

*There is a Power within that knows beyond
Our knowings; we are greater than our thoughts,
And sometimes earth unveils that vision here.*

Savitri, Book V, Canto II



*What the intellect has
understood let the whole being
realise. Mental knowledge
must be replaced by the flaming
power of progress.
The Mother*

NEW WEBSITE FOR SACAR

We are happy to announce that we have recently re-designed the website of SACAR.

We invite you to find your way to <http://www.sacar.in/> and browse through the various links. There you will be able to access the information about the various academic programmes offered by SACAR, our educational philosophy and practice, archives of *New Race* and *MĀSA*, our team of facilitators, the International Scholars Home at SACAR, and many other such updates. Please know that we are still working on a few links, which will be updated soon.

Friends and well-wishers of SACAR can also join us now on our Facebook Group Page and stay connected:

[SACAR Facebook Group Page](#)

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5. Integral Education
6. Integral Yoga Psychology

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MĀSA is a bimonthly electronic newsletter published by SACAR, and provides updates and information about our various activities.

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



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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)

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APRIL 2011

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

Dates: April 17-23, 2011

More Details Coming Soon!

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A SACAR-IGNOU Certificate of Participation will be given to the attendees who participate in all the required sessions.

A reflective comment shared by Geetanjali Prabhu, an M.Phil student currently enrolled in Principles of Integral Education course:

The national education that Sri Aurobindo speaks of is idealistic and is not yet a reality. While he encourages the indigenous languages he values English as a second language, and also desires a better weightage for the study of our own past and our own philosophy, he desires this in relation to the Western conception of the same. There is inclusiveness in his ideas, and his ultimate goals are lofty and spiritual. For him "the question is not between modernism and antiquity but between an imported civilization and the greater possibilities of the Indian mind and nature, not between the present and the past, but between the present and the future." Sri Aurobindo is aware that knowledge has a collective and labyrinthine universal base and does not speak of an exclusive content or methodology for a nation in general or India in particular, but rather gives valuable suggestion to localize knowledge and ideas before grand generalizations. He says "Mankind and its needs are the same everywhere and truth and knowledge are one and have no country; education too must be a thing universal and without nationality or borders." How true, and yet esoteric is this thought! The West believes in commodification; they have managed to commodify even the subtle aspects of living like religion (the confessions, fines and indulgences paid world over, for instance) and education (a product as WTO commands today). The East on the other hand has always looked upon education as a higher civilizing experience and not a product for sale. The irony is that we have superimposed the Western ideas on our Eastern ideals and have landed in a schizoid state with mixed priorities. (We have Church and temple run schools and colleges which are least charitable and overtly commercial in their motive at all levels of operation! While an overall rounded personality and incremental growth of students is an aim of every such institution, in reality we have institutions growing powerful and individuals who graduate are rather ill-equipped to face the challenges of life.)