



**ONE-DAY NATIONAL WEBINAR
ON
THOUGHTS AND PHILOSOPHY OF SRI AUROBINDO ON HUMAN LIFE
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Report of the Seminar on Thoughts and Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo on Human Life

Indian Council of Philosophical Research Sponsored One-Day Online National Webinar organized by Department of Philosophy, New Alipore College, Kolkata on “Thoughts and Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo on Human Life” on 21.03.2021 With immense pleasure this is to bring to your kind notice that our department organized one day online national webinar on “Thoughts and Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo on Human Life” on 21.03.2021 via the digital platforms of Google Meet and YouTube.

The links of the webinar in both the platforms are <https://meet.google.com/men-ofge-aqa> and <https://youtu.be/h4Kf1-frAfU> respectively. We created a digital banner through which enabled us to circulate this entire event. The digital banner include title of the webinar, the name of the eminent speakers, their designations, the title of their talks, registration form link, the name of the Patrons, convener, Joint Convener and organizing committee members, timings. We had three eminent speakers with us, they are: 1. Dr. Aparajita Mukhopadhyay, Professor of Philosophy, Jadavpur University and Director, Centre for Aurobindo Studies, Jadavpur University. The title of her talk is Importance of Life in the Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo. 2. Dr. Soumitra Basu, Renowned Psychiatrist, Founder Director of the Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Integral Health and Research, Pondichery and Director of the Institute of Integral Yoga Psychology, Auroshakti Foundation. The title of his talk was Psychological Thoughts of Sri Aurobindo. 3. Dr. Supriya Bhattacharya, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Kalyani and Member of the Trustee Board of Sri Aurobindo Bhavan Kolkata and Barrackpore. The title of his talk was Planes and parts of the Being- in Sri Aurobindo’s Philosophy. On behalf of the college and the organizing committee, Dr. Jaydeep Sarangi, Principal, New Alipore College welcomed all the eminent speakers and participants of the programme. After that Mrs. Nivedita Sengupta, HoD, Department of Philosophy, New Alipore College deliver her inaugural speech. In the first session, Prof. Aparajita Mukhopadhyay delivered her lecture on “Importance of life in the philosophy of Sri Aurobindo”. She said that Pure consciousness is the ultimate goal in every human life. Each and every man has the power to engage himself in this process of evolutions and can achieve the companion of supreme being. According to Sri Aurobindo every human life is a gift of supreme lord by crossing many perils of outwards and limitation and imperfections within himself man can achieve this highest aim. The spiritual power is something within him. With the aid of this he can transcend the material and physical plane. Fast free will be a semi-divine soul and then mingled with the supreme cosmic consciousness. In the second session, Dr. Soumitra asu delivered his lecture on “Psychological thoghts of Sri Aurobindo”. According to him, Shri Aurobindo’s thought regarding human life contains lots of thoughtful insight regarding psychology. A particular term was coined by eminent scholars of this time. Consciousness based psychology to denotes the particular scheme of psychology his metaphysical view is the basis of these psychology which is unique by its own right. In every sphere of discussion regarding psychology we find this metaphysical and psychological collaboration. The traditional Indian

