studies and Discussions** on Harbingers of a New Consciousness
by Dr. Shruti Bidwaikar
- 03.30 – 04.00 Tea Break**
- 04.00 – 05.30 A Cultural Presentation**
- 06.00 – 07.00 Visit to Sri Aurobindo Ashram**

DAY THREE: 03.08.2024

Shaping the Future: Towards Human Unity

- 09.00 – 10.00** **Plenary Session:** Special talk on “Akhand Bharat to Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam”
Prof. Abhay Kumar Singh, VC Nalanda University
- 10.30 – 11.00** **Tea Break**
- 11.00 – 01.00** **Creating a road-map for the future:** A hands-on workshop India’s Future March: Political, Social, Literary, Spiritual led by
Dr. Nanda Kishore
- 01.00 – 02.00** **Lunch Break**
- 02.00 – 04.00** **Presentation of the road-map** by the participants
Moderated by Dr. Ruman Banerjee
- 04.00 – 04.30** **Tea Break**
- 04.30 – 05.30** **Valedictory and Certificate Distribution**
Prof. Abhay Kumar Singh, VC Nalanda University.
Prof. A. Subramanyam Raju, Dean of Int’l. Relations, Pondicherry University

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Travel: Scholars to book their own AC III tier train tickets.

(Travel allowance will be given on submission of tickets)

Accommodation: Stay will be arranged on shared room basis for outstation participants by SACAR.

Food: Breakfast, Tea, Lunch and Dinner will be arranged for all participants staying at SACAR Guest House

(For PU Participants only Lunch and Tea will be arranged)

Date of Arrival at SACAR Guest House 31st July Evening

Date of Departure from SACAR Guest House 4th August Morning

Expenses towards any stay before or after the above period will have to borne by the scholar himself or herself.

LAST DATE OF REGISTRATION: 15TH JUNE 2024

Registration Form Link: [Click here to fill the Form](#)

Venue: SACAR, 39, Vanniar Street, Vaithikuppam, Puducherry- 605001

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