

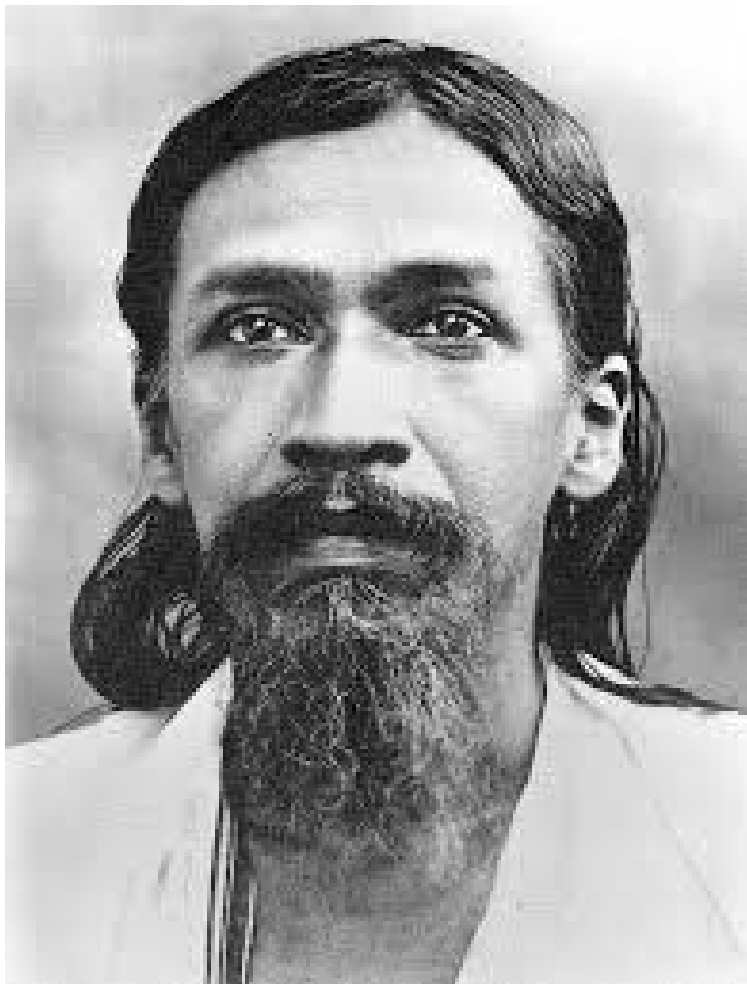


153rd Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo

Why in News?

On 15th August 2025, PM Narendra Modi paid tribute to the philosopher and freedom fighter Sri Aurobindo on his **153rd birth anniversary**, acknowledging his profound impact on India's nation-building journey.

- He highlighted that **Aurobindo's philosophy and spirituality guided** the nation's growth toward realizing its potential.



Key Facts About Sri Aurobindo

- **About:** Aurobindo Ghose was born in **Calcutta on 15th August 1872**. He was a yogi, seer, philosopher, poet, and Indian nationalist who propounded a philosophy of divine life on earth through spiritual evolution.
 - **He died on 5th December 1950 in Pondicherry.**
- **Education:**

- His education **began in a Christian convent school** in Darjeeling.
- He entered the **University of Cambridge**, where he became proficient in two classical and several modern European languages.
- He **returned to India in February 1893** at the age of twenty-one and **commenced his service in the Baroda State**.
- He began the study of **Yoga and Indian languages, including classical Sanskrit**.
- **Indian Revolutionary Movement: From 1902 to 1910, he partook in the struggle** to free India from the British. As a result of his political activities, he was **imprisoned in 1908 (Alipore Bomb case)**.
- **Spirituality:** In Pondichéry, he **founded a community of spiritual seekers (1910)**, which took shape as the **Sri Aurobindo Ashram in 1926**.
 - He believed that the **basic principles of matter, life, and mind would be succeeded through terrestrial evolution** by the principle of supermind as an intermediate power between the two spheres of the infinite and the finite.
- **Literary Works:**
 - In 1906, he became the **editor of Bande Mataram**, an English newspaper (founded by Bipin Chandra Pal in 1905).
 - Bases of Yoga
 - Bhagavad Gita and Its Message
 - The Future Evolution of Man
 - Rebirth and Karma
 - Savitri: A Legend and a Symbol
 - Hour of God
- **The Five Dreams of Sri Aurobindo:** In 1947, upon India's independence, Aurobindo shared his five dreams, which included **a free and united India, the resurgence of Asia, a global union for a fairer life, India's spiritual gift to the world, and a transformative step in human evolution towards higher consciousness and societal perfection**.
- **Auroville:** **Auroville**, founded by **Mirra Alfassa (The Mother) in 1968**, is an **experimental township in Pondicherry** that embodies **Aurobindo's vision of a global, spiritually united community**.
 - **Endorsed by UNESCO in 1966**, it emphasizes sustainable living and addresses humanity's future cultural, environmental, social, and spiritual needs.