philosophy shared a common advice to the universal mankind that leave this normal human mind which is the regulatory agent of our daily life. But Sri Aurobindo teaches something very exceptional. According to him, the normal human mind undergoes evolution. Sri Aurobindo maintained there are many planes of consciousness. Below human mind, there are subconscious and unconscious and above human mind, there is higher mind and illumined mind and finally the supreme consciousness. In the process of evolution the supreme consciousness comes down in a graded way. Every man can upgrade his own consciousness and attain stage of higher mind. In this stage there are multitude ideas and they are complementary and contradictory to each other. But all of them has equal value. After attaining these our cognitive consciousness obtained the ultimate goal – which is the union with supreme consciousness. At the third session, Dr. Supriya Bhattacharya delivered his lecture on “Planes and parts of the Being – in Sri Aurobindo’s Philosophy”. He said that Sri Aurobindo established a very unique kind of philosophy, which is completely unlike with the analytical philosophy, as exercised in Western Philosophical tradition. It is also quite different from the orthodox & non-orthodox school of Indian Philosophy. He is a Yogi, some kind of formal training guided him in the long practised spiritual life of Sadhana. But primarily, all his philosophical truth is deeply rooted in his own spiritual experiences and realisations. Sri Aurobindo believes, every human being is growing and has to grow in consciousness till it reaches the complete and perfect consciousness. Depending on his own realisation Sri Aurobindo shows us the golden path to achieve the final goal. It is possible on the part of every human to practise some principle which lead him to the world of divinity. Any single human being is a unit composed of multitude parts. If we go deep and search within ourselves, we will find our inner structure is composed of three planes which constitute our personal identity. The first one is the physical being. It consists of both the perceptible structure and an inner entity which regulates all our physical activities. Secondly, we have mental plane, this domain consists of enormous mental activities like reflectiveness, creativity, analysis of different phenomena. Thirdly, there is vital plane which is the seat of all our desires, passions - which can be called as the forces of our being. At the end of all the academic sessions we had an interactive session by which participants quenched their intellectual thirst by asking the questions to our resource persons. We clicked so many clear and distinct pictures of this entire event. For your kind notice the whole programme was recorded. All the necessary documents like programme brochure, programme schedule, photographs, scanned copies of honorarium receipts (format sent by ICPR), bills, vouchers of each and every documents are attached herewith this report. Last but not the least, the Principal of our college, Dr. Jaydeep Sarangi advised and helped us relentlessly. His cooperation was very assiduous. The Head of our Department, Smt. Nivedita Sengupta also, being a guardian, cooperated with us in a very sedulous manner. All our colleagues and students helped and assisted us from the bottom of their hearts. The programme links are given below for you kind perusal:

1. Google Drive Link of the video record of the programme:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kbnLY3n8Xt0V7q3MX3Aesnm9zeo38dgK/view?usp=drive_sdk
2. Youtube link: <https://youtu.be/h4Kf1-frAfU>

Programme Schedule

Inaugural Session:

05:00 PM to 05:05 PM : Welcome Address by Dr. Jaydeep Sarangi, Principal, New Alipore College

05:05 PM to 05:10 PM : Inaugural Speech by Smt. Nivedita Sengupta. HOD, Dept. of Philosophy, New Alipore College

First Session:-

05:10 PM to 06:10 PM :Speaker :Dr. Aparajita Mukhopadhyay
Topic :Importance of Life in the Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo.

Second Session:-

06:10 PM to 07:10 PM :Speaker :Dr. Soumitra Basu,
Topic :Psychological Thoughts of Sri Aurobindo.

Third Session:-

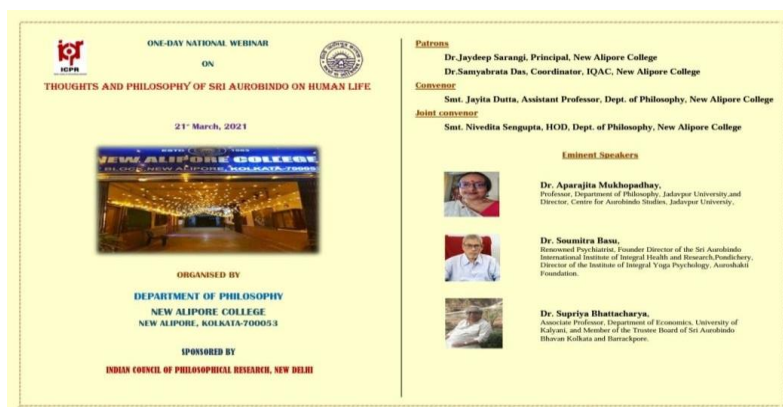
07:10 PM to 08:10 PM :Speaker :Dr. Supriya Bhattacharya,
Topic : Planes and parts of the Being- in Sri Aurobindo's Philosophy.

08:10 PM to 08:30 PM : Question-answer session

08:30 PM to 08:35 PM : Vote of thanks by Mrs. Jayita Dutta, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, New Alipore College

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Glimpses of the Webinar

