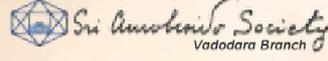




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150th Birth Anniversary of
Sri Aurobindo
The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda



4th National Conference

Sri Aurobindo Women Study Circle (Mahila Pathchakra)

December 1-2, 2025

Theme

Women & Integral Education in India's Resurgence: Reflections from Prof. Kireet Joshi



Organised by

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*Children's Research University, Gandhinagar
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Venue

*Prof. C. C. Mehta Auditorium
The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda
Vadodara - 390 002 (Gujarat)*

About Sri Aurobindo Women's Study Circle (Mahila Pathchakra)



The National Sri Aurobindo Women's Study Circle (Mahila Pathchakra) Conference is a collective movement that emerged during the celebration of Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary in December 2022. Sri Aurobindo Mahila Pathachakra is a collective of women associated with Sri Aurobindo's philosophy, involved in spiritual study, discussion groups and several other associated activities. These activities represent a way for individuals to connect with and discuss the philosophy of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother, promoting spiritual evolution and a divine life on Earth, as per their teachings.

The movement's foundation lies in the Study Circles of Odisha which stressed women's role in societal transformation, contributing significantly to the spheres of integral education and women empowerment, among others, in Odisha. The first National Sri Aurobindo Mahila Pathchakra Conference was held in Cuttack, Odisha, in 2022. The second conference took place at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Kolkata - Sri Aurobindo's birthplace - in 2023. The third conference was held in Bhilai, Chhattisgarh, in 2024.

Objectives of Sri Aurobindo Mahila Pathchakra



To raise awareness and foster a deeper understanding among women, youth, and the public in general about the enlightening teachings of Sri Aurobindo.

To empower women as strong catalysts for societal transformation.

To educate youth, especially girls, about India's cultural and spiritual heritage and help them grasp the true principles of education.

To actively contribute to the ongoing Indian Renaissance and help India reclaim its role as Jagat Guru.

To let the national community know about the dedicated service of Prof. Kireet Joshi in disseminating the works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.



Theme of the Sri Aurobindo Mahila Pathchakra 4th National Conference



*Women & Integral Education in India's Resurgence:
Reflections from Prof. Kireet Joshi*

This conference highlights the transformative role of women in India's resurgence through the principles of Integral Education. Inspired by the educational philosophy articulated by Kireet Joshi, in the light of the Teachings of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother, it focuses on how women—as educators, innovators, and cultural custodians—can nurture holistic growth and revitalize the nation's spiritual and intellectual foundations.

Key Focus Areas

*Women as Catalysts of India's Renaissance
Integral Education: Women's Role
Indian Knowledge Systems: Women's Perspectives
The Inner Light and Outer Change
Vision of National Education for a Conscious Society
Prof. Kireet Joshi's Insights on Education, Renaissance, and Women's Role
Women in Leadership and Institutional Renewal
Reviving the 64 Arts (Chatushashti Kalās) in Alignment with NEP 2020
Harnessing Shakti for India's Future*



Conference : Day 1

Monday, December 1, 2025



“ Only one boon, to greaten thy spirit, demand;
Only one joy, to raise thy kind, desire.
Above blind fate and the antagonist powers,
Moveless there stands a high unchanging Will;
To its omnipotence leave thy work's result.
All things shall change in God's transfiguring hour”.

Sri Aurobindo

6.30 am to 8.30 am

Visit to Sri Aurobindo Nivas
Individually or in Groups

9.00 am to 10.15 am

Registration and Breakfast at
Prof. C. C. Mehta Auditorium,
D. N. Hall Campus, MSUB

10.20 am - 10.25 am

Delegates to occupy seats in the Auditorium



10.30 am - 10.45 am

Opening of the Exhibition
To be led by Smt. Devilaben Joshi,
Smt. Yuktaben Thakkar, and the TEAM of
the Faculty of Fine Arts, MSUB

Inaugural Session - 10.45 am to 12.45 pm



Invocation : The Mother's Music - MSU Song - Lighting of the Lamp

Welcome Address : Prof. Sharad Joshi, President, Sri Aurobindo Nivas, Vadodara

About the Conference: Prof. Vibha Vaishnav, Secretary, Mahila Pathchakra



Thematic Address : Prof. Bhalchandra Bhanage, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MSUB & Guest of Honour

