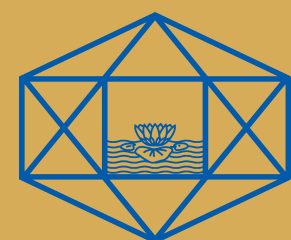


The Mother

OUR EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT



Sri Aurobindo Society
Creating the Next Future

I the President of the Society...

President.

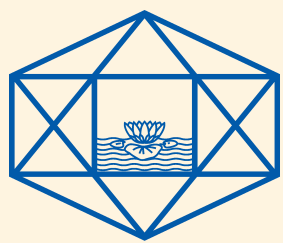


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To Sri Anurobenko
Society

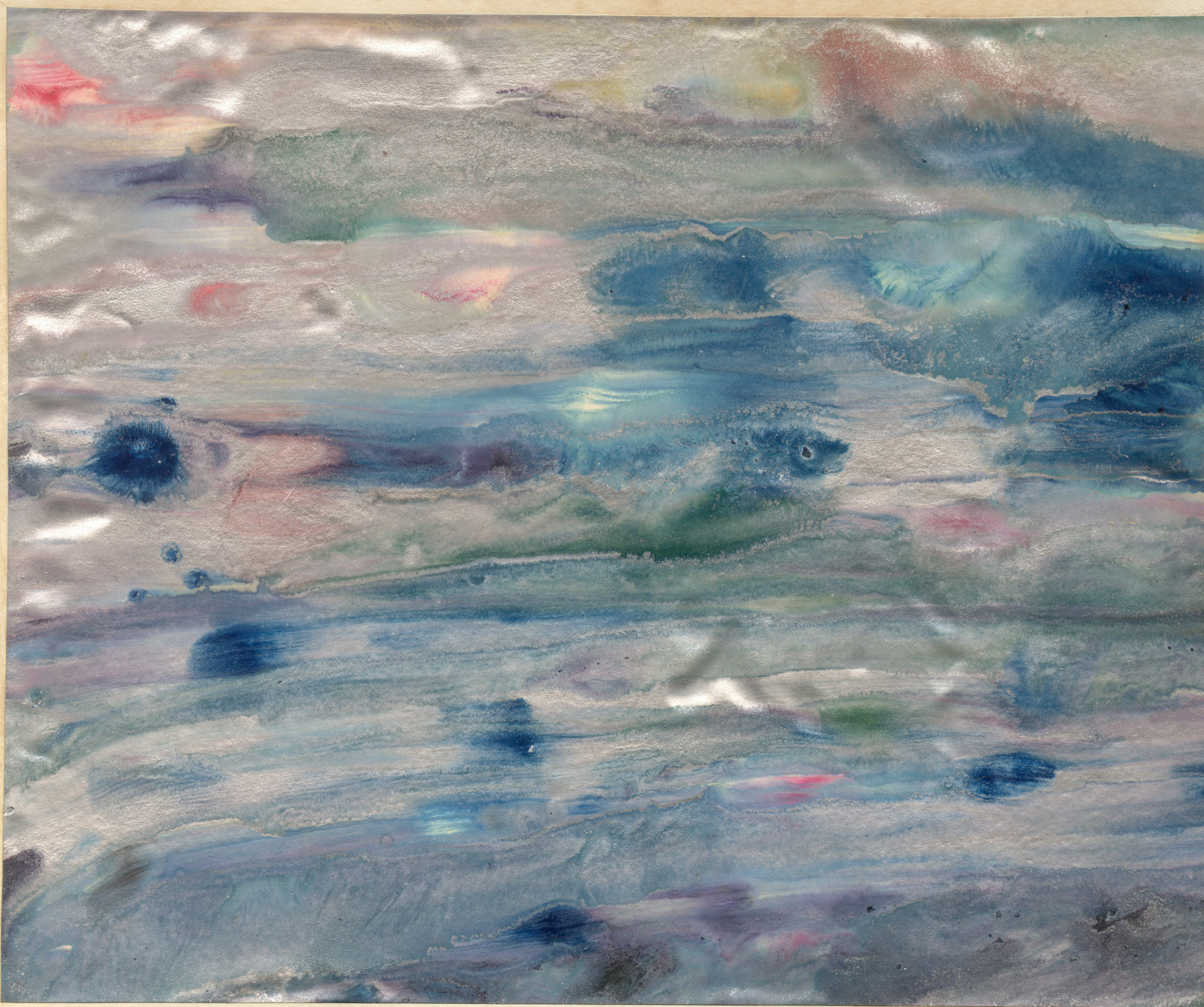
with blessings

A stylized handwritten signature, possibly reading 'M. S.', written in dark ink.



Sri Aurobindo Society
Creating the Next Future

On the Society's 4th Birth Anniversary, on 19th September 1964, the Mother sent a card containing Champaklalji's marble painting and her Blessings.



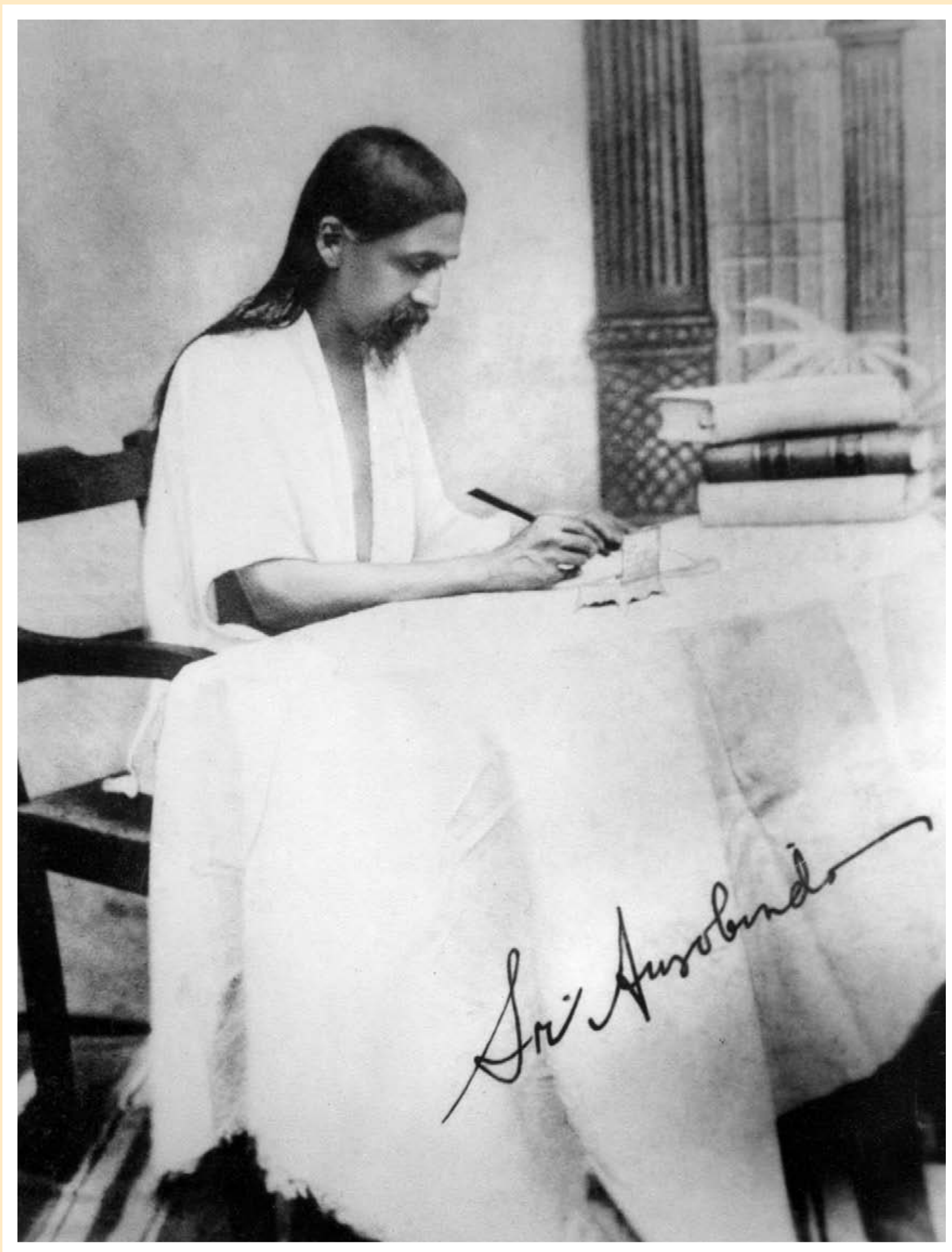
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Bonne Tête!
Bénédictions

Birthday Card given by the Mother to Sri Aurobindo Society



THE BEGINNING



Sri Aurobindo wrote to his brother Barindra Kumar Ghose from Pondicherry:

“If we are spread out everywhere as individuals, something no doubt will be done; if we are spread out everywhere in the form of a Sangha, a hundred times more will be accomplished... Politics, trade, social organization, poetry, art, literature – all will remain. But all will be given a new life, a new form.”

In another letter he stated:

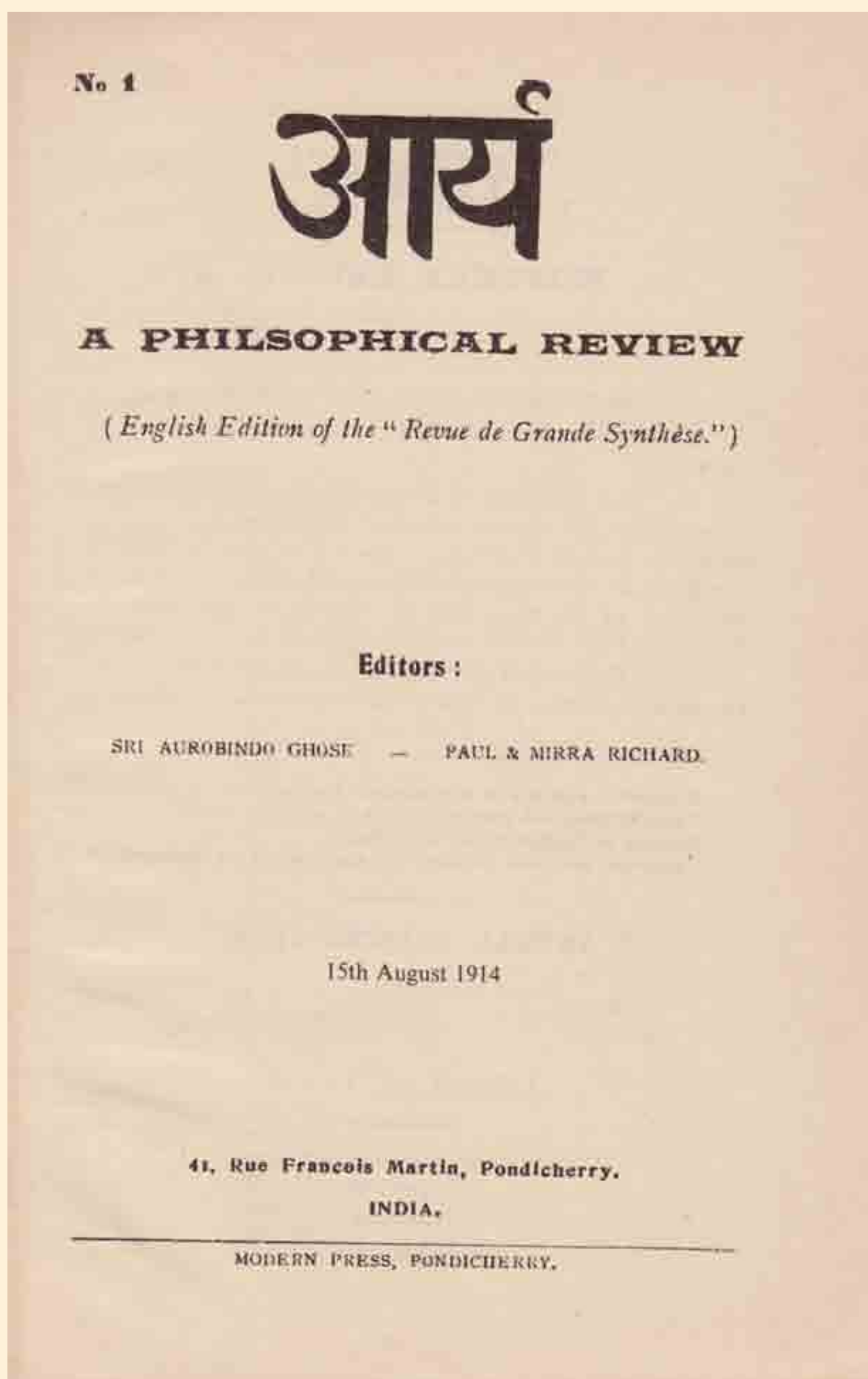
“It is a Yoga in which vast untried tracts of inner experience and new paths of Sadhana had to be opened up... But the time is approaching, when I shall have to take up a large external work proceeding from the spiritual basis of this Yoga.

It is, therefore, necessary to establish a number of centres... for training in this Sadhana... Those trained there will be hereafter my assistants in the work I shall have to do, ...”

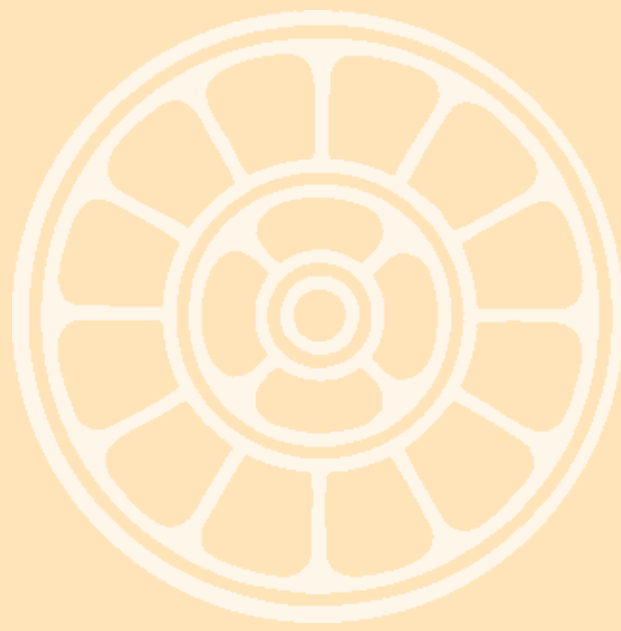
In August 1914, the Mother and Sri Aurobindo started a society called “L’Idée Nouvelle” – The New Idea. The following announcement was made in the very first issue of the *Arya*, a journal edited by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

“A Society has been founded in French India under the name of the New Idea (L’Idée Nouvelle). Its object is to group in a common intellectual life and fraternity of sentiment those who accept the spiritual tendency and idea it represents and who aspire to realise it in their own individual and social action.....

It is on a higher plane of thought superior to external differences of race, caste, creed and opinion and in the solidarity of the spirit that unity can be realised.”



The title page of the first issue of the 'Arya'



The concentrated effort of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother culminated on 29 February 1956, in the manifestation of the Supramental Consciousness upon earth. In 1958, the Mother declared:

“It is only quite recently that the need for a collective reality began to appear – which is not necessarily limited to the Ashram but embraces all who have declared themselves – I don’t mean materially but in their consciousness – to be disciples of Sri Aurobindo and have tried to live his teaching.

Among all of them, and more strongly since the manifestation of the Supramental Consciousness and Force, there has awakened the necessity for a true communal life, which would not be based only on purely material circumstances but would represent a deeper truth, and be the beginning of what Sri Aurobindo calls a supramental or gnostic community.”





The Mother with Shri Navajata

“Mother, so many people are connected with you all over the world. You have to establish world unity, you have to help India to progress, you have to bring about a social change. If we all get together, we can do a great work in the world. But this cannot be done unless you guide it directly.”

The Mother said, “Surely it can be done... I will definitely guide you.”

It is thus that the Sri Aurobindo Society came into existence in 1960.



THE MOTHER
– EXECUTIVE
PRESIDENT

The Society was registered in Calcutta, with the Mother as the President, Keshav Dev Poddar (Navajata) as General Secretary and Treasurer and Arunendra Nath Tagore as member of the Executive Committee.



The Mother - President



*Shri Arunendra Nath Tagore
Founder Member*



*Shri Navajata
General Secretary & Treasurer*

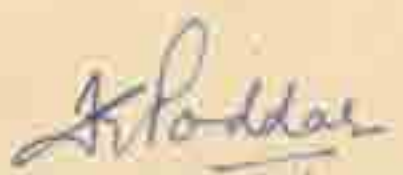
The Memorandum of Association of the Society bears the Mother's signature as the President, and is dated 19th September 1960. The main objective of the Society is:

"To make known to the members and people in general the aims and ideals of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, their system of Integral Yoga and to work for its fulfilment in all possible ways and for the attainment of a spiritualised society as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo."

