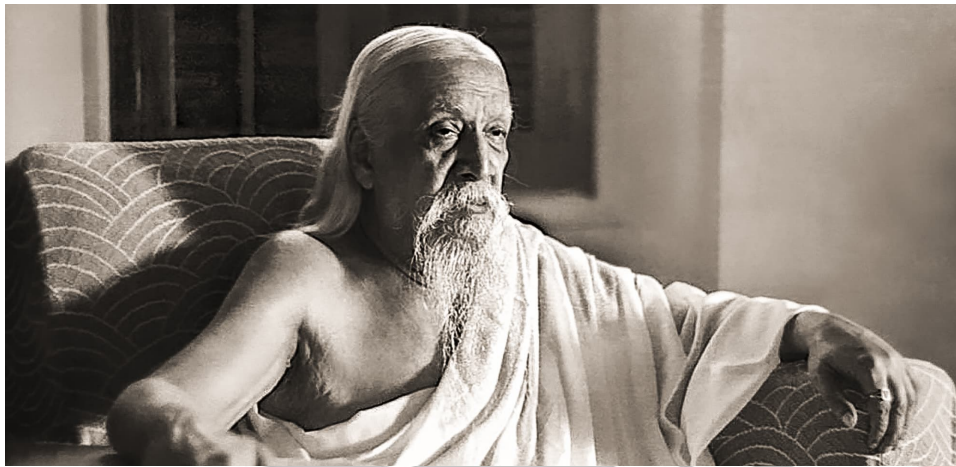




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The **birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo**—a political thinker, leader, activist-journalist, and scholar of Indian civilization and culture—was celebrated on **15th August 2025**.



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- **About:** [Aurobindo Ghose](#), born on **15th August 1872** in Calcutta, was a **yogi, philosopher, poet, seer, and nationalist**. He died on **5th December 1950** in Pondicherry.
 - He qualified for the [Indian Civil Service \(ICS\)](#) but skipped or failed the **horse-riding tests**, renouncing a **career in the British Raj bureaucracy**.
- **Contributions:**
 - **Revolutionary Career:** Advocated **radical nationalism** and called for **mass mobilization** before Gandhi's leadership.
 - ***New Lamps for Old*** was a **series of articles by Aurobindo Ghose** that **criticized the Congress for its moderate policies**.
 - He was **arrested in the [Alipore Bomb Case \(1908\)](#)** and successfully **defended by [Chittaranjan Das](#)**.
 - **Spiritual and Philosophical:** He established the **Sri Aurobindo Ashram (1926)** in Pondicherry and collaborated with **Mirra Alfassa (The Mother)**, who later founded **Auroville**, a universal township.
 - **Literary:** He authored seminal works including ***The Life Divine*, *Savitri*, *Essays on the Gita*, *The Synthesis of Yoga*, and *Defense of Indian Culture***.
 - He founded and contributed to **revolutionary journals** like ***Bande Mataram*, *Jugantar*, and *Karmayogi***, and was associated with **youth organizations** like **Anushilan Samiti**.
 - He was nominated for the [Nobel Prize in Literature \(1943\)](#) and [Nobel Peace Prize \(1950\)](#).
- **Legacy and Influence:** He was an early proponent of **India as a Vishwa Guru**, stressing **spiritual leadership, decolonization, and pride in Indian civilization**.

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