Sri Aurobindo in Gujarat : Prof. Jyotiben Thanki, Eminent Scholar & President of the Conference

Sri Aurobindo Women Study Circle Movement : Dr. Bijayeeni Mohapatra, Chairperson, Mahila Pathchakra

Release of Souvenir by the Dignitaries on the Dais

Transformative Action of Integral Education by Shri H. P. Rama

Hon'ble President, Auro University & Guest of Honour

Special Address of Guest of Honour by Dr. Jayanti Ravi, IAS

Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Gujarat & Secretary Auroville Foundation

Presidential Address by Rajmata Shubhanginiraje Gaekwad

Hon'ble Chancellor, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda



Vote of Thanks : Prof Amit Dholakia, Director (Hon.), AIPRIS & Head, Dept. of Political Science, MSUB

Comperes : Dr. Shaurya Brahmhatt - Dr. Megha Joshi

12.45 pm to 12.55 pm Refresh

Plenary Session 1 - 12.55 pm to 1.20 pm



Prayer Written by Pujalal

Recitation by Dr. Rajeshwari Singh

*"Integral Education and Indian Resurgence :
Significance of Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary Celebration"*

by Dr. Shyama Kanungo

Chairperson

Dr. Aditi Bhattacharya

Compere

Dr. Prarthana Kharod-Patel

"Education to be complete must have five principal aspects corresponding to the five principal activities of the human being: the physical, the vital, the mental, the psychic and the spiritual".

The Mother

Plenary Session 2 - 3.15 pm to 4.30 pm



*Integral Education for Girls and Youth in the Context of
India's Cultural and Spiritual Heritage*

by Prof. Anju Khanna, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Delhi

12 Attributes of The Divine Mother

by Ms. Jorel Jaya Berggreen-Clausen, Auroville

Contributions of the Women of the Vedic Age

by Dr. Kalindi Parikh, Gujarat

Chairpersons

Ms. Shanti Nayak - Mrs. Saraswati Bhowmick

Compere

Dr. Prarthana Kharod-Patel

1.20 pm to 2.30 pm Lunch at Retreat Area, Prof. C. C. Mehta Auditorium

2.30 pm to 3.15 pm Visit to the Exhibition facilitated by Shri Soumya Mohanty

4.30 pm to 4.45 pm Refreshment at Retreat Area, Prof. C. C. Mehta Auditorium

Panel Discussion - 4.45 pm to 5.45 pm



Integral Education of Women for India's Resurgence

Discussants

Prof. Parimal Vyas, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Auro University

Prof. Niranjana Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Sardar Patel University

Dr. T. S. Joshi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Children's Research University

Prof. R. C. Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, IITE

Shri Bhagyesh Jha, IAS (Retd.) & Chairperson, Gujarat Sahitya Academy

Chairperson

Prof. Sharad Joshi, President, Sri Aurobindo Nivas, Vadodara.

Moderators

Dr. Bhalendu Vaishnav, Bhaikaka University, Karamsad

Prof. Jayendrasinh Jadav, Mahamatra, Gujarat Sahitya Akademi

Compere Dr. Prarthana Kharod-Patel

"The national agenda for education must be conceived and implemented with full realisation that the nation derives its raison d'etre from the protective wings that it can spread over the children and the youth so that they can grow freely and boldly, imbibing in themselves the rich heritage of the past and cultivating the unflinching power of character and vision to build a greater future".

Prof. Kireet Joshi

Cultural Programme - 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm



Opening Reflections

The Journey Towards India's Resurgence

by Dr. Rajeshwari Singh

Dance Performances

by Nrutyanjali Natyalaya, Vallabh Vidyanagar

Group Songs

by Delegates from West Bengal & Gujarat

Chairperson

Prof. Niranjana Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SPU

7.30 pm to 8.30 pm Dinner at Retreat Area, Prof. C. C. Mehta Auditorium

Conference : Day 2
Tuesday, December 2, 2025



“Nothing can be taught to the mind which is not already concealed as potential knowledge in the unfolding soul of the creature. ... All teaching is a revealing, all becoming is an unfolding... Self-attainment is the secret; self-knowledge and an increasing consciousness are the means and the process.”