1. Madame M. Alfassa, The Mother, Sri Aurobindo Ashram,
Pondicherry - President.
2. Sri Keshav Dev Poddar also known as Navajata,
Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry - General Secretary &
Treasurer.
3. Sri Arunendra Nath Tagore, Advocate & Notary Public,
6, Hastings Street, Calcutta - 1 - Member.

I the President of the Society certify that
this is a true copy of the Rules and Regulations of
Sri Aurobindo Society.

President.

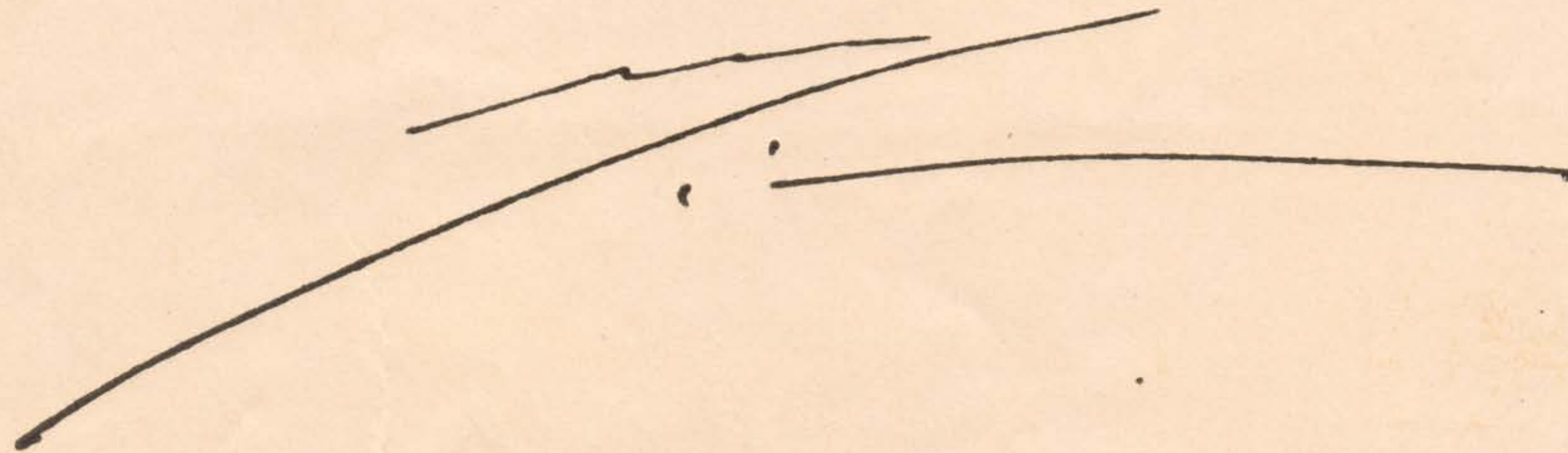

General Secretary & Treasurer.


Member.

The last page of the Memorandum of Association of Sri Aurobindo Society, signed by the Mother

1960

To know is good,
to live is better,
to be, That is perfect.



Motto given by the Mother to Sri Aurobindo Society

Symbol of the Society given by the Mother



“The descending triangle represents Sat-Chit-Ananda. The ascending triangle represents the aspiring answer from matter under the form of life, light and love.

The junction of both – the central square – is the perfect manifestation having at its centre the Avatar of the Supreme – the lotus. The water – inside the square – represents the multiplicity, the creation.”

The Mother


A notice announcing the first meeting of the Sri Aurobindo Society on 18th October 1960 was put up at the Ashram. The meeting was held in the New Hall of the Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education.

SRI AUROBINDO SOCIETY

An organisation, known as SRI AUROBINDO SOCIETY, is registered in Calcutta, to serve and work for fulfilling the ideals of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. The Mother has graciously accepted to be the President of the organisation and guide it.

(Tuesday)
A meeting will be held on 18th October at 8.40 p.m. in the centre of education New-Hall first floor to explain the objects and working of this Society.

All interested are cordially invited to attend.



Notice for the first meeting put up in the Ashram

The early meetings of the Executive Committee were held in the Mother's room in the Ashram. The Minutes noted the names of those present and the decisions taken. The Mother presided over the meetings and signed the Minutes as the President.

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The Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of Sri Aurobindo Society held on the 3rd January 1961 at 10.15 am. at Sri Aurobindo Ashram Pondicherry: —

Present:— 1. The Mother - President.
2. Navajata (K. Poddar) - Secretary.
3. Arun Tagore - Member.

1. It is decided that the Contributory Member of the Society will be ipso-facto member of the Branch of the Society at the place where he resides.

2. It is decided that the Account of the Society will close every year on 31st December and the first of such closing will be on 31. 12. 60.

3. The Mother nominates the following persons to be Life Members of the Society:—

a) Sri Champada Bhattacharya
Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry.

b) Dr. Karnoo C. Patel
P.O. Box 200, Dar-es-Salaam
Tanganyika, B.E. Africa.

c) Kishori Lal Dhandania
Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry.

d) G. Venkataswamy
240 Marichar New Street, Madurai.

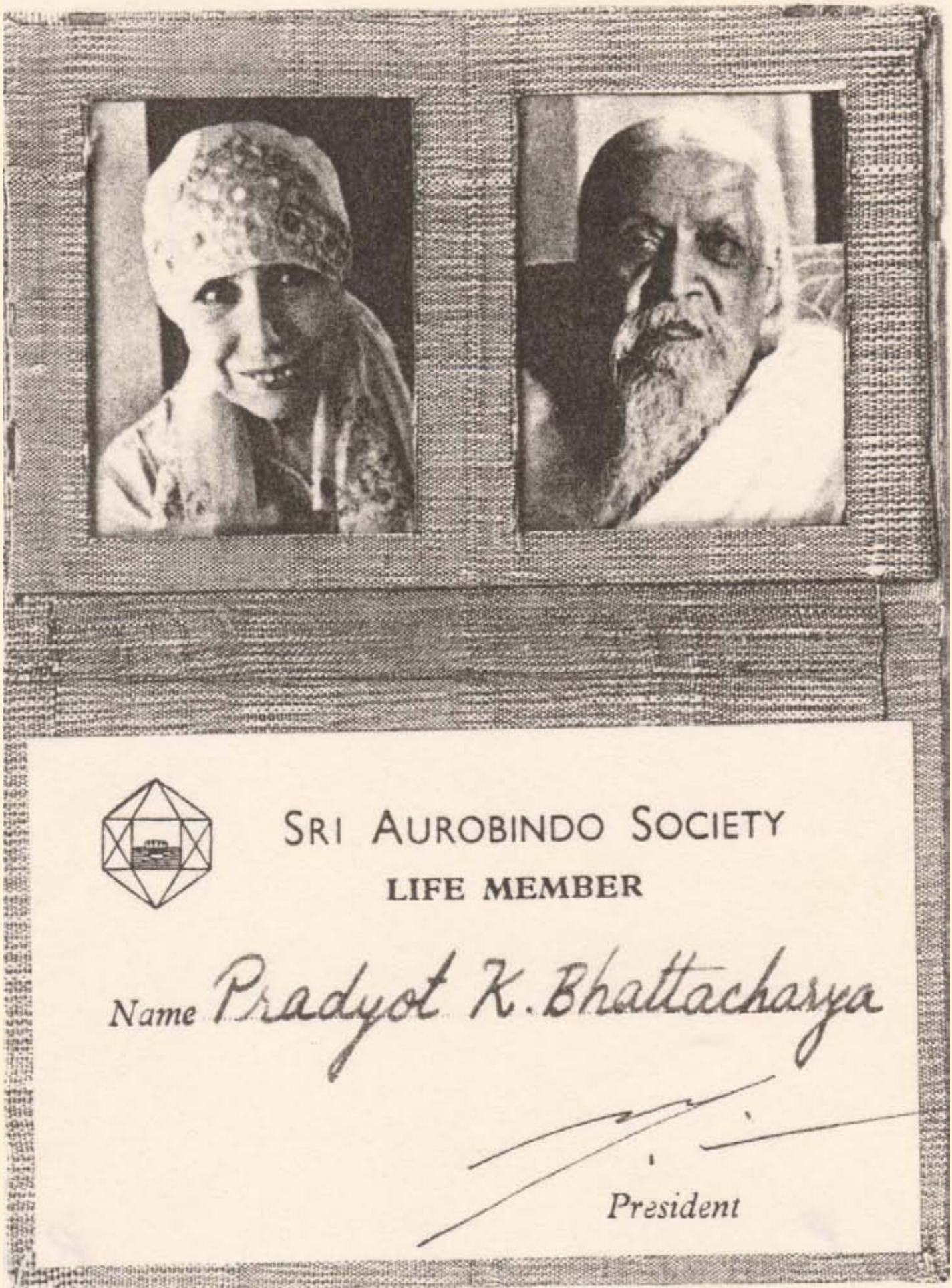
4. The applications for Contributory and ordinary membership received so far are hereby accepted.

5. The Mother nominates Gajavaj Sukhdeo, Dilip Kumar Roy and Rakhal Das Basu as ~~two~~ Ordinary members.

✓
President.

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held in the Mother's room on 3rd January 1961

The Mother herself approved the list of members and even signed the membership cards of the Life-members.



Life Membership Card of Shri Pradyot K. Bhattacharya

for The Mother's Approval Delhi-members

| Name | Address | Membership |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------|
| S.K.Gupta | T-I/3-4, I.N.A. Colony New Delhi | Ordinary |
| Prakashvati | 103, Daryaganj, Delhi-6. | Ordinary |
| Surendar Nath Ohri | A-257, Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-3. | Ordinary |
| Vindeshwari Prasad Gupta | C/o Dwarka Prasad Krishna Prasad Katra Husain Bux, Delhi-6. | Contributing. |

Hessings

Each Centre or Branch was started only after the Mother approved the Centre / Branch and its office bearers.

| FOR THE MOTHER'S APPROVAL | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|-------------|--|
| Affiliation of a Centre to Sri Aurobindo Society | | | | |
| Name of the Centre | Address | Names of the active members | Amount paid | Remarks |
| Sri Aurobindo Study Circle | 21 Dwarkapuri Muzaffar Nagar U.P. | 1. Balkrishna Gupta (Secretary) 2. Shakuntala Devi 3. Shashi Kant 4. Satyavati 5. Deokinandan 6. Kalawati 7. Ved Prakash | Rs 5/- | The Centre was started two decades ago by Dr. Santoshanand. It has a small library and a book-sales section. Meditation and readings from Sri Aurobindo's & The Mother's books - twice a week. |



Mother’s approval for the new Centres

In December 1961, the First All-India Conference of Sri Aurobindo Society was organized at the Ashram Theatre in Pondicherry. The Mother chose Dr Harekrushna Mahtab, former Chief Minister of Orissa, to preside and she personally went over the minutest details, including lodging and food arrangements.

6. Who should be the President of the Conference? Should we wait till the last day? Perhaps it is better to decide now. Dr. Mahtab, Ex Chief Minister of Orissa, who is a member of the Society, is coming. P.C. Sen, Senior Minister of Bengal and President of Bangabani (Nabadwip), and also a member of the Society may come. Unless the Mother decides on an Industrialist becoming the President, Dr. Mahtab may be all right for this Conference. B.D. Jatti, Chief Minister of Mysore is again a member, and perhaps, if I phone him up and if he is free, he may come to the Conference. *Mahtab may be approached*



First Annual Conference. Dr. Mahtab speaking.

Others (L to R): Shri K. N. Mukherjee, Shri Arunendra Nath Tagore, Shri Surendra Mohan Ghose, Shri Navajata, Shri Laljibhai



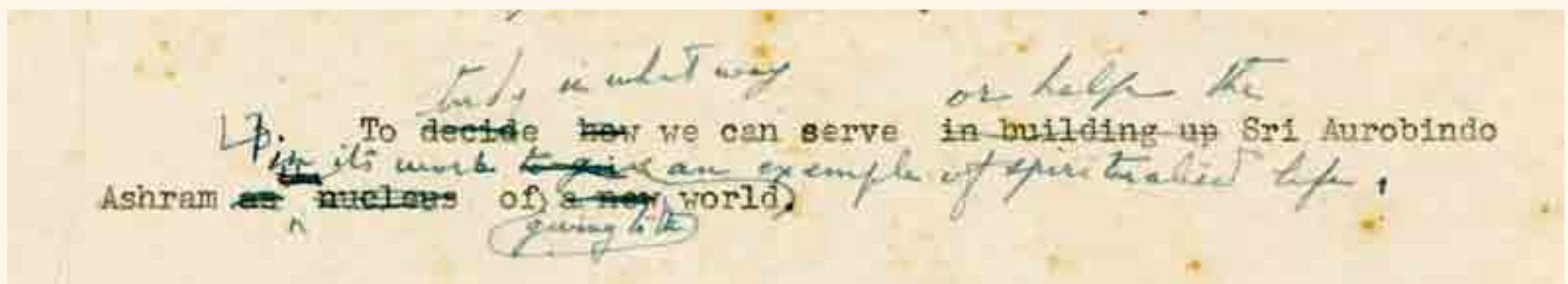
MAHASARASWATI'S PERFECTION IN WORKS

The Agenda of the Conference was submitted to the Mother and corrected by her. One of the points in the Agenda was:

“To decide how we can serve in building up Sri Aurobindo Ashram as the nucleus of the new world.”

The Mother amended it as:

“To study in what way we can serve or help the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in its work of giving to the world an example of spiritualised life.”



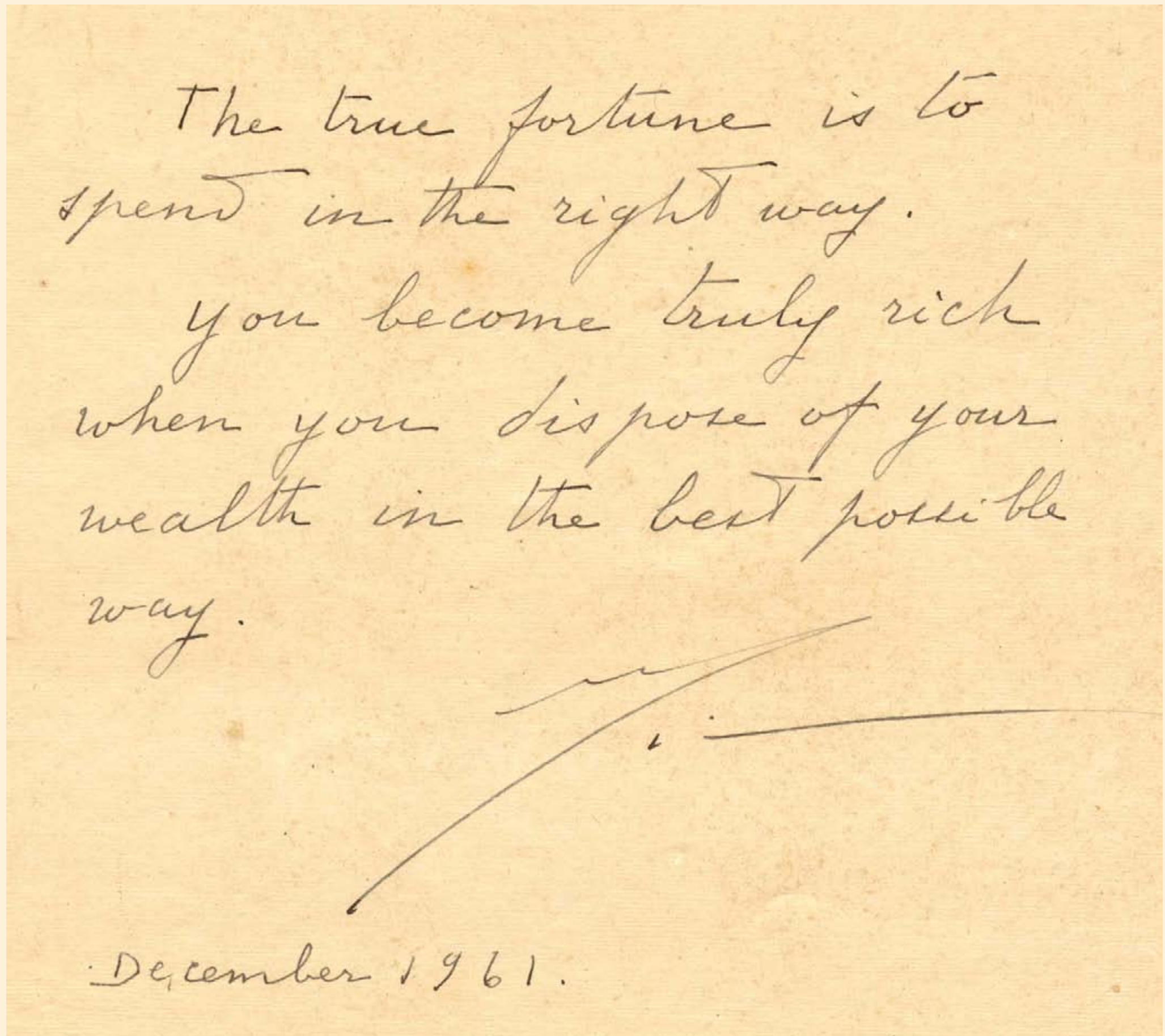
The Agenda of the first Annual Conference corrected by the Mother



First Annual Conference of Sri Aurobindo Society held in Pondicherry in December 1961

The Conference was inaugurated with a message given by the Mother in her own voice:

“The true fortune is to spend in the right way. You become truly rich when you dispose of your wealth in the best possible way.”



