Meeting with the Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 17th March 2020 with Sri Aurobindo Ashram - Delhi Branch

A team led by Tara Jauhar of Sri Aurobindo Ashram - Delhi Branch, visited The Honorable Prime Minister on 17.3.2020 to present the proposal for the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo in the year 2022. The team comprised of Ms. Tara Jauhar, Dr. Ramesh Bijlani, Shri LN Jhunjhunwala, Ms. Anju Khanna, and Ms. Puneeta Puri.

The team shared their vision and initiatives that the Ashram would like to undertake in spreading the teachings of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo in the field of Integral Yoga and Integral Education. Some of the key initiatives shared were:

- A permanent exhibition on the life of Sri Aurobindo - to dedicate an independent building block to house a permanent exhibition on the life and times of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother, named as “Sri Smriti”
- A film on The Life & Works of Sri Aurobindo – to enthuse the youth to understand and live the vision of Sri Aurobindo, which is “All Life is Yoga”
- Spread widely the teachings of Sri Aurobindo.–
  1. to conduct National conferences & seminars on the teachings
  2. to conduct camps and workshops on Integral Yoga & Integral Education
  3. to build and launch a Digital Library
  4. to print books on the thoughts and teachings of Sri Aurobindo
  5. to print booklets on the thoughts and teachings of Sri Aurobindo for wide distribution in India and abroad
  6. to conduct quizzes on the teachings of Sri Aurobindo
- Promoting Indian system of medicine and well-being - through courses and regular classes on the practice of Ayurveda, and Integral Yoga to awaken the body, mind and spirit
- Promoting the richness of Indian Culture - through courses on Music, Dance and the Fine Arts
- Talks and lectures and satsangs on Sri Aurobindo’s philosophy and teachings
- Clean Mind Programme - for slum children as a means to equip them spiritually in order to surmount the basic challenges of life and proceed towards a higher aim

Despite his busy schedule, The Prime Minister gave us his valuable time with a meeting that lasted for a duration of 25 minutes. He shared his vision that with the current onset of technology in our everyday lives, we must build animation driven games on value education
for children. The Sri Aurobindo Ashram – Delhi Branch team is inspired to work on this project and has initiated preliminary work on the same.

On leaving his room after the meeting, we asked his personal assistant if we could get some pictures of our meeting with the honourable Prime Minister. The PA went inside and conveyed the message to the Honourable Prime Minister who graciously returned to the meeting room and obliged us with photographs of the momentous meeting. It was indeed a defining moment for us that the celebrations of Sri Aurobindo’s 150th Birth Anniversary celebrations were thus launched.

We would be happy to invite all devotees, disciples and well-wishers to join us from now to celebrate the auspicious occasion which we plan to start immediately after the defeat of the Corona virus pandemic. The programmes will run from then to the final date which is 15.8.2020.

Do contact us on our email: sa150years@gmail.com; Subject: Volunteering for 150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo

Let us know of your particular interest in volunteering for the proposed activities listed above and the time you can offer. You could give your time and help for these even through online means without having to travel to the ashram for the work.