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# Sri Aurobindo Gosh

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**Why is in news?** PM Modi to participate in programme commemorating 150th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo

Aurobindo Ghose was born in Calcutta on 15th August 1872. He is popularly known as **Yogi Rishi Aurobindo**.

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.

From 1902 to 1910 he partook in the struggle to free India from the British.

In Pondichéry he founded a community of spiritual seekers, which took shape as the **Sri Aurobindo Ashram in 1926**.

He was much **influenced by the American Revolution, revolts in Italy and the medieval French revolts** against England.

He attended Congress sessions and at the same time, **helped establish the Anushilan Samiti of Calcutta** in 1902.

In **May 1908**, Aurobindo was arrested in connection with the **Alipore Conspiracy Case**.

He was also a journalist, editing newspapers such as **Bande Mataram**.

He wrote copiously and his greatest literary achievement was '**Savitri**', an **epic poem** with about 24000 lines.

He developed a kind of Yoga called **Integral Yoga**.

Sri Aurobindo Ghosh was considered as a prophet of Indian nationalism. Along with Bankimchandra, Tilak and Dayanand, he developed the **theory of nationalism in India**.

Sri Aurobindo's theory of nationalism was based on **Vedanta philosophy** which saw unity and oneness in man and God.

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