Message given by the Mother for the first Conference



Delegates discussing the work in their States

In his brief speech, Shri Nolini Kanta Gupta, Trustee of the Ashram said:

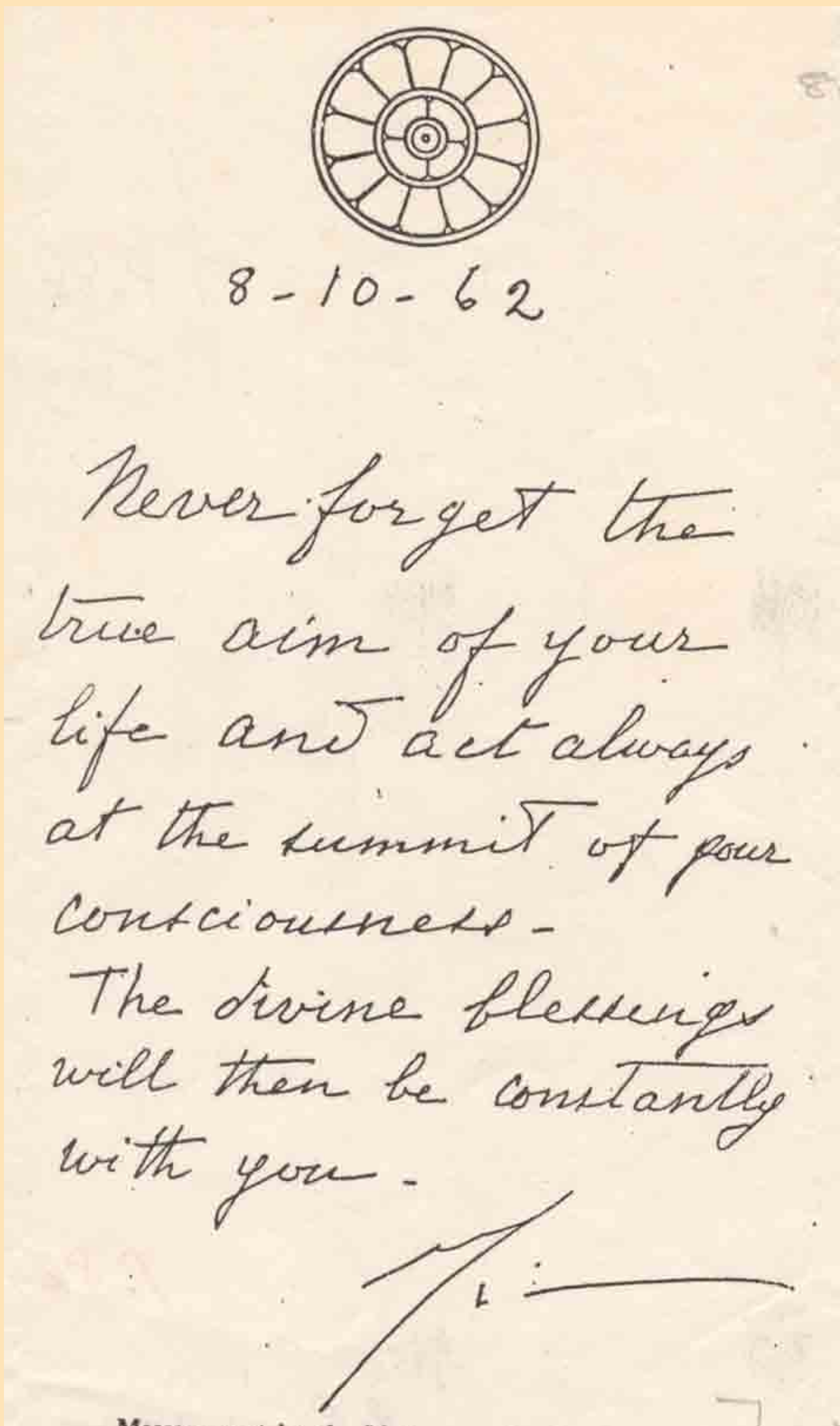
“I say to the children of the Mother - reminding them - they are to be true to her, true to her teachings, for that is the only way to success.”



Nolinida speaking at the Conference

The first All-Assam Conference was organised in 1962 at Digboi. The Mother sent her message:

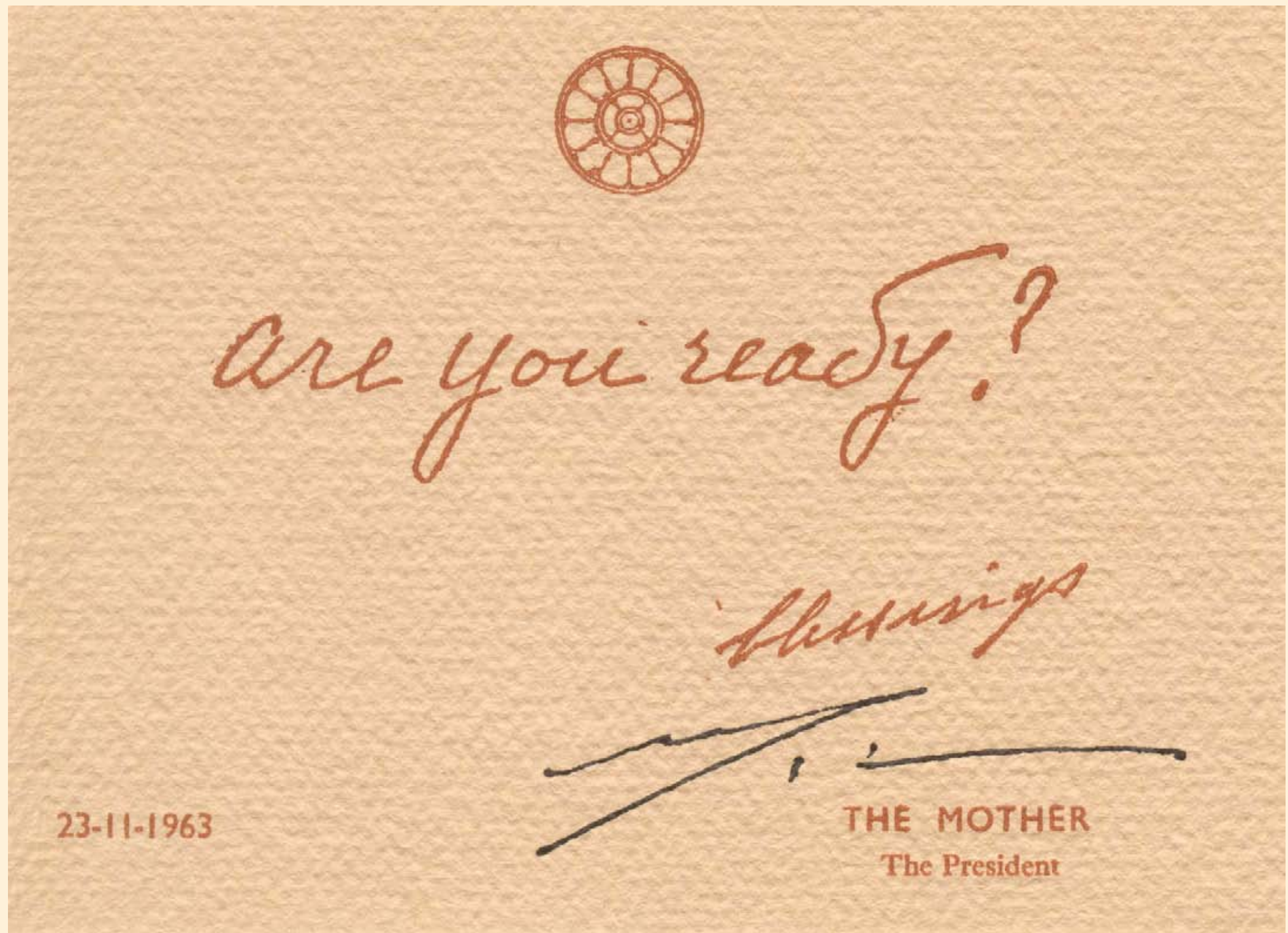
“Never forget the true aim of your life and act always at the summit of your consciousness. The Divine Blessings will then be constantly with you.”



Message given by the Mother for All Assam Conference


The second All-India Conference was organised at Pondicherry in 1963.

“Are you ready?” was the challenging query put by the Mother and a printed card signed by her as President was distributed to all the participants. It was a message, a call for introspection and an inspiration, all in one.



The Mother's question to the delegates of the Conference

SRI AUROBINDO SOCIETY



SUBJECTS FOR THE SEMINAR

1. How can humanity become one?
2. What is the way of making the consciousness of human unity grow in men?
3. What is a change of consciousness?
4. How can a change of consciousness change the life upon earth?


AGENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE

1. Report of the General Secretary.
2. To receive the report of the Seminar and consider steps to implement its recommendations.
3. To study in what way we can serve or help the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in its work of giving to the world an example of spiritualised life.
4. To consider proposals received for furthering the activities of the Society.
5. Short talks.

WORLD CONFERENCE 1964

PROGRAMME

| | 9 to 11.30 a.m. | 4 to 6 p.m. | |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|
| Monday 10 th Aug | Seminar | Seminar | |
| Tuesday 11 th Aug | Seminar | Seminar | Dramatical Performance in Sanskrit at 2.30 p.m. |
| Wednesday 12 th Aug | Committee Meetings & Evening meeting As usual | | Dance by Orissa Group at 7 p.m. |
| Thursday 13 th Aug | World Conference | World Conference | Collective Meditation at 7-8.30 a.m. at the Playground |
| Friday 14 th Aug | World Conference | World Conference | "Charita" Dance Drama at 7 p.m. |
| Saturday 15 th Aug | Collective Meditation 10 to 10.30 a.m. at the Ashram | Morning Darshan at 8.30 a.m. | Publication of works Culture & Information and Philosophy at 2.30 p.m. |



Blessings

A black and white photograph of a large, tiered lecture hall. The hall is filled with students, mostly men, seated in rows of wooden desks. They are all facing towards the front of the room. At the front, there is a stage area with a large chalkboard and a lecturer standing. The room has high ceilings with several large, industrial-style light fixtures. On the right side, there are large windows with horizontal bars or shutters. The overall atmosphere is that of a formal academic setting.

A view of the first World Conference

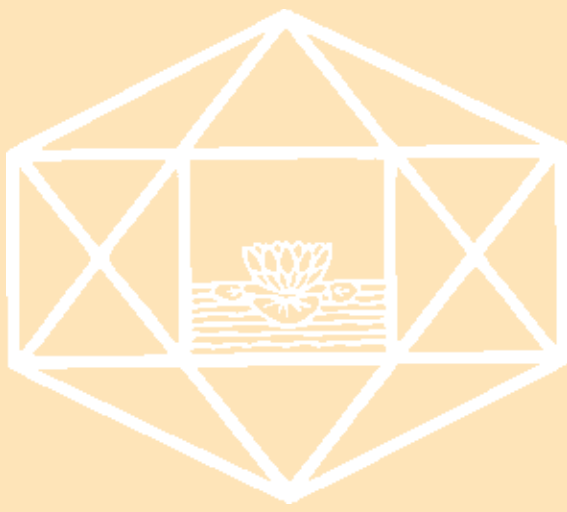
The future of the Earth depends
on a Change of Consciousness.

The only hope for the future is in a
change of man's consciousness and
the change is bound to come.

But it is left to men to decide if
they will collaborate for this change
or it will have to be enforced
upon them by the power of crashing
circumstances.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a stylized, abstract shape.

Message for the first World Conference



A special seminar on ‘Human Unity’ was organised during the Conference for which the Mother gave the topics for discussion. At the end, the Mother’s own answers to the questions were played.

Q1: How can humanity become one?

A1: By becoming conscious of its origin.

Q2: What is the way of making the consciousness of human unity grow in man?

A2: Spiritual Education, that is to say an education which gives more importance to the growth of the spirit than to any religious or moral teaching or to the material so-called knowledge.

Q3: What is a change of consciousness?

A3: A change of consciousness is equivalent to a new birth, a birth in a higher sphere of existence.

Q4: How can a change of consciousness change the life upon earth?

A4: A change in human consciousness will make possible the manifestation upon earth of a higher Force, a purer Light, a more total Truth.



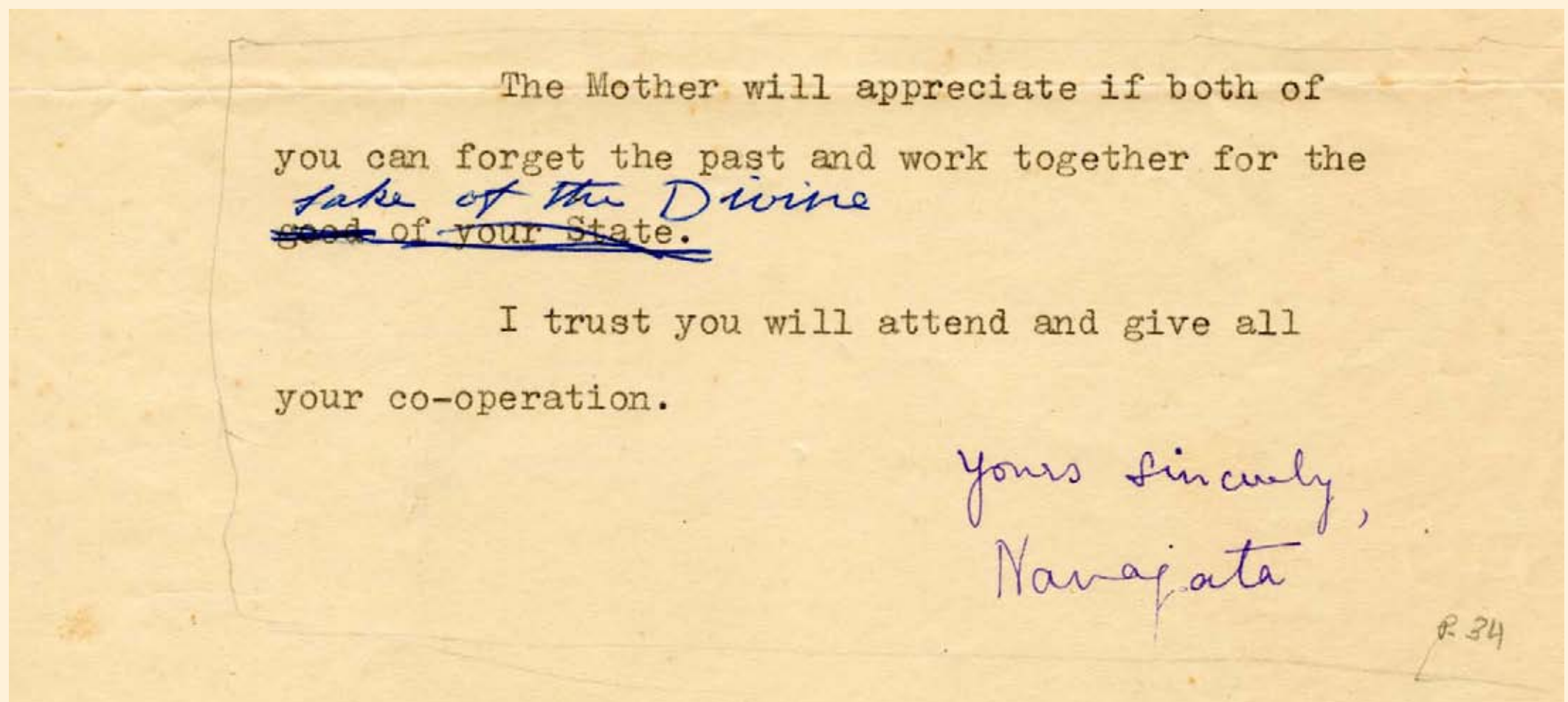
The first All-Orissa State Conference took place in 1964 at Cuttack. Differences of opinion cropped up between two eminent persons, requiring the Mother's intervention. Shri Navajata drafted a letter to the recalcitrant parties:

"The Mother will appreciate if both of you can forget the past and work together for the good of your State."

The Mother made an amendment to the letter drafted by Shri Navajata:

"The Mother will appreciate if both of you can forget the past and work together for the sake of the Divine."

