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UPCOMING EVENTS

Talk at the University of Tampa, (UT) Tampa, FL - Wednesday, April 22nd, 2-2:50pm

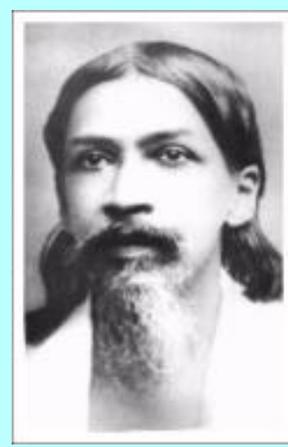
HUA professor, Dr. D. Aurobinda Mahapatra, will give a talk on Human Rights Day at The University of Tampa. The general topic is Conflict and Peace. He will speak about **"Contested Borders, Refugees and Human Security: A Case Study of Kashmir."**



[Upcoming Events](#)

Sri Aurobindo Conference - May 4th and 5th

Indian philosopher, poet, mystic and Yogi, Sri Aurobindo (1872-1950), argued that human society has evolved throughout history and is destined to move towards better organization of life. His aphorism **'All Life is Yoga'** is in consonance with his evolutionary philosophy and Integral Yoga that encompass every aspect of human life and society. Following Advaita Vedanta, he believed that there is a fundamental unity as the very basis of existence. He expressed dissatisfaction that the modern individual, busy with mundane life and outward activities, has decreasing interest in the ancient Indian wisdom. Sri Aurobindo's seminal contribution cannot be confined to a particular discipline as his genius touched almost every branch of human knowledge. The conference would cover some aspects of Sri Aurobindo's philosophy and its applicability to contemporary problems confronting the human society and the world. Despite the profundity of his philosophy and its wider implications, Sri Aurobindo and his ideas are relatively less known in the West, and there have been few events to make an in-depth study of his philosophy. The conference aims to fill this gap. It is not only interested in the theoretical aspect of Sri Aurobindo's philosophy, but also its practical and educational aspects.



[Sri Aurobindo Conference](#)

ONGOING EVENTS

Sri Aurobindo Study Circle

Then next Sri Aurobindo Study Circle will meet at HUA on Monday, April 24th, from 5 to 6pm. We will listen to videos of The Mother.



[Ongoing Events](#)



PAST EVENTS

Lecture at HUA

HUA professor, Dr. D. Aurobinda Mahapatra, interacted with the faculty from the School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida (USF), Tampa, FL and gave a lecture to the students for the class on the **"UN and International Peace."**

[Past Events](#)

Sri Aurobindo Study Circle

The Sri Aurobindo Study Circle watched a video on **"The Genius of India"** with text by Sri Aurobindo from "The Renaissance of India." This was followed by an inspiring explanation by Abhinav Dwivedi, HUA Emeritus Vice President, on the 3 basic ideals that were expounded here by Sri Aurobindo.

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Public Lecture at HUA

Dr. Manohar Shinde, a long time friend of HUA, gave a lecture on:
"Making Academia Inclusive: Engaging with Hindu Civilizational Discourse."



The lecture addressed the asymmetry in the academic discourse on religion, civilization and culture. It argued an inclusive dialogue can help promote better understanding between cultures and civilizations. In this context, it needs emphasis that India with its rich heritage and ancient wisdom can play an effective role towards making the discourse pluralistic as well as inclusive. The lecture also argued that for this task, it is necessary to develop a well-equipped global network of Hindu civilizational scholars, which can work as a forum to articulate the challenges the human civilization is confronting and to devise ways to address them by drawing from rich Indian wisdom.

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Lecture by HU Faculty

Dr. Ananda Reddy, HUA Professor from the HUA Affiliate, SACAR (Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research), gave a lecture on the 25th Anniversary of the Sri Aurobindo Sadhana Kendra at Ahmedabad. In the talk ***"O Man Manage Thyself,"*** he was inspired to bridge spirituality with management based on the teachings of Sri Aurobindo.



[Lecture by Dr. Reddy](#)

Presentation by HU Emeritus Vice-President



HU Emeritus Vice-President, Abhinav Dwivedi, recently gave a presentation to The Hill School, Pottstown, PA that included "**Quotes on India and Hindus by Various Prominent People of the World.**" This provided valuable insight into contributions and ideas made by people from India.

**George Harrison,
Beatles
(1943 - 2001):**



"For every human there is a quest to find the answer to why I am here, who am I, where did I come from, where am I going. For me that became the most important thing in my life. Everything else is secondary."

"Here everybody is vibrating on a material level, which is nowhere. Over there [India], they have this great feeling of something else that's just spiritual going on. "

[Quotes on India and Hindus](#)

Donation to HUA



HUA received a beautiful 20 volume set of the "**Illustrated World Buddhist Arts**" for its library. HU Emeritus Vice-President, Abhinav Dwivedi, was invited to represent HUA at a ceremony given by the International Buddhist Progress Society, Orlando, FL.

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