

Sri Aurobindo Society and Pondicherry varsity propose MoU



Sri Aurobindo Society chairman Pradeep Narang, centre; Richa Tiwari, Chair of Sri Aurobindo, Pondicherry University; and Matriprasad of Sri Aurobindo Ashram at the seminar.

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The Sri Aurobindo Society (SAS) and Pondicherry University propose to formalise a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for collaboration in a range of areas, including internships.

Addressing a seminar on 'Indianness in the 21st century', hosted by the two institutions in connection with the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Sri Aurobindo, Richa Tiwari, Chair of Sri Aurobindo, Pondicherry University, said the proposed MoU would be a "partnership built on trust and responsibility" that envisaged internships, workshops, seminars and sports events.

She said that specialised elective courses on Sri Aurobindo's social and political thought and principles of integral education have been designed to give more than theoretical knowledge and opportunity to engage in real-world problems. The MoU could

consist of various other opportunities and scope for scholars and academicians from both parties in vision to uphold highest values of humanity.

The seminar brought together scholars, cultural experts and students from the university to examine the various dimensions of Indian identity in today's globalised world.

Pradeep Narang, SAS chairman, Matriprasad of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Belloo Mehra, Editor, Renaissance and Senior Academic Mentor, Sri Aurobindo Society, also spoke. A talk by Gayatri Majumdar of Sri Aurobindo Society on 'Tagore - A bridge between India and the West' was followed by a panel discussion on 'Indian Identity in an Evolving World' featuring Aurovilians Deepti Tewari and Jean Yves Lung.

The session was moderated by Nanda Kishore, Associate Professor, Department of Politics and International Relations, Pondicherry University.