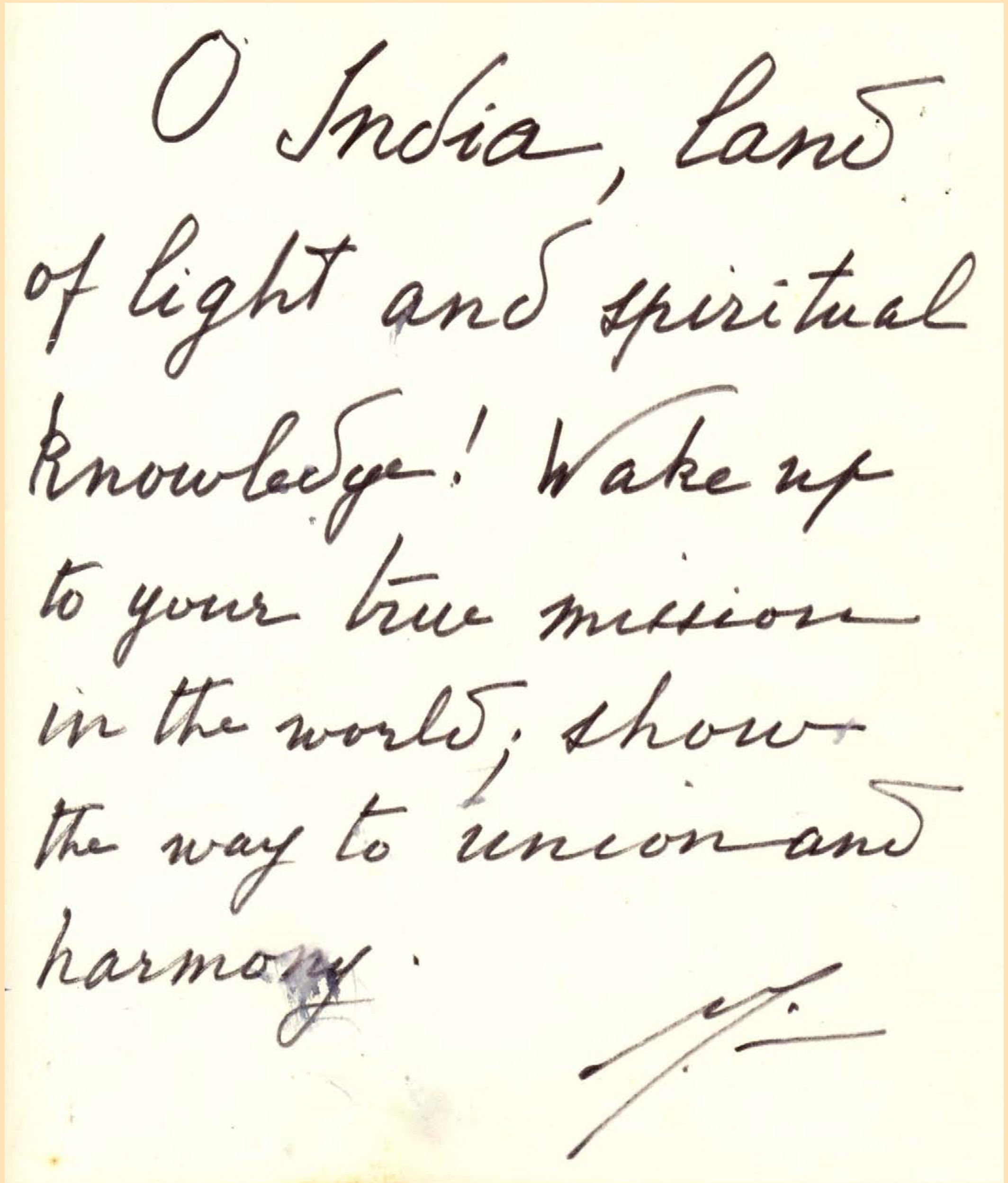
This is how the letter was sent and both attended the conference.



Letter of Shri Navajata corrected by the Mother

In August 1967, the Mother sent a message for a meeting organised in Delhi to plan and work for a new India:

“O India, land of light and spiritual knowledge! Wake up to your true mission in the world; show the way to union and harmony.”

A photograph of a handwritten message in cursive script on a piece of paper. The text is written in dark ink and matches the quote in the previous block. The paper has some light staining at the bottom. To the right of the text is a stylized signature consisting of several sweeping lines.

O India, land
of light and spiritual
knowledge! Wake up
to your true mission
in the world; show
the way to union and
harmony.

Message for India



The Mother on Mahasaraswati Puja Day

In the midst of her heavy schedule, the Mother approved plans for the work in Pondicherry and outside, studied reports, gave directions regarding publications, appointment of staff, signed receipts, endorsed cheques, sanctioned expenses - it was a veritable labour of divine love.

Sri Aurobindo has said of Mahasaraswati, in his book 'The Mother':

"Nothing is too small or apparently trivial for her attention, nothing however impalpable or disguised or latent can escape her. Moulding and remoulding she labours each part till it has attained its true form, is put in its exact place in the whole and fulfils its precise purpose."

In 1961, the first 'Annual' of the Society was published. The Mother looked into the minutest details, giving directions for the cover, the inside layout and even the nature of advertisements.

Front Cover

Cover - design
by
Jayanti

Inside Front Cover

Quotations on
Education

Inside Back Cover

2 or 4 photos of
children
(to be taken in the Bulletin)

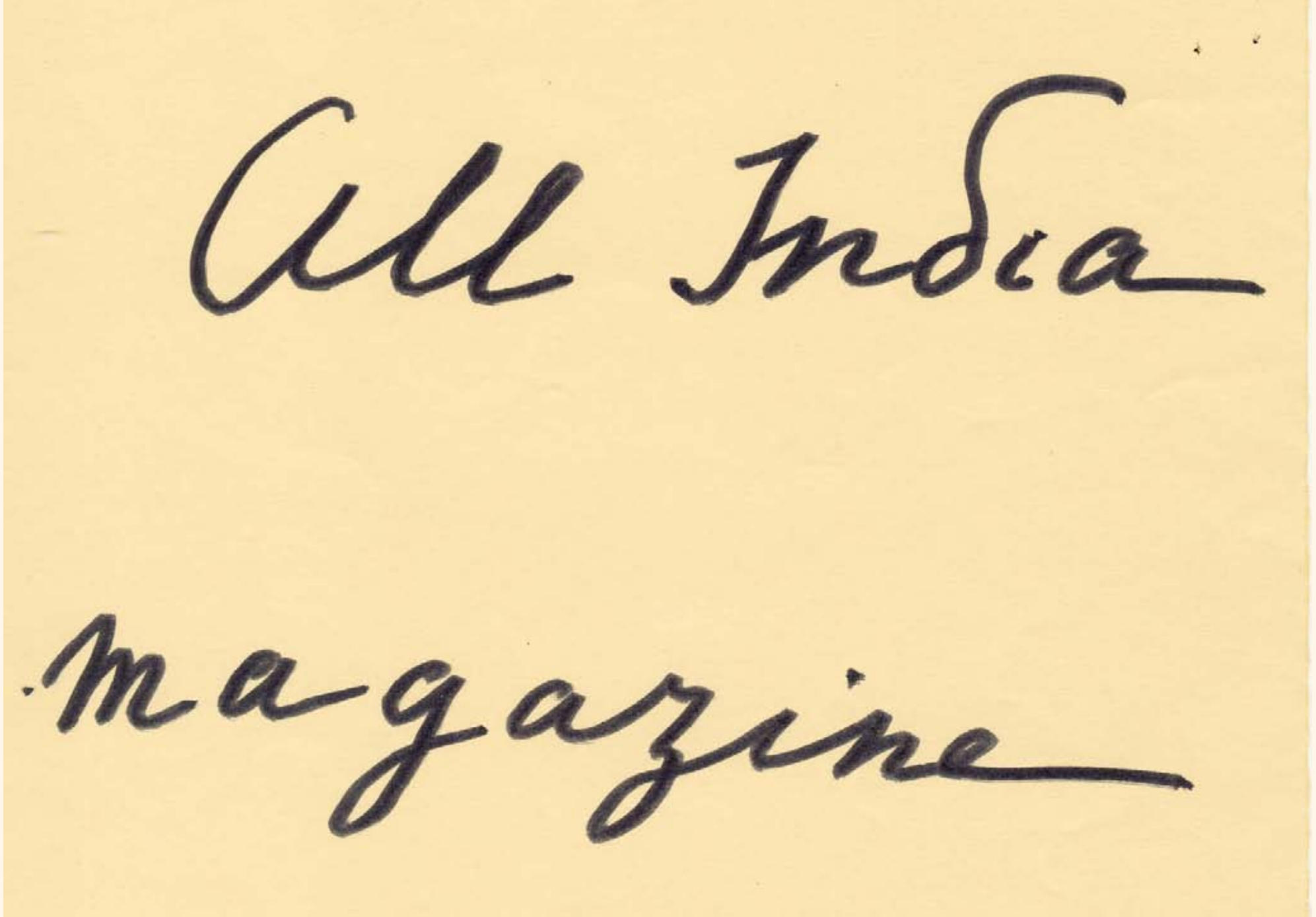
Back Cover

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on educational books
or sport goods, etc.

The Mother's instructions for the layout of the first 'Annual' of the Society

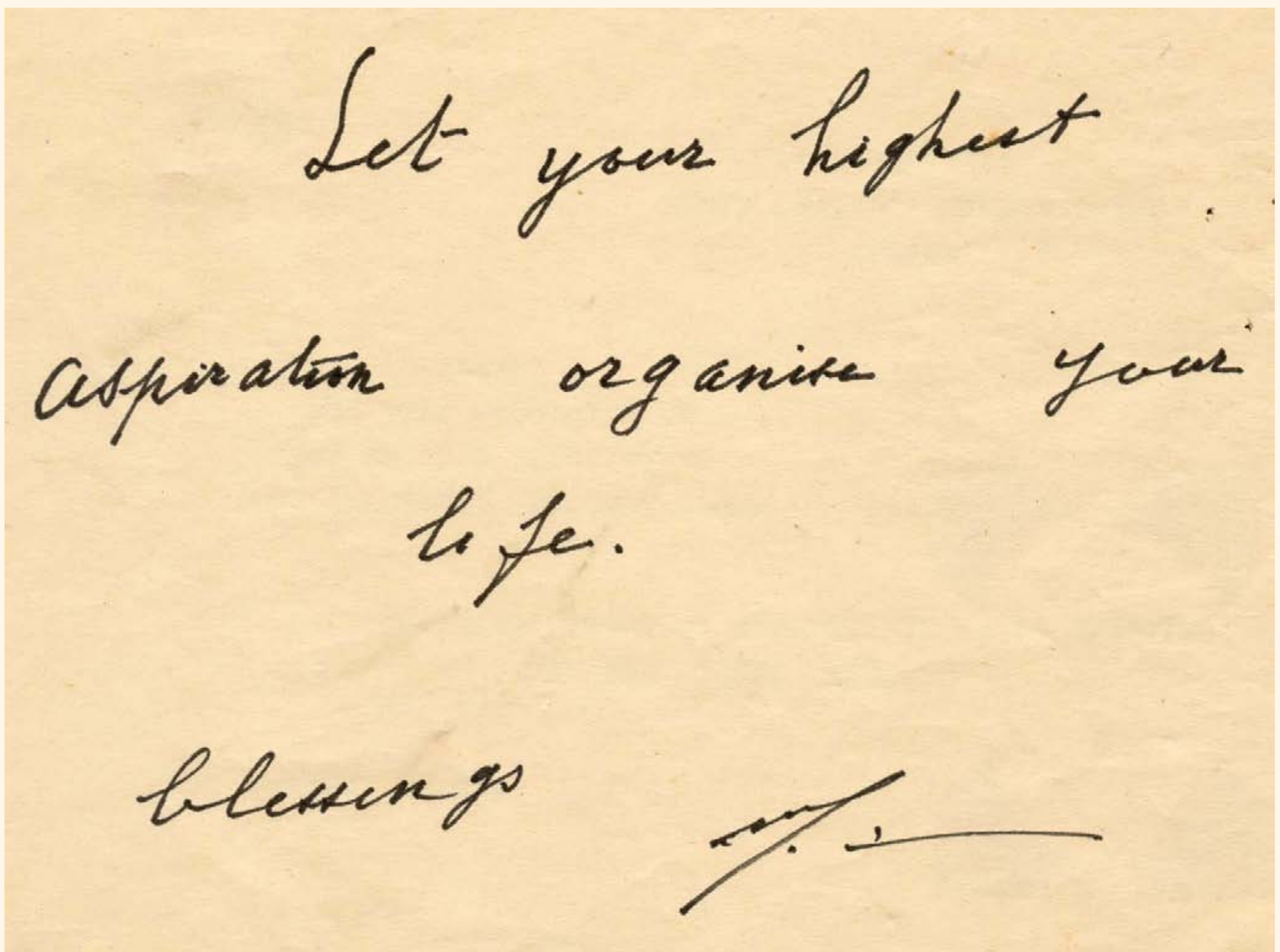
In 1971, as part of the Sri Aurobindo Birth Centenary Programme, a monthly magazine in English was launched. The Mother named it 'All India Magazine'. A line from Sri Aurobindo's Savitri was to be its guiding light:

"Matter shall reveal the Spirit's face"

A photograph of a piece of aged, cream-colored paper with the words "All India Magazine" written in a dark blue or black cursive script. The word "All" is at the top left, "India" is to its right, and "Magazine" is written below them, spanning the width of the page.

Gradually AIM began to be published in Indian languages as well. One of the first editions was in Kannada for which the Mother gave the message:

"Let your highest aspiration organise your life."

A photograph of a piece of aged, cream-colored paper with a handwritten message in cursive script. The message reads "Let your highest aspiration organise your life." across three lines. Below this, the word "blessings" is written on the left, and a stylized signature is on the right.

Message for Kannada edition of the 'All India Magazine'



Cover of 'Purodha'

When a magazine for children called 'Purodha' (Pioneer) was started, the Mother chose Ravindra to be the editor of the Hindi edition. Once, he wrote to her for her guidance:

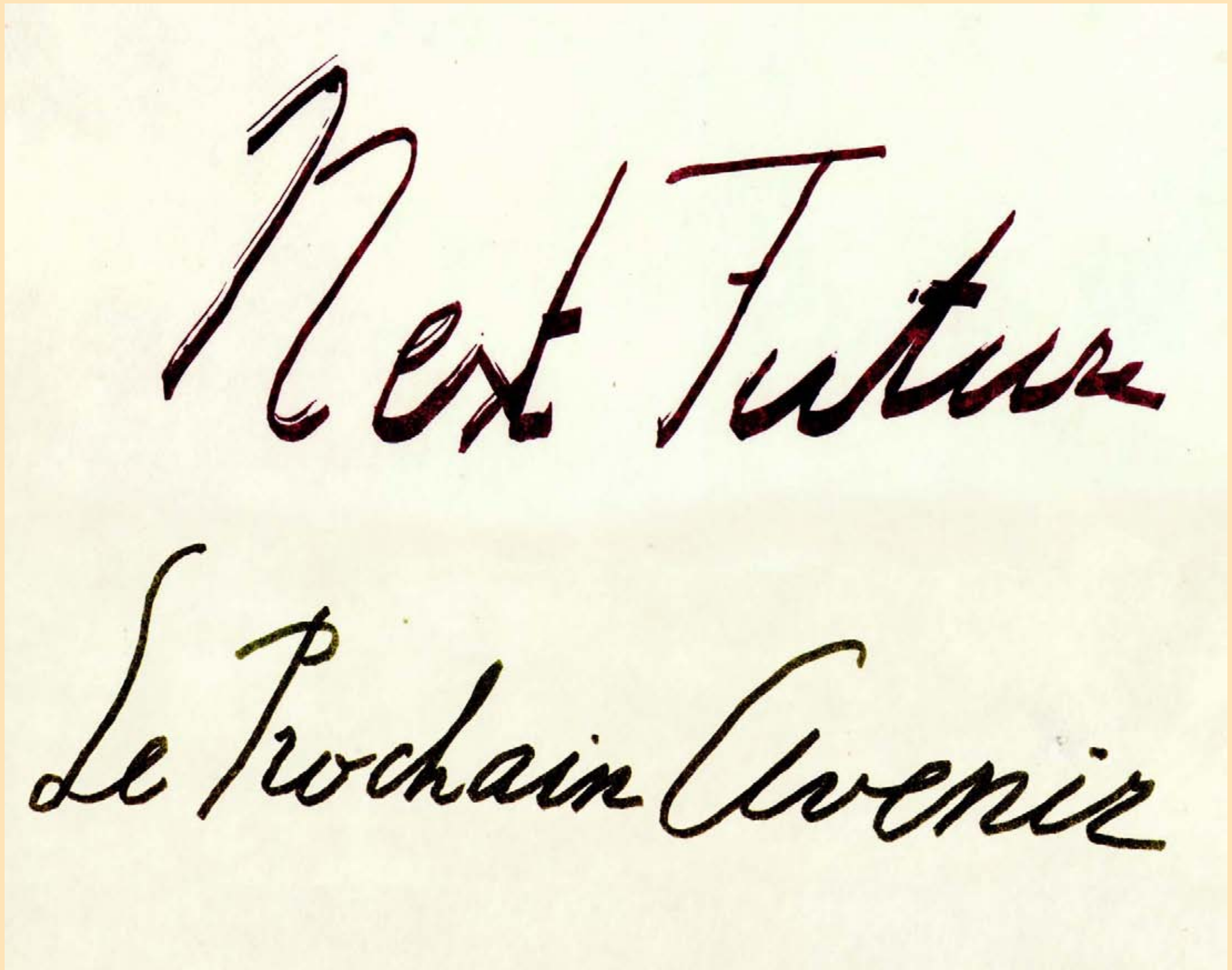
Q: Mother, I am having difficulty in writing for Purodha. I can very well see the hollowness of what I write. The life is missing. And yet I have to write because I have the responsibility of the monthly.

