

SRI AUROBINDO ASHRAM TRUST

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24 April 2020

The 24th of April 2020 marks the Centenary of the Mother's final arrival in Pondicherry.

In view of the Lockdown measures being enforced by the Government, the Ashram Main Building remains closed, and it will not be possible to hold the usual Darshan programme.

However, we invite all to join in the following events via the Ashram's official website: www.sriaurobindoashram.org

1) Thursday, 23rd April 2020

Individual Meditation (07:45pm – 08:15pm)

The meditation will begin with the Mother's recorded statement of 27.01.1968:

“The reminiscences will be short. I came to India to meet Sri Aurobindo, I remained in India to live with Sri Aurobindo, when he left his body I continued to live here in order to do his work which is by serving the Truth and enlightening humanity to hasten the rule of the Divine's Love upon earth.”

– The Mother

This will be followed by a recording in Manoj-da's voice of various important statements that Mother and Sri Aurobindo have made about their meeting on 29th March 1914 and 24th April 1920. The meditation will end with a few letters of Sri Aurobindo on the Mother.

2) Friday, 24th April 2020

Individual Meditation (05:55am – 06:30am)

Since it is not possible to hold the usual morning meditation around the Samadhi this time, a live streaming camera feed has been arranged.

A link on the Ashram website will take you to a live video of the Samadhi which will be broadcast during the meditation.

At 05:55am, a few pictures of the Ashram Main Building taken from outside during this Lockdown period will be streamed.

Then, as usual, the meditation will begin at 06:00am and end at 06:30am with the sound of a gong. As per usual practice, there will be no accompanying music for the morning meditation.

Please note that there may be a time lag of up to a minute depending on various factors, including your internet speed.

The recorded video of the Samadhi during the morning meditation will be available for at least 24 hours so that disciples in other time zones can also view it at their convenience.

3) Friday, 24th April 2020

Individual Meditation (07:45pm – 08:15pm)

The meditation will begin with a recording of the Mother's reading of Chapter 3 of *The Mother* by Sri Aurobindo.

This will be followed by an Organ music piece played by the Mother on 25th April 1954 entitled *Promise of the 24th*.

4) Darshan Message Card

The Darshan Message Card will be uploaded on the Ashram website before 06:00am on 24th April 2020. It will be available in two formats – one for those who would like to print it out, and another for those who would like to read the message on their device itself.

All of the above will be accessible through the Ashram's official website: www.sriurobindoashram.org

Regarding the Mother's and Sri Aurobindo's Rooms: Even though the Ashram Main Building remains closed, it may be noted that the Meditation Hall and the Rooms are being prepared as it is done for every Darshan.

Strictly No Visiting: It should be noted that Section 144 continues to remain imposed. Any public gathering of more than 4 persons is an illegal act, and an offence under the law. **Hence, please note that nobody should gather outside the Ashram Main Building at any point during the day.** Please stay at home and make use of this unique situation to go deeper within and remain connected with the Mother and Sri Aurobindo inwardly.

The Mother on the significance of 24th April 1920:

"The anniversary of my return to Pondicherry, which was the tangible sign of the sure Victory over the adverse forces."

24 April 1937