



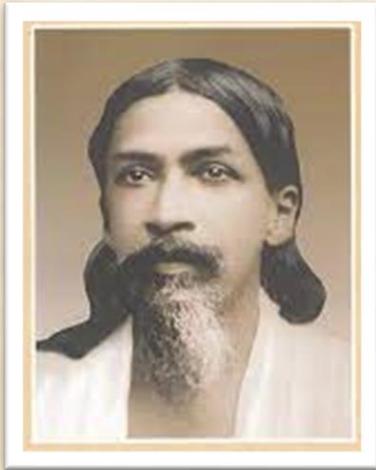
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Azadi Ka
Amrit Mahotsav



A Collaborative Project Krantiteertha

Two-Day International Seminar

**on
“Sri Aurobindo and the
Concept of Swadeshi”**

Call for Papers

Katwa College in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, GOI, and Institute of Social and Cultural Studies is going to organize an International Seminar on ‘Sri Aurobindo and the Concept of Swadeshi’ on the occasion of the celebration of 75 Years of Independence Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Sri Aurobindo 150 and also Platinum Jubilee of Katwa College, on 10-11 August 2023 at Katwa College Auditorium.

We invite professors/researchers to send abstracts for original research paper presentations following the dates and details mentioned below.

The Theme of the Seminar

Sri Aurobindo Ghose (15 August 1872 – 5 December 1950) was the key personality who breathed a new spirit into the national movement with his advent to India and subsequent immersion in the freedom movement. Along with others, he spearheaded and organized what was known as the extremist school of nationalists and also provided a theoretical base for the Swadeshi and Boycott movement against the 1905 Partition of Bengal. Through his younger brother Barindra, he also inspired the Jugantar group which pioneered revolutionary nationalism in Bengal. As the Vice-Principal of the National Education Council, he was also instrumental in the concept of Swadeshi education based on indigenous thoughts as opposed to the dominant colonial model of Macaulayan education. He wrote many articles in *Indu Prakash*, *Bande Mataram*, and other periodicals propagating a robust and non-compromising nationalism. His arrest in the Maniktala Bomb Conspiracy case and experiences in jail led him to dedicate the rest of his life to spiritual pursuits after his release from imprisonment. Though he did not remain active in the sphere of nationalist politics after 1910, he continued to inspire freedom fighters and nationalists from Bagha Jatin to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, all of whom have testified to his electrifying influence on the course of the Indian struggle for Independence.

His Uttarpara speech in 1909 enunciates not only his personal experiences but also outlines what India stands for and the purpose of both the nationalist movement and also his spiritual quest. From 1910 onwards he remained in self-imposed exile in Pondicherry and became internationally known as a philosopher, Yogi, and humanist who formulated a method of Yogic evolution known as Integral Yoga which would take humanity to a higher level of consciousness. Here too he was instrumental in the spread of Indian concepts of education, culture, and spirituality including Yoga throughout the globe and thus fused his spiritual quest with his dedication to the motherland.

Subthemes:

- 1) Sri Aurobindo Ghose and the Indian Struggle for Independence
- 2) Sri Aurobindo and the concept of Swadeshi
- 3) Sri Aurobindo and national education
- 4) The abiding ideological influence of Sri Aurobindo in the Indian freedom struggle
- 5) Sri Aurobindo and the spread of Indian knowledge across the globe
- 6) His legacy and relevance in various fields – educational, political, spiritual, etc.

The Organisers:

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of Independence and the glorious history of its people, culture, and achievements.

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS) is an autonomous organization that through its research, publication, and wide range of events is working on history, socio-cultural perspectives, economy, and developmental dimensions in collaboration with the Ministry and multiple academic forums.

Katwa College is a premier higher educational institution in the Katwa sub-division, Purba Barddhaman district, with a history and heritage of fulfilling the higher education needs of the students of this region from its establishment on 16 August 1948. This year we are celebrating 75 years of the College and are organizing many programmes on the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee of Katwa College.

Important dates:

Last dates of submitting abstracts: 01 August 2023

Last date for submitting the full paper for selected papers: 07 August 2023

Dates of the Seminar: 10-11 August 2023

Email for submission of abstracts: rabiranjansen@gmail.com

Participants can submit their abstracts in Bengali (*.pdf format) or English (*.doc/*.docx format) language with 250-350 words mentioning the title, author(s) details, and email address. Only abstracts selected will be called for presentation and informed by email. Out of the papers presented, selected papers will be published in the proceedings of the Conference along with the ISBN. All papers will have to be original and unpublished research works of the presenter.



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**Date: 10, and 11 August 2023
Venue: Katwa College Auditorium**

"True knowledge is not attained by thinking. It is what you are; it is what you become."

— Sri Aurobindo & The Mother