The Mother's reply although simple, left no room for doubt:

"Call Sri Aurobindo to your help, and it will be all right."

The Mother's advice to Ravindra

When the need was felt for an international magazine, the Mother gave it the name 'Next Future' for the English edition and 'Le Prochain Avenir' for the French version.

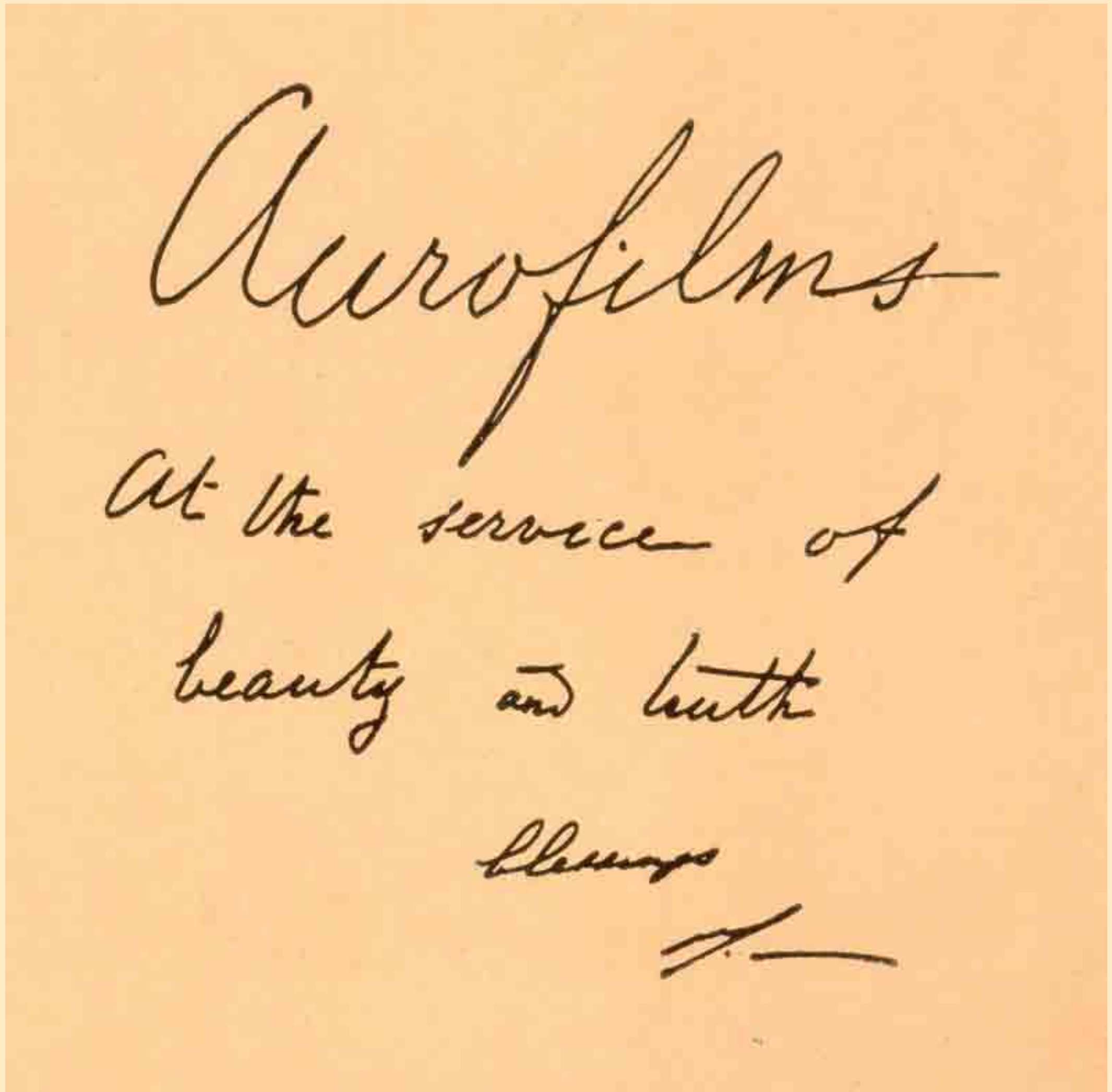


Next Future
Le Prochain Avenir



THE WORK
GROWS
BY HER GRACE

The obvious next step from books and journals was towards films. The Mother set up a production unit for the making of films with a higher ideal and purpose. It was called 'Aurofilms' with the inspiring motto - *'Aurofilms at the service of Beauty and Truth'.*



True spirituality is not to
renounce life, but to make life
perfect with a Divine Perfection.

14.12.62

“True spirituality is not to renounce life but to make life perfect with a Divine Perfection.”

These words found expression in every action of the Mother – education, art, culture, business and economics too were brought into the spiritual fold. She started ‘Auroservice’ with the objective to strive for a new economic order based on truth and spiritual values. A catalogue of products and services called ‘Practical Guide’ was also published.

Auroservice.

Practical Guide


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In money matters, the Mother was informed of every donation and approved each expense. Every receipt bore her dynamic and elegant signature. It was not the amount donated but the spirit behind the offering that counted. Bank accounts were also started with her approval and received her signature as did the Balance Sheets.


SRI AUROBINDO SOCIETY

CIRCULAR RESOLUTIONS

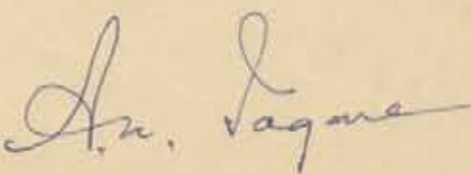
- 1) Resolved that the State Bank of India, Bombay, be and are hereby appointed Bankers to Sri Aurobindo Society who agree to comply with the rules of the Bank governing current accounts.
- 2) Resolved that all cheques on the banking account be signed and all bills, notes, and other negotiable instruments be drawn, accepted, and made on behalf of Sri Aurobindo Society by Madame M. Alfassa, The Mother, President of the Society.
- 3) Resolved that cheques, bills, notes and other negotiable instruments payable to the Society may be endorsed for the Society by the President mentioned in Resolution 2 or by the General Secretary of the Society for the time being.
- 4) Resolved that a copy of these Resolutions, signed by the Chairman, be handed to the Bank, together with specimens of the necessary signatures.



PRESIDENT



GENERAL SECRETARY



MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7.9.66

Resolution for opening a Bank Account of Sri Aurobindo Society

Even the appointment of a part-time accountant at Rs 150/- per month was done only if it had the approval of the Mother.

[Kishori needs a man for
accounts. He wants to employ
one K. Sundaresan, part time. He has
experience as well as a degree in A/c.
Rs. 150 for four hours every day. (2 Photos
enclosed) *The man is good, but is it necessary
just now?*
Pranams
Nava

The Mother’s instructions regarding a new worker

SRI AUROBINDO ASHRAM TRUST
PONDICHERRY
December 6, 1966

Rs. 53,297/- only,
Recd on: Nov. 28, '66,
Ref: To Sri Aurobindo Society,

Received the sum of RUPEES FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-
SEVEN ONLY-
from Sri Aurobindo Society.
as an offering made to the Ashram

No. R- /A 584

THE MOTHER
SRI AUROBINDO ASHRAM
PONDICHERRY.

Receipt for an offering made to Sri Aurobindo Ashram

SRI AUROBINDO SOCIETY
64, Rue d'Orleans, Pondicherry,—2 (S. India)

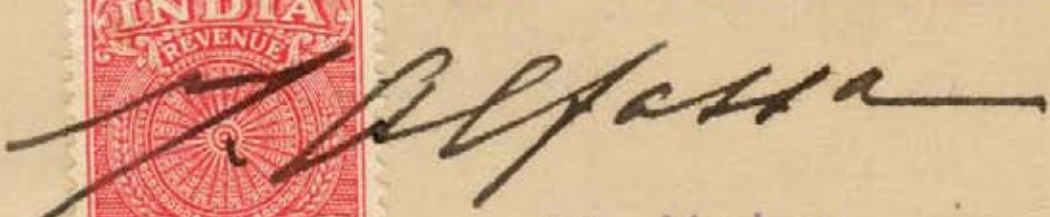
Date 12-1-64


No. 1487

Received from M/s Liberty Finance (P.) Ltd.

the sum of Rupees One hundred only by Cheque No. 033476 as offering.

Rs. 100/-

For Sri Aurobindo Society

The Mother
President



Receipt signed by the Mother

The Union Bank of India Limited.
(ESTABLISHED 1919)
CLIVE ROW, CALCUTTA


C. D. A/c. No. 235741



Pay Sri Aurobindo Society or Bearer

Rupees Five Thousand & one only

Rs. 5001/-

For BHARAT COMMERCIAL CO.
Vidua Deshmukh
Sole Proprietor



Sri Aurobindo Society

All our Stamps Cancelled
BY THE UNITED COMMERCIAL BANK LTD.

Accountant,
Pondicherry Branch
1964

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| 80 | 75 | 70 | 65 | 60 | 55 | 50 | 45 | 40 | 35 |
| 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 70 |
| 75 | 80 | 85 | 90 | 95 | 100 | 125 | 150 | 175 | 200 |
| 225 | 250 | 275 | 300 | Exceeding Rupees Three last | | | | | |

Cancelled cheque endorsed by the Mother


SATI NATH CHATTOPADHYA
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

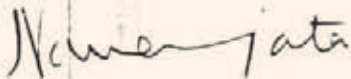
Liabilities :

| | | |
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| | | Rs. P. |
| | b/f. | 21,97,069. 85 |
| <u>General Fund:</u> | | |
| Excess of income over expenditure as on I.I.67. | 2,73,475. 20 | |
| Add this year's income. | 9,646. 38 | 2,83,121. 58 |
| | <hr/> | |
| | Rs. | <hr/> 24,80,191. 43 <hr/> |

| | |
|--|---------------|
| | Rs. P. |
| b/f. | 20,88,334. 65 |
| <u>Sundry Debtors</u> (considered good by management) | 83,414. 62 |
| <u>Bank Balances</u> (including balances at the branches) | 2,83,449. 80 |
| <u>Cash in hand</u> (in Head Office and Branches as per book) | 24,992. 36 |
| | |
| Rs. | 24,80,191. 43 |

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Members, Executive Committee.


 PRESIDENT.


 General Secretary & Treasurer.

Little & Thompson
Chartered Accountants.

Sri Aurobindo Society.


SATE NATH CHATTOPADHYA
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT


Income And Expenditure Account For The Year Ended 31st. December, 1967.

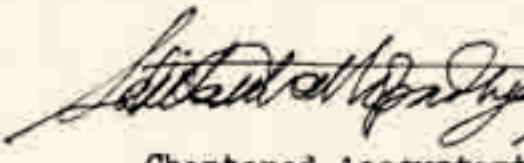
| | Rs. P. |
|--|--------------|
| To Donation. | 1,87,776. 48 |
| " Membership Services. | 12,388. 62 |
| " International Students Exchange Programme. | 2,500. 00 |
| " Meetings, Programmes and Functions. | 2,050. 09 |
| " Publication Expenses. | 37,659. 09 |
| " Rent Electricity and Tax. | 10,558. 99 |
| " Travelling and Conveyance. | 370. 24 |
| " Salaries and Establishment. | 17,039. 20 |
| " Postage Etc. | 4,549. 34 |
| " Printing and Stationery. | 806. 98 |
| " Repairs and Maintenance. | 3,383. 19 |
| " Farm Expenses. | 4,363. 90 |
| " Bank Charges. | 60. 72 |
| " Children Boarding House Expenses. | 26,863. 75 |
| " Guest House Expenses. | 67,132. 01 |
| " Big Girls Boarding Expenses. | 5,664. 15 |
| " Depreciation. | 10,330. 00 |
| " General Expenses. | 7,172. 55 |
| " Excess of income over expenditure. | 9,646. 38 |
| | <hr/> |
| | <hr/> |
| Rs. | 4,10,515. 88 |


Members, Executive Committee.

| | Rs. P. |
|--|--------------|
| By Membership. | 40,930. 10 |
| " Donation. | 1,75,407. 07 |
| " Sales of Books and Miscellaneous Articles. | 5,402. 60 |
| " Sales - Annuals. | 186. 95 |
| " Interest. | 4,201. 05 |
| " Children's Boarding Fees. | 34,800. 00 |
| " Purodha Subscription and Sales. | 20,916. 22 |
| " Guest House Receipts. | 69,754. 34 |
| " Advertisement. | 53,914. 25 |
| " Farm and Forest Receipts. | 3,764. 00 |
| " Miscellaneous Receipts. | 1,239. 30 |


PRESIDENT.


General Secretary & Treasurer.

Rs. 4,10,515. 88

Chartered Accountant.

Income and Expenditure Account signed by the Mother

As the number of visitors and devotees increased, guest houses were started and named by her. The Good Guest House has the added privilege of having had the Mother meditate in what now serves as the meditation room.

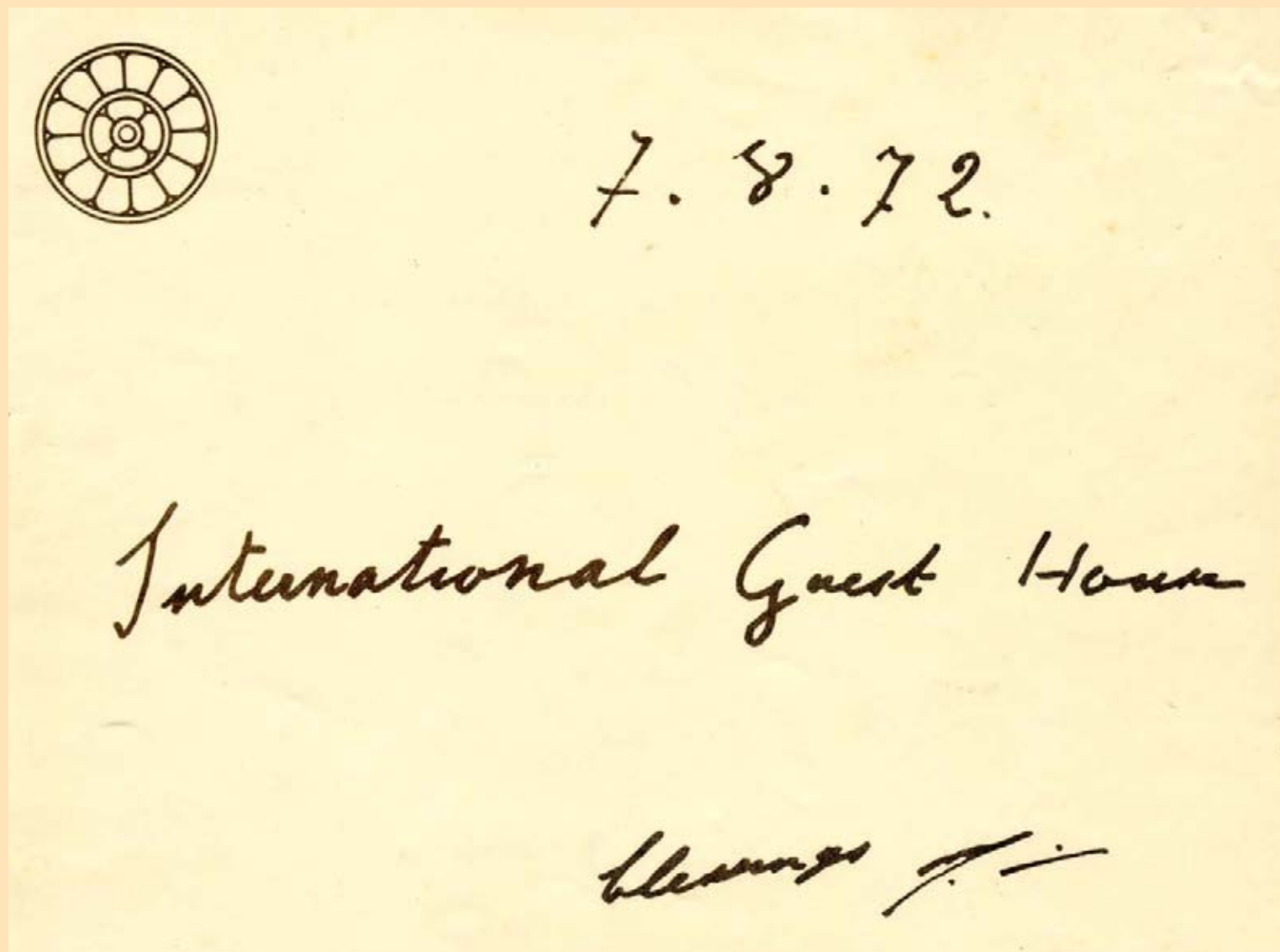


A view of the Good Guest House



Meditation Room at the Good Guest House

By 1971, construction of a fourth guest house began to take place. Everyone worked day and night to complete it in time for SriAurobindo's Birth Centenary in 1972. It was called International Guest House by the Mother. She named a fifth guesthouse as Shelter.