Sri Aurobindo

6.30 am to 7.30 am
Visit to Sri Aurobindo Nivas
Individually or in Groups

7.45 am to 8.00 am
Meditation at
Sri Aurobindo Nivas, Vadodara

9.25 am - 9.30 am
Delegates to occupy seats in the Prof. C. C. Mehta Auditorium



9.30 am to 9.45 am
Guided Meditation followed by Invocation with The Mother's Music
Facilitated by Dr. Bhalendu Vaishnav, Bhaikaka University, Karamsad

Plenary Session 3 - 9.45 am to 11.15 am



Women's Role in Integral Education
by Dr. Chhalamayji Reddy, Sri Aurobindo International School, Hyderabad

Reflections on Prof Kireet Joshi's Contributions
by Shri Lalit Verma, Aurodhan Art Galleries, Puducherry

Reminiscences of Prof. Kireet Joshi
by Smt. Ila Pandya - Smt. Hasyarekha Joshi

Chairpersons Ms. Abha Kanung - Dr. Utpala Kharod
Compere Shri Shyambhai Mandaviya

8.30 am to 9.25 am Breakfast at Retreat Area, Prof. C. C. Mehta Auditorium
11.15 am to 11.30 am Refresh

Plenary Session 4 - 11.30 am to 1.00 pm

Sri Aurobindo's Savitri for the Renaissance in India
Video Talk by Dr. Alok Pandey, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Puducherry
11.30 am to 11.45 am

Presentations by Faculty 11.45 am to 1.00 pm

Women in Sri Aurobindo's Vision of Society: Contemporary Reflections & Relevance
by Prof. Ranjita Chakraborty, North Bengal University

Emotional Education as a Core of Integral Development : Insights from Sri Aurobindo's Philosophy
by Prof. Amit Dholakia, MSUB

Integral Education in India's Resurgence
by Mr. Vikram Parekh, Auro Global & Auro Creative Studio

“The aim of education is not to prepare a man to succeed in life and society, but to increase his perfectibility to its utmost ”.

The Mother

Session 5 - 2.00 pm to 2.50 pm

Screening of
“The Aim of Life”
based on the book on Integral Education
by Prof. Kireet Joshi

Session 6 - 2.55 pm to 4.45 pm

Group Study Presentation - 2.55 pm to 3.15 pm
on Dibyajug Sthapna me Naari written by Shri Ramkrishnadas

Chairpersons Ms. Suprabha Choudhury - Dr. Latika Behera

Compere Shri Shyambhai Mandaviya

1.00 pm to 2.00 pm Lunch at Retreat Area, Prof. C. C. Mehta Auditorium
2.50 pm to 2.55 pm Refresh

Presentations on the Activities done in different States - 3.15 pm to 4.30 pm

• West Bengal • Delhi • Uttarakhand • Chhattisgarh • Telangana • Andhra Pradesh • Odisha • Gujarat • Auroville

&

Offering of Prayer Collectively

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Written by Sundaram

Chairpersons

Dr. Anjanaben Mehta - Ms. Mira Dhankani

Future Conference Planning - 4.30 pm to 4.45 pm

*by Dr. Bijayeeni Mohapatra, Dr. Shyama Kanungo, Dr. Chhalamayi Reddy, Dr. Vibha Vaishnav,
Ms. Saraswati Bhowmick, Ms. Geeta, Ms. Suprabha Chaudhury*

Compere Shri Shyambhai Mandaviya

“The first principle of true teaching is that nothing can be taught. The teacher is not an instructor or task-master, he is a helper and a guide. His business is to suggest and not to impose”.

Sri Aurobindo



Valedictory Session - 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm

Begins with The Mother's Music

Welcome by Dr. Utpala Kharod

Rapporteur's Remarks by Dr. Shaurya Brahmhatt

Valedictory Address by Smt. Devilaben Joshi, Chairperson

Feedback by participants

Presidential Remarks by Prof. Jyotiben Thanki

Vote of Thanks by Ms. Jigna Dave

Closing of the Conference by the rendition of वन्दे मातरम् ...

Compere Shri Shyambhai Mandaviya

4.45 pm to 5.00 pm Refreshment at Retreat Area, Prof. C. C. Mehta Auditorium

7.00 pm to 8.00 pm Dinner at Retreat Area, Prof. C. C. Mehta Auditorium

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"(...) vital education has two principal aspects, very different in their aims and methods, but both equally important. The first concerns the development and use of the sense organs. The second the progressing awareness and control of the character, culminating in its transformation".

The Mother

