About SACAR:
Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research (SACAR) started in Pondicherry in 1998, is a non-governmental, educational research Institute. It has for its objective an in-depth study of and research into the thought and vision of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and relate it to the present and the future of India in particular and the world in general. The guiding principle of all our activities is the synthesizing movement to unite in a practical and progressive way the highest spiritual realisations with the development and perfection of the outer life — two fields that have been historically the special domain of Eastern and Western nations, respectively.

Activities at SACAR:
- Online courses on Sri Aurobindo’s major works
- “Living Within” Study camps
- Intensive and Extensive Research for one/ three months in Sri Aurobindo’s major works
- Workshops and Seminars in Integral Management
- Publications: Books and Journal
- Research in Management Studies
- Research Project: Mankind on the March

Location:
SACAR is located about 1.5 km from Sri Aurobindo Ashram and about 10 km from Auroville.

INAUGURATION
16th March

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Honorable Lieutenant Governor
Union Territory of Puducherry

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Seven-day National Workshop Concept of Shakti In the Indian Spiritual Tradition And its Relevance in Postmodern Era 16th – 22nd March 2020

Organised by
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Proposed sub-themes of the workshop:

- Shakti in the Vedic Pantheon
- The principle and dimension of Shakti in Vedanta and Kashmir Shaivism
- Role of Shakti in Tantric tradition
- Woman as an embodiment of Shakti
- The importance of Shakti in the contemporary world
- Role of Shakti in Sri Aurobindo’s integral philosophy
- Need for the revival of Shakti for the world.

Speakers:

- Dr. Prachi Moghe, Assistant Professor (Archaeology) Centre for Archaeology, C.E.M.S. University of Mumbai
- Dr. S. A. S. Sarma, Research Scholar, Ecole Française d’Extrême-Orient (EFEQ) Centre de Pondichéry.
- Dr. Ananda Reddy Director Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research, Puducherry
- Dr. Sampadananda Mishra, Director, Sri Aurobindo Foundation for Indian Culture, Puducherry
- Dr. Anuradha Choudry, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Science and Humanities IIT Kharagpur

Note for Participants:

- There would be No remuneration paid to the participants for attending the workshop
- Lodging and Boarding facilities for the participants would be arranged at SACAR campus.
- It is mandatory for all the participants to attend the entire workshop for all the seven days to claim the Certificate of Participation.
- Maximum number of participants — 30
- Eligibility: Research Scholars, Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, Professors and Academicians.
- Please note that all the lectures would be in English only.
- To Apply the participant should submit their CV and a published paper to sacaricpr@gmail.com. Our team will go through the same and confirm the participation.
- All travel bills to be submitted to SACAR Coordinator for reimbursement which will be transferred to your account through NEFT after the event gets over.

The mighty Mother of creatures has vanquished the Age of Strife. Once again the movements of freedom are abroad; I observe them following the paths of the ancient scriptures.

In East and West I hear the cry and stir of the whole world hastening with praise on its tongue to this country, the ancient Mother of the Vedas.

Sri Aurobindo, Bhavani Bharati