A view of the International Guest House

A comprehensive programme was organized for the Birth Centenary of Sri Aurobindo in 1972. The Society prepared a pictorial Exhibition Set - 'Towards the Future' - which was sent by the Government of India to all its embassies. On this occasion, the Mother gave a message in French:

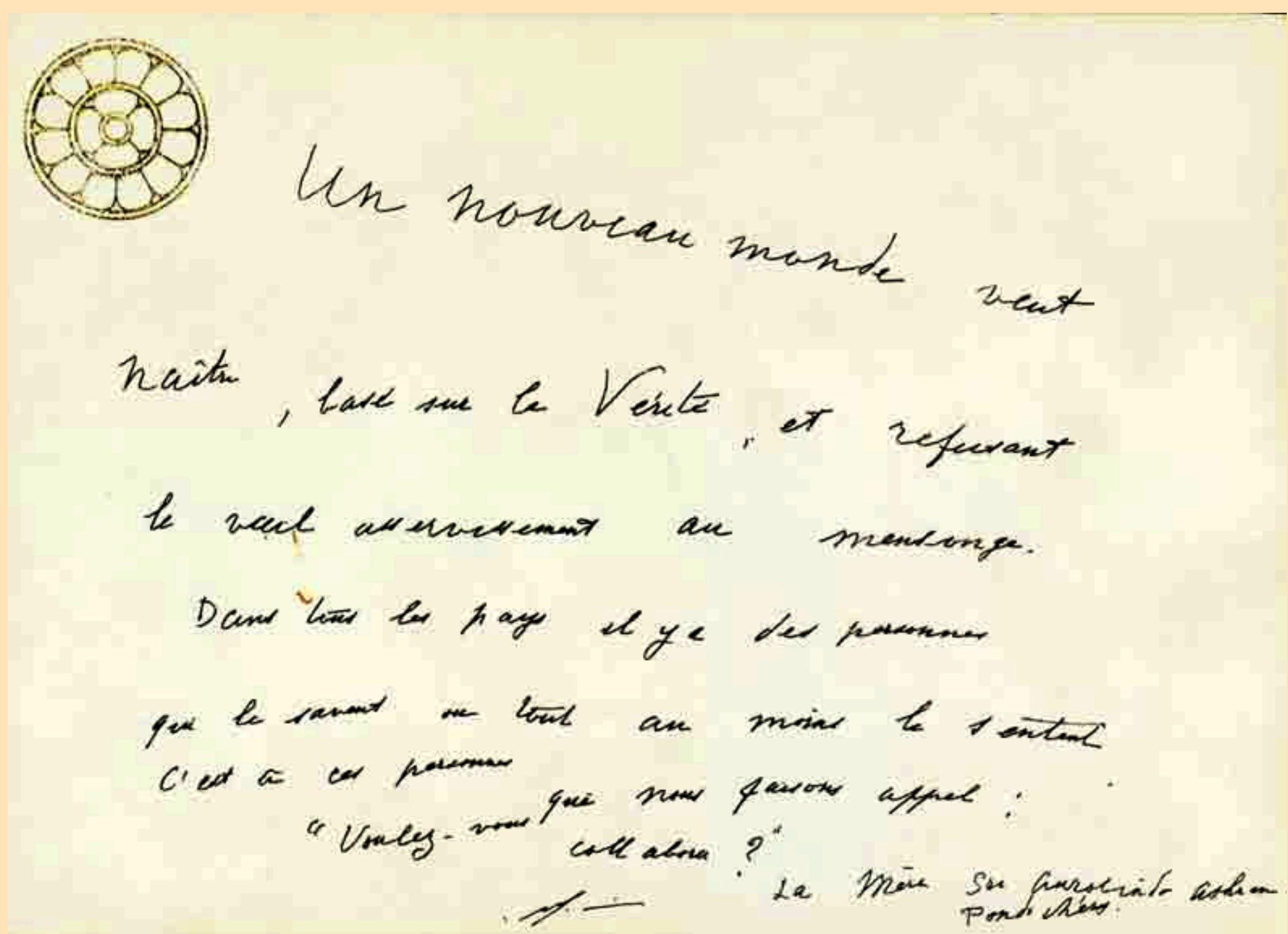
A new world, based on Truth and refusing the old slavery to falsehood, wants to take birth.

In all countries there are people who know it, at least feel it.

To them we call:

"Will you collaborate?"

She signed it as 'The Mother, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry'.



Message given by the Mother for the Exhibition Set



Strange, remote and splendid,
 Childhood's fancy pure
 Thrills to thoughts we cannot fathom,
 Quick felicities obscure.

— Sri Aurobindo



True spirituality is not to renounce life, but to make life perfect with a Divine Perfection.

— The Mother

Pages from the Exhibition Set



AUROVILLE

In 1930, the Mother was asked about the descent of the Supramental Consciousness and its connection with the material world. She said:

“Once, however, the connection is made, it must have its effect in the outward world in the form of a new creation, beginning with a model town and ending with a perfect world.”

In 1964, Auroville took birth on the physical plane as the outcome of the First World Conference of Sri Aurobindo Society and aspired to be this model town, forerunner of a perfect world.

Auroville wants to be a
universal town where men
and women of all countries
are able to live in peace
and progressive harmony,
above all creeds, all politics
and all nationalities.

The purpose of Auroville
is to realise human unity.

8-9-65.

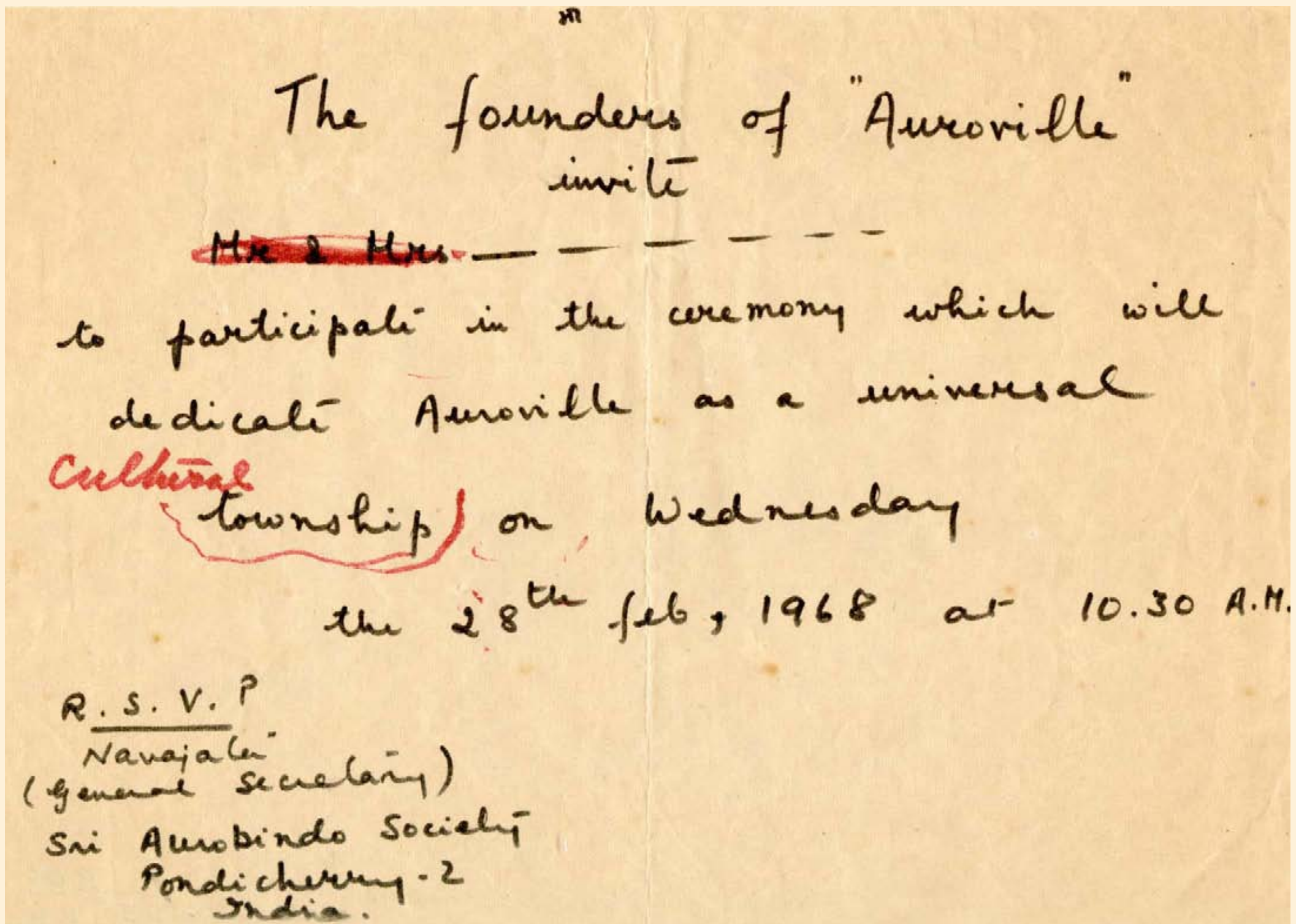


Auroville
la ville dont
la terre a besoin.

The city the earth
needs.

The Mother's messages for Auroville

The Foundation Ceremony of Auroville took place on 28th February 1968. The Mother looked at each detail and even made changes to the draft of the invitation card.



Invitation Card for the Foundation Ceremony, corrected by the Mother



Youth of the world participating in the Foundation Ceremony of Auroville

The Mother herself approved and signed the papers, whether it was related to Application Forms, opening of Bank Accounts, purchase of Land, or fixing the date for the foundation of Matrimandir.

To
The President
Sri Aurobindo Society
Pondicherry - 2

Date: 20-3-1966

Revered Mother,

I have read the above conditions and accept the same. I shall be grateful if the use of2,000 (Three thousand Square feet)..... is allotted to me. My photograph is enclosed.

Name BHAGAVANDAS
(In Block Letters)
AGRAWAL.

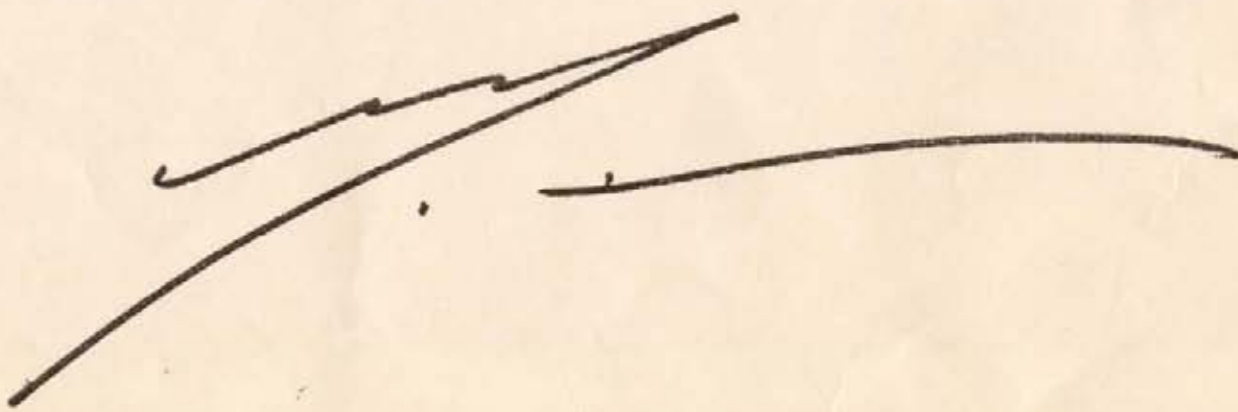
Address PO. RAJMAHAL
DIST. SANTHAL PARAGANAS
(BIHAR STATE)

Procedure of payment

Now, Rs 1000-00 (one thousand),
1967, MARCH - 1000-00 (one thousand),
& 1968 " 1000-00 (one thousand)

Bhagavandas Agrawal
Signature

The Mother's Order

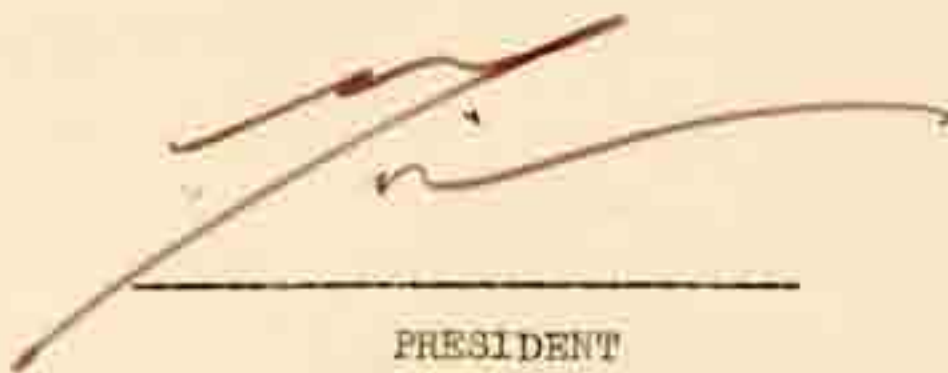


Application Form for joining Auroville

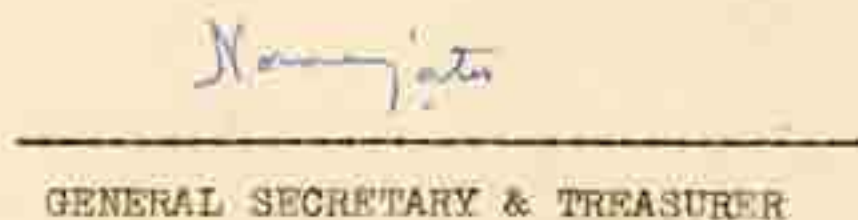
CIRCULAR RESOLUTION

Resolved that a current account of Sri Aurobindo Society styled 'Sri Aurobindo Society Auroville' be opened with the Indian Bank Ltd., Pondicherry, and that the Bank be and is hereby authorised to honour all cheques/or other orders drawn on behalf of Sri Aurobindo Society provided that such cheques, orders, receipts, bills or notes are signed by The Mother (Madama M. Alfassa), President of the Society, and to debit such cheques, orders, etc. to the said account and to act on any instruction given by the said person.

Further resolved that the Bank be and is hereby authorised also to accept for deposit in the said accounts cheques, drafts etc. drawn in favour of Sri Aurobindo Society or in favour of Auroville.



PRESIDENT



GENERAL SECRETARY & TREASURER

25.4.1968



MEMBER, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

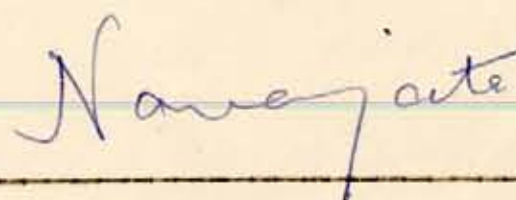
Resolution for opening a Bank Account of Auroville

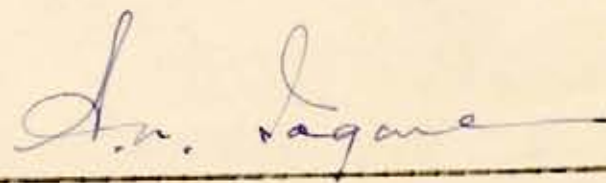
CIRCULAR RESOLUTION

Resolved that Navajata, General Secretary of 'Sri Aurobindo Society' be and is hereby authorised to acquire lands by purchase, lease, Government acquisition, assignment or otherwise, for 'Auroville' or any other objects of the Society and to negotiate on behalf of the Society therefor and to execute and sign all papers, guarantees, indemnities and documents in connection therewith and to have registered the same.

Resolved that Navajata, General Secretary of 'Sri Aurobindo Society' be and is hereby specifically authorised to represent the Society before any Government authority whatsoever and sign all papers and documents on behalf of the Society addressed to or with any Government authority or Department whatsoever in connection with land acquisition, grants, assignment, etc. for any purpose whatsoever.



