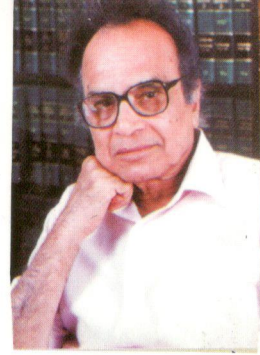


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MESSAGE

Every nation has its own special attributes: Germany has its organizational abilities, the United States has enterprise, Japan has adaptability and the United Kingdom has balance. The hallmark of India, in her hey-days, was the power and profundity of her mind and the purity and punctiliousness of her soul. It was this power and purity which made Indian civilization one of the most creative and elevating civilizations in the world. It led Will Durant, the celebrated author of ten-volumes, *Story of Civilization*, to observe: “Mother India is in many ways the Mother of us all.... “ Sri Aurobindo, in his own inimitable style, noted: “For over 3,000 years India has been creating republics, kingdoms, communities,.. religious orders,... sciences,... systems of yoga, arts spiritual, arts worldly “

On the memorable occasion of celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the foundation of Auroville, it would be befitting to ponder over the need to rekindle the power and potency of the Indian mind by way of historicizing Sri Aurobindo’s immense legacy, and in the process provide a renewed push towards fuller realization of the ideals which Mother had enunciated for setting up of an international city in 1968. This city was envisaged to belong to the humanity as a whole and act as a bridge between the past and the future. Its inhabitants would be devoted to the philosophy of creative evolution and serve as a centre for material and spiritual research to cause a ‘new mind of the cells’ and bring about human unity in perpetuity.

It is in the context of Sri Aurobindo’s deep philosophy and his larger spiritual view of life that Mother’s concept of Auroville must be assessed. It is also in the same context that we should understand what Sri Aurobindo meant when he said: “It is India who must send forth from herself the future religion of the entire world, the eternal religion which is to harmonise all religions, sciences and philosophies and make mankind one soul”.

It is gratifying to know that the golden jubilee celebrations would be joined by Prime Minister Narendra Modi who has the mind and motivation as well as the capacity to take India on the path of reforms and regeneration and also put her at the centre stage of the world.


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