



The Future Foundation School

Dear Students,

It is the first time I am addressing you directly after school closed in March and, since then, like everyone else, we have been under lockdown. If things had been normal, we would have had, by now, three weeks of classes in the new Academic Session. We miss you. Your presence everyday makes the school happen. Nevertheless, I have noted with joy the numerous activities you are doing from home, curricular and co-curricular.

Every cloud has a silver lining, every disaster conceals a message of hope. You are particularly fortunate that your destiny has brought you to this school. Our Founder used to say that one would be very unfortunate if one lived in the age of Krishna and did not know him. You are fortunate in so far as you have been introduced to the Mother and Sri Aurobindo, and the campus you know as school is what the Mother has referred to as her home in Calcutta, her 'Home of Grace'. Like one gets wet when it rains, each one of us, knowingly or unknowingly, soaks in the Grace each time we come. A flame is lit by the Mother in each one of us, a flame that will burn always in you. If you learn to look within, you will find it is the real you. If you nurture it, you will come to know who you are, why you are on earth. If you work with the flame, you will end up collaborating with the Mother and Sri Aurobindo in their work.

Today is a very special day. It marks the Centenary of the Mother's final arrival in Pondicherry, never to leave again. Since that day on, the Mother effaced herself and what she had achieved in order to fulfil the unique work for which Sri Aurobindo had dedicated his life. She did that till the day she was on earth and continues to do so.

Without the Mother, Sri Aurobindo Ashram would not have happened, Auroville would not have happened, this institution would not have been born, and we would never have been together in this journey the way we are today.

Some of our students and teachers have worked from home and put together a garland of tributes to the Mother on this occasion. I invite all of you to watch them. These are indeed tributes which can transport us into a state of meditation. On behalf of all of you, I thank all those who have so thoughtfully put these together.

The links are:

<https://youtu.be/QxrhfNtHU3s>

<https://youtu.be/M8ztYlccQOI>

Together in the Mother's service,

Sincerely yours,

Ranjan Mitter

Principal

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