PRESIDENT

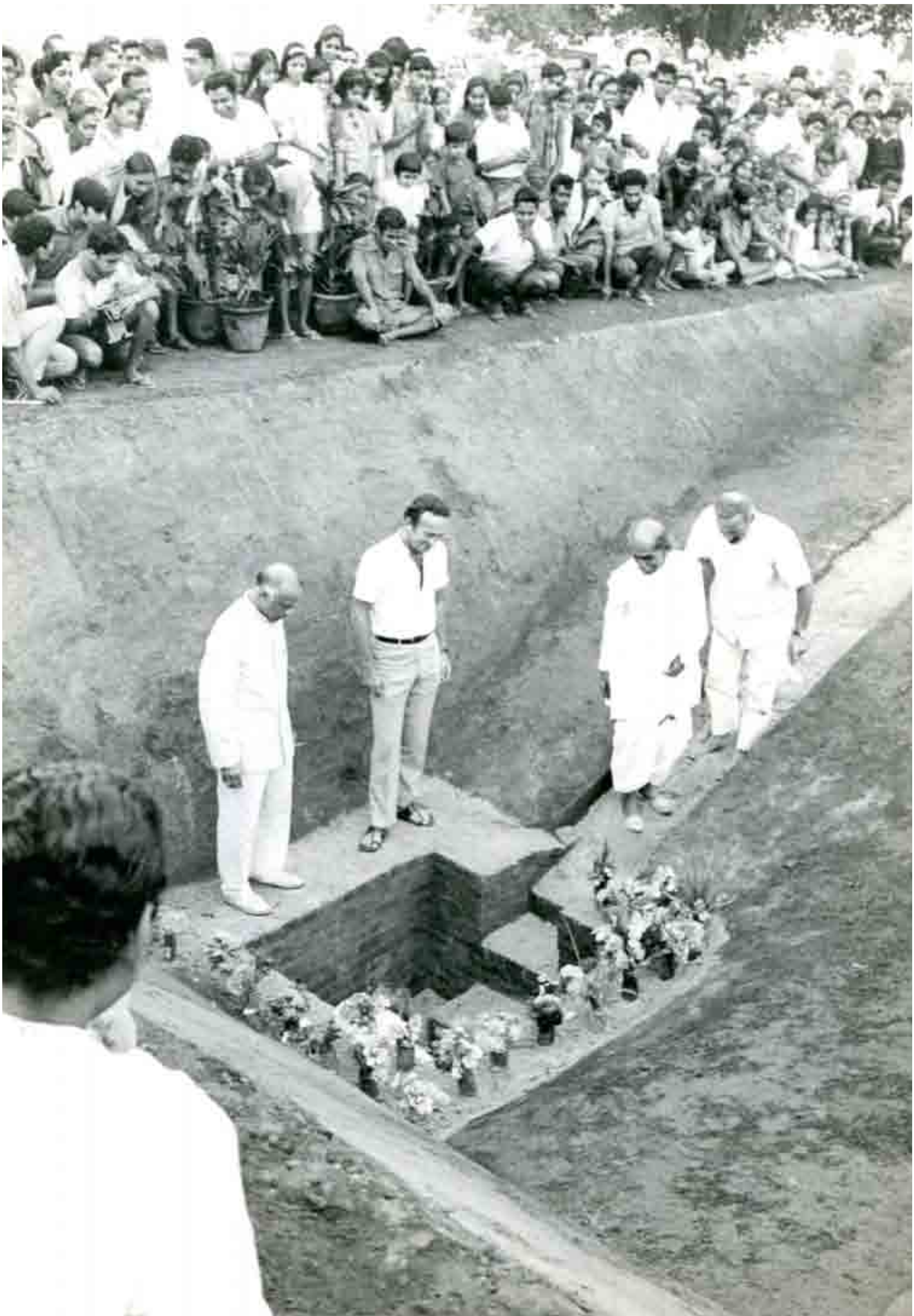
GENERAL SECRETARY & TREASURER

MEMBER, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

19.8.67

Resolution signed by the Mother for the purchase of land for Auroville

Foundation of Matrimandir in February 1971

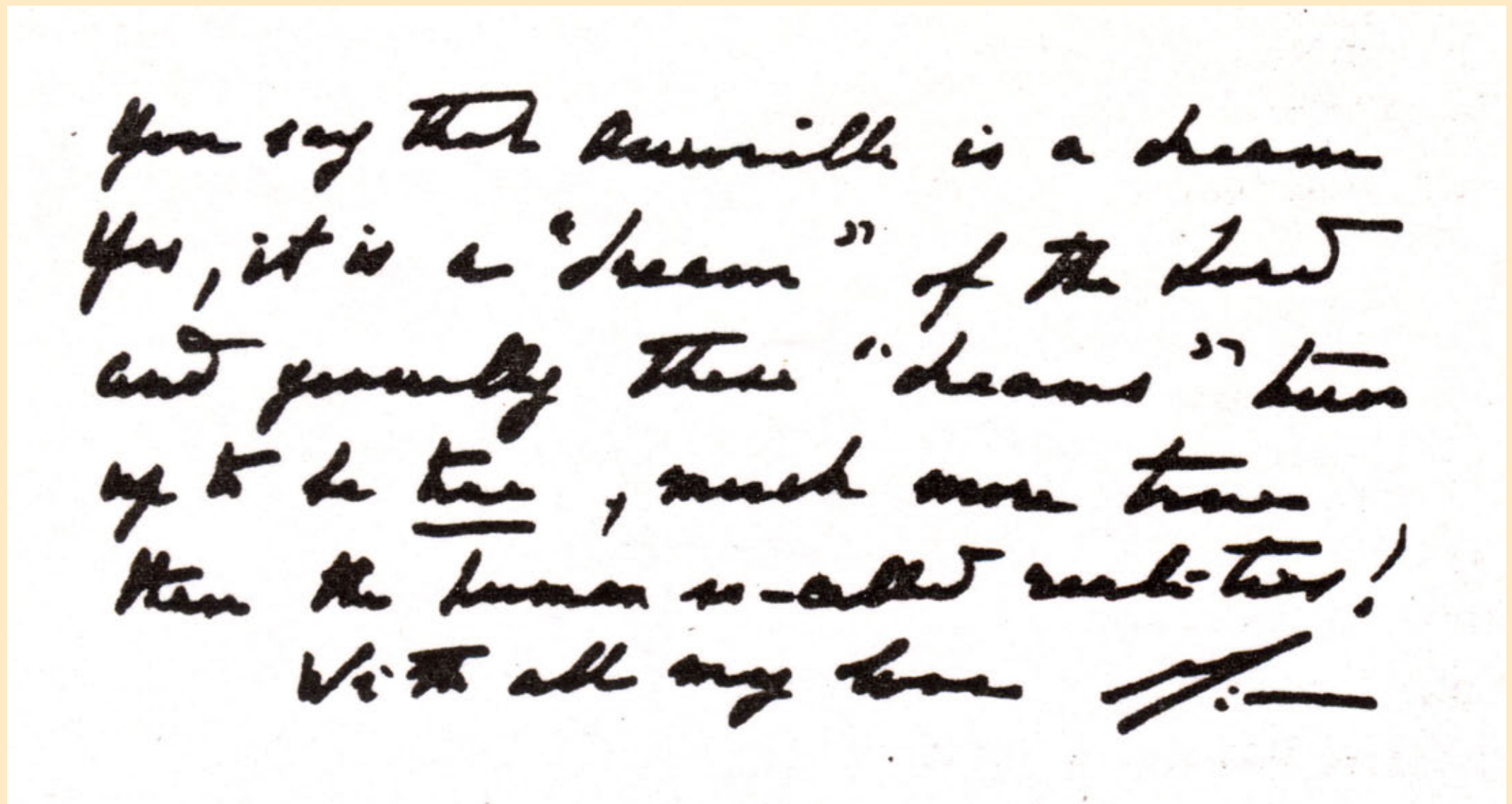


(L to R): Shri Navajata, Mr. Roger Anger, Shri Nolini Kanta Gupta

Is Auroville only a dream or will it ever become a reality?

The Mother's answer:

"You say that Auroville is a dream. Yes, it is a "dream" of the Lord and generally these "dreams" turn up to be true, much more true than the human so-called realities!"

A photograph of a handwritten letter in cursive script on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The ink is dark, possibly black or dark brown. The text is written in a fluid, personal style. The letter reads: "You say that Auroville is a dream. Yes, it is a 'dream' of the Lord and generally these 'dreams' turn up to be true, much more true than the human so-called realities!" followed by "With all my love" and a stylized signature consisting of a horizontal line with a diagonal stroke through it.

You say that Auroville is a dream
Yes, it is a "dream" of the Lord
and generally these "dreams" turn
up to be true, much more true
than the human so-called realities!
With all my love —

A letter of the Mother to Huta



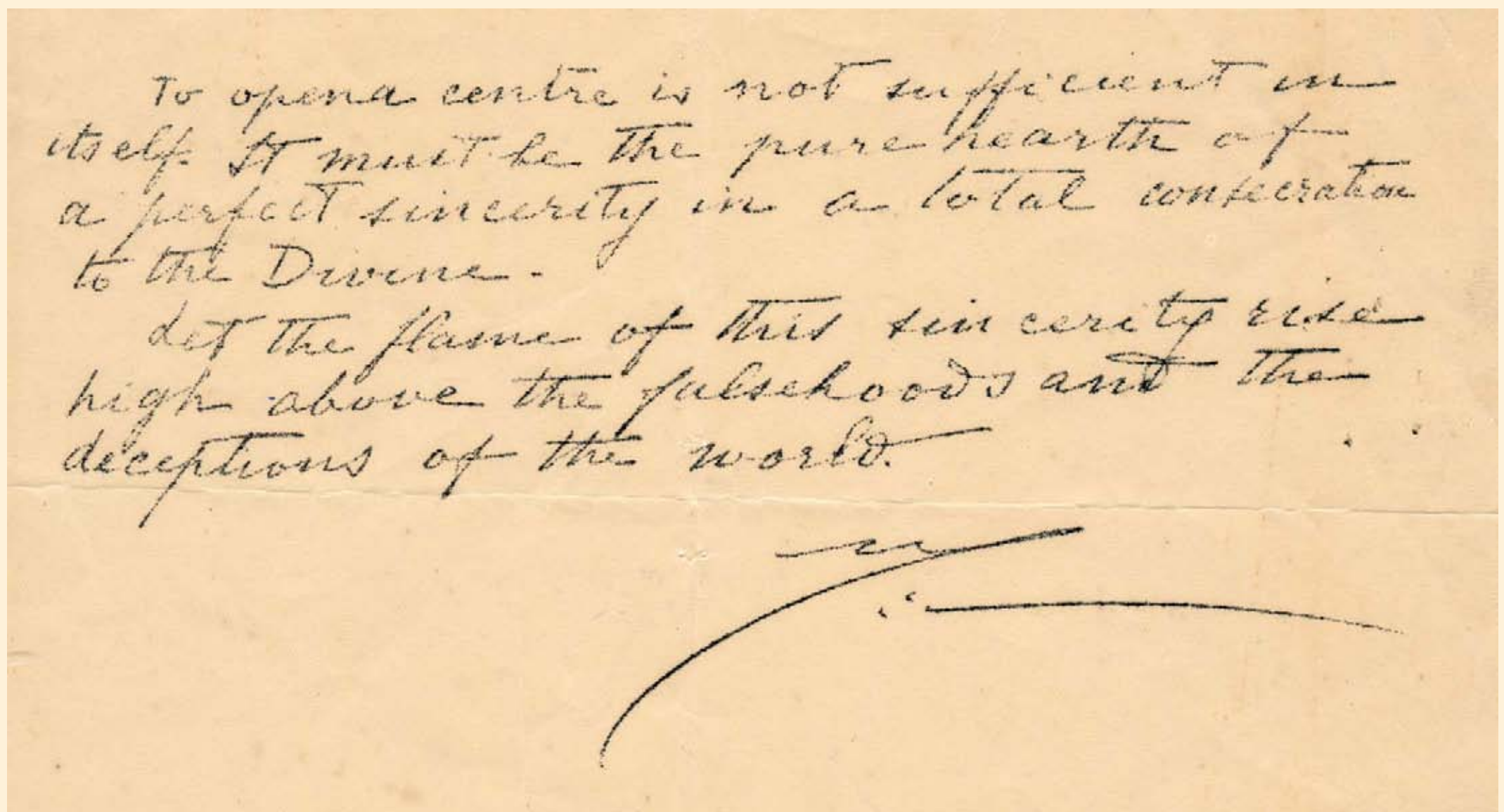
THE MOTHER'S GUIDANCE FOR CENTRES AND BRANCHES

With the growth of interest in Integral Yoga, many individuals were keen to form groups to pursue their individual and collective Sadhana and to work for the Mother. Thus several centres and branches of the Society came into existence.

One of the most inspiring and beautiful messages was given to the Ranchi Branch:

“To open a centre is not sufficient in itself. It must be the pure hearth of a perfect sincerity in a total consecration to the Divine.

Let the flame of this sincerity rise high above the falsehoods and the deceptions of the world.”



Message for centres given by the Mother

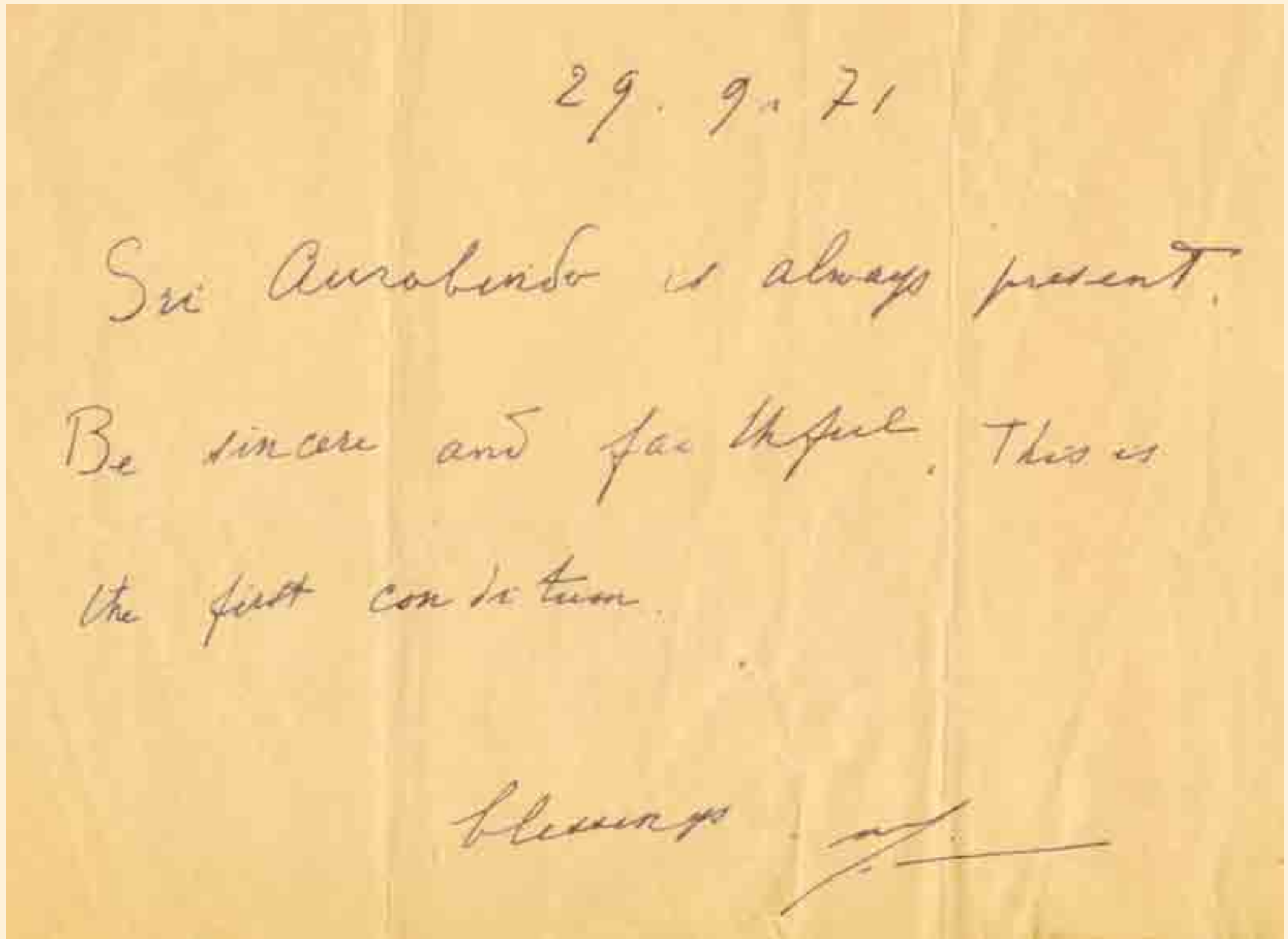
Among all the Branches of the Society, Baroda has a very special place for it was here that Sri Aurobindo spent 13 years, from 1893-1906, more than any other place in India except Pondicherry. The Branch is in the very building in which he once stayed, now known as Sri Aurobindo Nivas.



