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This edited volume brings together a comprehensive collection of scholarly essays on the multifaceted contributions of Sri Aurobindo Ghosh to modernity and practice. Through the lens of spiritual evolution, consciousness, educational philosophy, literature, and socio-political thought, this book illuminates the enduring relevance of Sri Aurobindo’s work in contemporary contexts.

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This editorial volume meticulously collates the diverse aspects of Sri Aurobindo's thought and practice. The chapters collectively showcase how his philosophical, educational, and socio-political ideas continue to influence modern discourse, offering a rich tapestry of insights for scholars, educators, and practitioners alike. Each chapter provides a unique perspective on Sri Aurobindo's contributions, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of his legacy and its relevance in the contemporary world.

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This volume features contributions from 24 esteemed authors, whose diverse perspectives and rigorous research have collectively illuminated various facets of Sri Aurobindo Ghosh’s legacy and its relevance in contemporary contexts.

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Together, their collective efforts have made this volume a significant addition to the discourse on Sri Aurobindo Ghosh, resonating with the spirit of modernity and practice that defines his legacy.

Thank you for being an integral part of this journey.

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## FOREWORD

It is a matter of great pleasure to write a foreword on an edited volume on ‘**Sri Aurobindo Ghosh: Modernity and Practice**’, meticulously edited by **Dr. Parimal Sarkar, Dr. Sanjay Sarkar, and Mr. Amit Adhikari**. Sri Aurobindo Ghosh is one of the greatest Indian thinkers who immensely contributed on educational thoughts and practices in Indian way. On the one hand he is the most modern Indian thinkers having deeply rooted in thousands year’s Indian tradition and culture along with its long practices. This collection of essays offers a profound exploration of the multifaceted contributions of Sri Aurobindo Ghosh to modern thought and practice. His vision of integral education, spiritual nationalism, and the synthesis of Eastern and Western philosophies continues to resonate in contemporary discourse, making this book an essential read for scholars and practitioners alike. Sri Aurobindo’s life and work embody the pursuit of spiritual and intellectual evolution. His contributions to India’s freedom struggle, his philosophical writings, and his spiritual teachings have left an indelible mark on our cultural and intellectual heritage. This volume captures the essence of his teachings, demonstrating their relevance in today’s rapidly changing world. It provides a comprehensive analysis of his ideas, contextualizing them within modernity while highlighting their enduring significance. The editors have curated a diverse range of perspectives, ensuring a holistic understanding of Sri Aurobindo’s philosophy. The essays delve into his concepts of human development, the role of education in achieving higher consciousness, and the integration of spiritual values into daily life. This scholarly endeavor not only celebrates his legacy but also invites readers to engage deeply with his thought processes.

As a former Professor and Dean of the Department of Education at Rabindra Bharati University, I have realized the firsthand transformative power of Sri Aurobindo’s educational philosophy.

His vision of holistic education, which nurtures the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual dimensions of the individual, remains a guiding light for educators worldwide.

**‘Sri Aurobindo Ghosh: Modernity and Practice’** is a timely and significant contribution to the study of one of India's greatest thinkers. I commend the editors for their dedication and insight in bringing this important work to fruition, and I am confident that readers will find it both inspiring and intellectually enriching.

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## **Message**

### **‘Sri Aurobindo Ghosh: Modernity and Practice’**

It is with great pleasure that I write this message for the insightful book ‘**Sri Aurobindo Ghosh: Modernity and Practice**’, *edited by Dr. Parimal Sarkar, Dr. Sanjay Sarkar, and Mr. Amit Adhikari*. This work represents a significant contribution to the scholarly exploration of Sri Aurobindo Ghosh’s philosophical and practical legacies. As a former Vice Chancellor of Coochbehar Panchanan Barma University and a J.C. Bose Fellow, I have witnessed the profound impact of Sri Aurobindo’s teachings on contemporary thought and practice.

Sri Aurobindo Ghosh stands as a towering figure in the pantheon of modern Indian thinkers. His integration of spirituality, nationalism, and modernity presents a unique approach to addressing the myriad challenges of contemporary society. This book meticulously examines the multifaceted aspects of his philosophy and its relevance to modernity, providing a comprehensive understanding of his vision.

The editors have adeptly curated a collection of essays that delve into Sri Aurobindo’s philosophical tenets, his views on education, and his interpretation of Indian culture and spirituality. Each chapter is a testament to the depth and breadth of Sri Aurobindo’s influence. By bringing together diverse perspectives, the editors have ensured that the book offers a nuanced and holistic view of Sri Aurobindo’s contributions.

In an era marked by rapid technological advancements and shifting cultural paradigms, Sri Aurobindo’s emphasis on inner transformation and integral education is more relevant than ever. His vision for a society rooted in spiritual values, yet open to scientific and cultural progress, serves as a beacon of guidance for navigating the complexities of modern life.



I congratulate the editors and contributors for their dedication and scholarly rigor in bringing this important work to fruition. ‘Sri Aurobindo Ghosh: Modernity and Practice’ is not only a tribute to a great thinker but also a valuable resource for scholars, students, and anyone interested in the enduring relevance of Sri Aurobindo’s thought.

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## **Message**

### **‘Sri Aurobindo Ghosh: Modernity and Practice’**

It is a matter of great honor and privilege to be part of the launch of the insightful book, **‘Sri Aurobindo Ghosh: Modernity and Practice’**. *Edited by the esteemed Dr. Parimal Sarkar, Dr. Sanjay Sarkar, and Mr. Amit Adhikari*, this work promises to be a significant contribution to the understanding of Sri Aurobindo’s philosophy and its relevance in contemporary times.

Sri Aurobindo was a visionary whose thoughts and teachings transcended the boundaries of time and culture. His profound insights into spirituality, politics, and education continue to resonate with modern audiences, offering guidance and inspiration for personal and societal transformation. The editors of this book have meticulously compiled essays that explore the diverse dimensions of Sri Aurobindo’s legacy, shedding light on his approach to modernity and its practical implications.

As the Principal of Netaji Nagar College, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of education in shaping young minds and fostering holistic development. This book is a valuable resource for educators, students, and scholars alike, providing a deeper understanding of how Sri Aurobindo’s ideas can be applied to create a more enlightened and progressive society.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Parimal Sarkar, Dr. Sanjay Sarkar, and Mr. Amit Adhikari for their dedication and scholarly contribution. May this book inspire readers to delve into the rich intellectual heritage of Sri Aurobindo and apply his teachings in their own lives and practices.

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