Sri Aurobindo Nivas at Baroda

In preparation of the Birth centenary of Sri Aurobindo in 1971, the Mother gave a message for the opening of Sri Aurobindo Nivas:

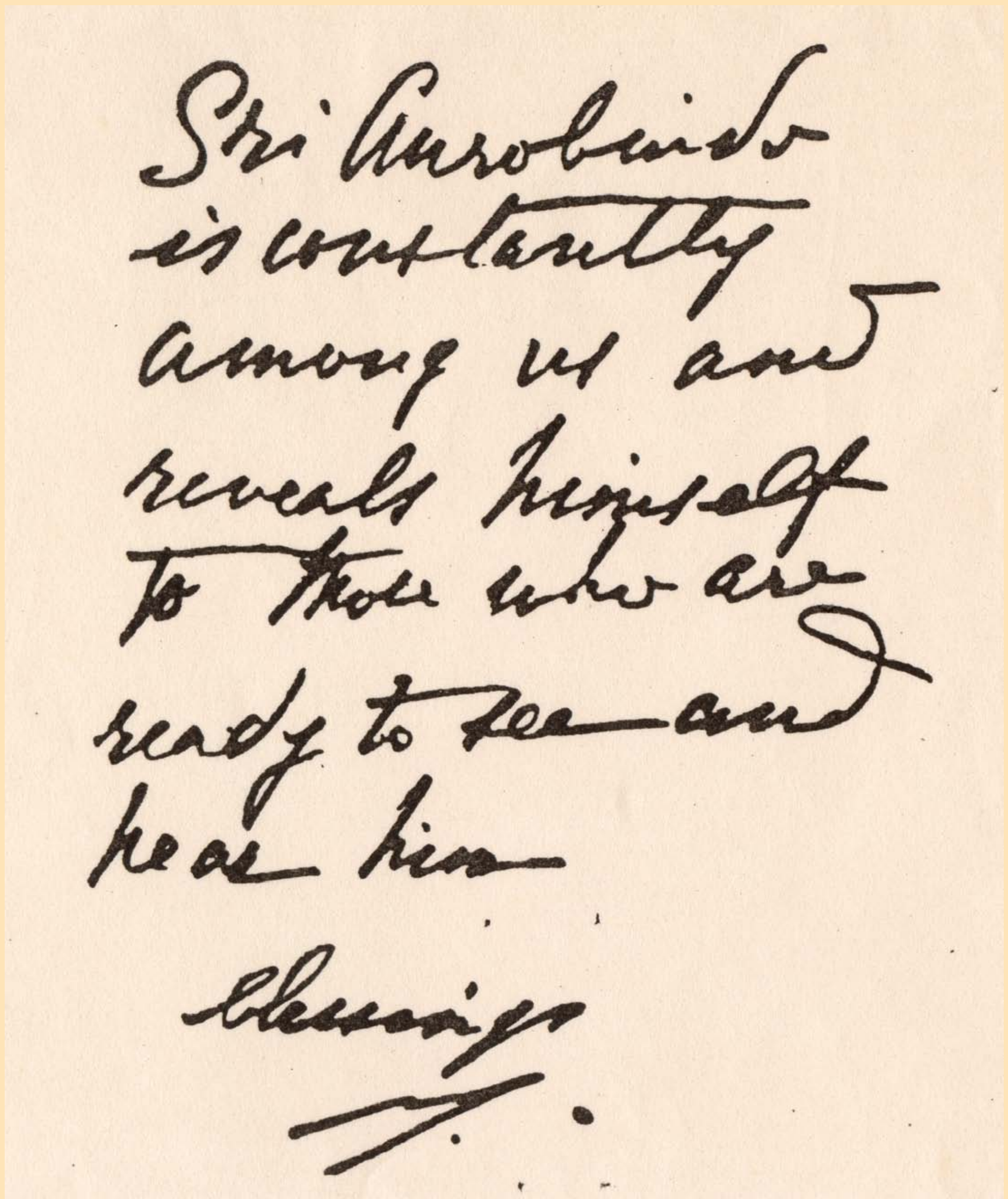
“Sri Aurobindo is always present. Be sincere and faithful. This is the first condition.”

A photograph of a piece of aged, yellowed paper with handwritten text in cursive. The text is written in dark ink. At the top, the date '29. 9. 71' is written. Below it, the message reads: 'Sri Aurobindo is always present. Be sincere and faithful. This is the first condition.' At the bottom, the word 'Blessings' is written, followed by a long, horizontal, wavy line that serves as a signature or flourish.

The Mother's message for the Baroda Branch

According to Mother's instructions, the relics were installed on 24th November 1972, at 10 a.m.. Her beautiful message for the occasion was:

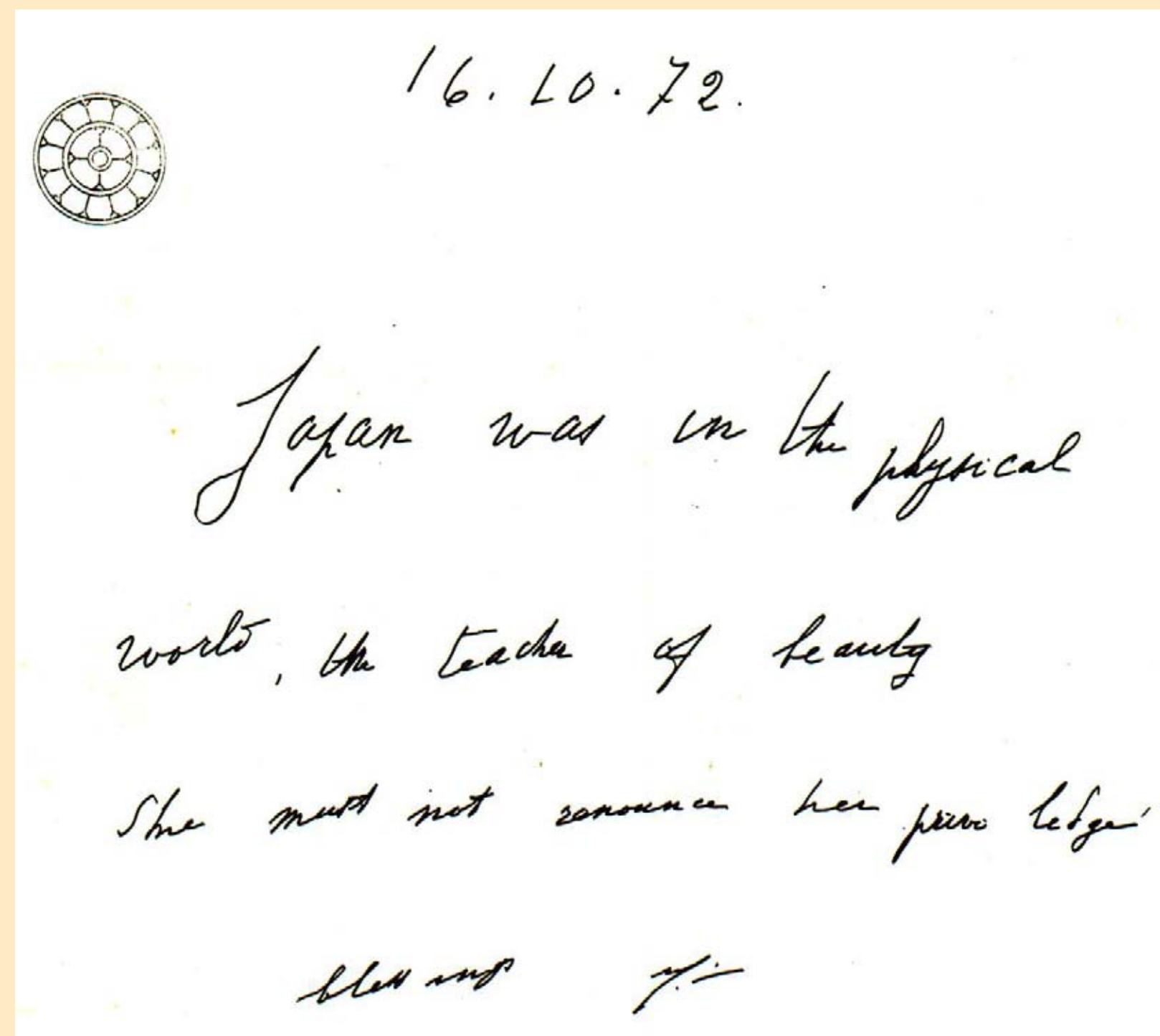
"Sri Aurobindo is constantly among us and reveals himself to those who are ready to see and hear him."

A photograph of a handwritten message in cursive script on a piece of paper. The text is written in dark ink and reads: "Sri Aurobindo is constantly among us and reveals himself to those who are ready to see and hear him". Below this, the word "Blessings" is written in a similar cursive style, followed by a large, stylized flourish that ends in a dot. The paper has a slightly textured appearance and some minor discoloration or foxing.

The Mother's message for the installation of the Relics at the Baroda Branch



The Mother in Japan around 1917



The Mother's message for the centre in Japan

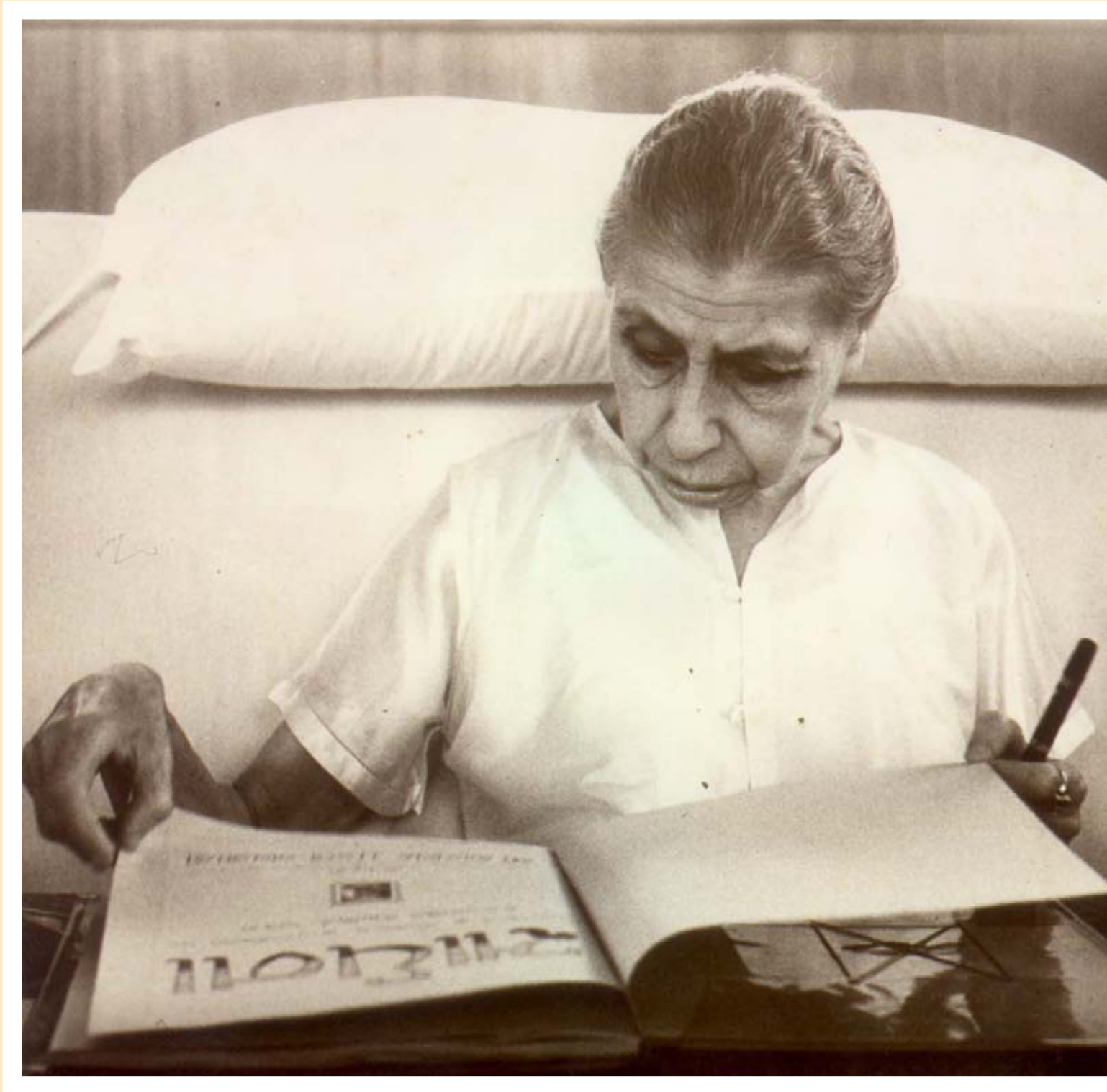
Mother had spent four years in Japan between 1916-1920 and so it was no surprise that in 1962 one of the first international centres was inaugurated in Japan. The Mother sent a message:

"Let the Supreme Beauty be manifest in this land of beauty so close to my heart."

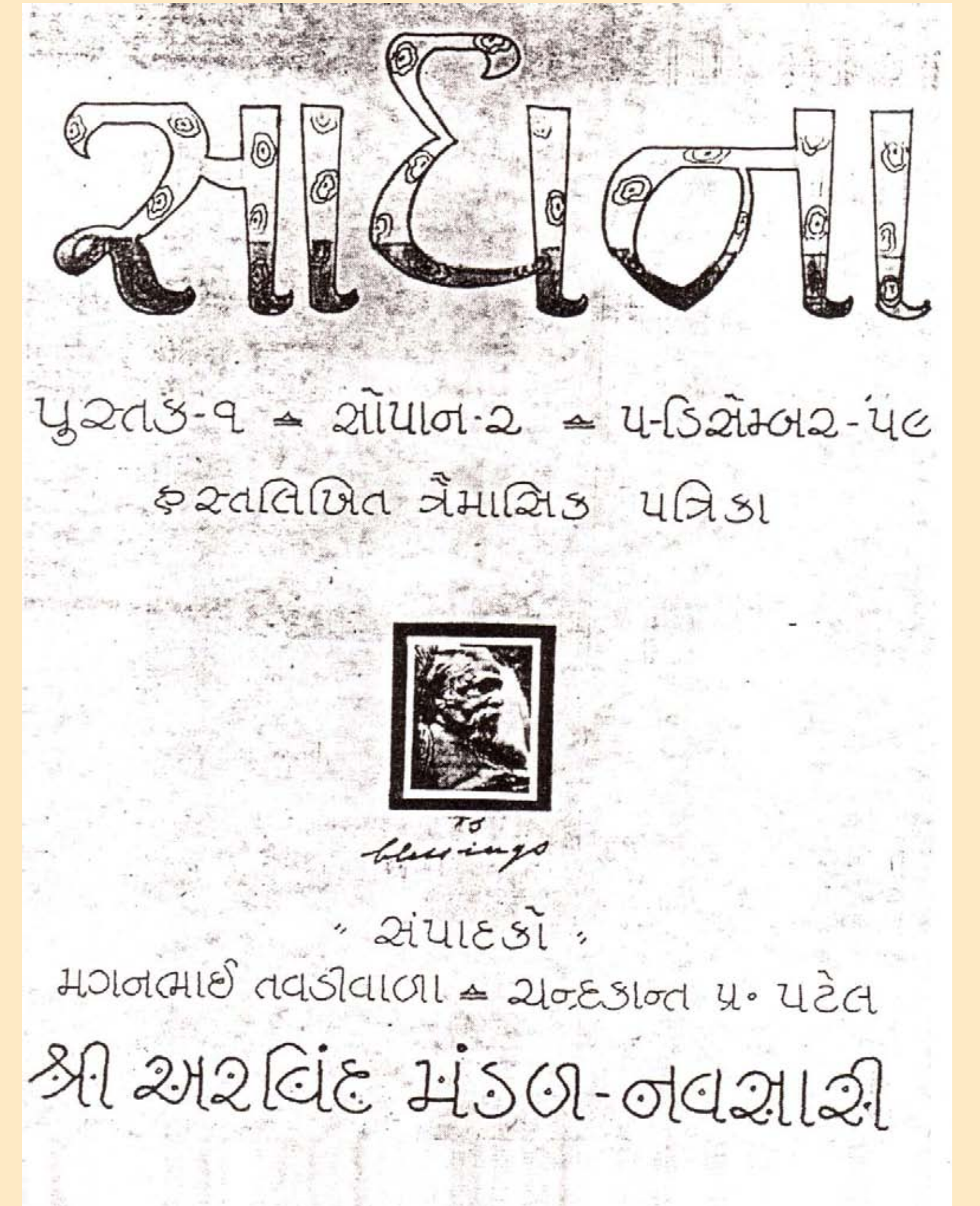
A decade later, she wrote:

"Japan was in the physical world, the teacher of beauty. She must not renounce her privilege."

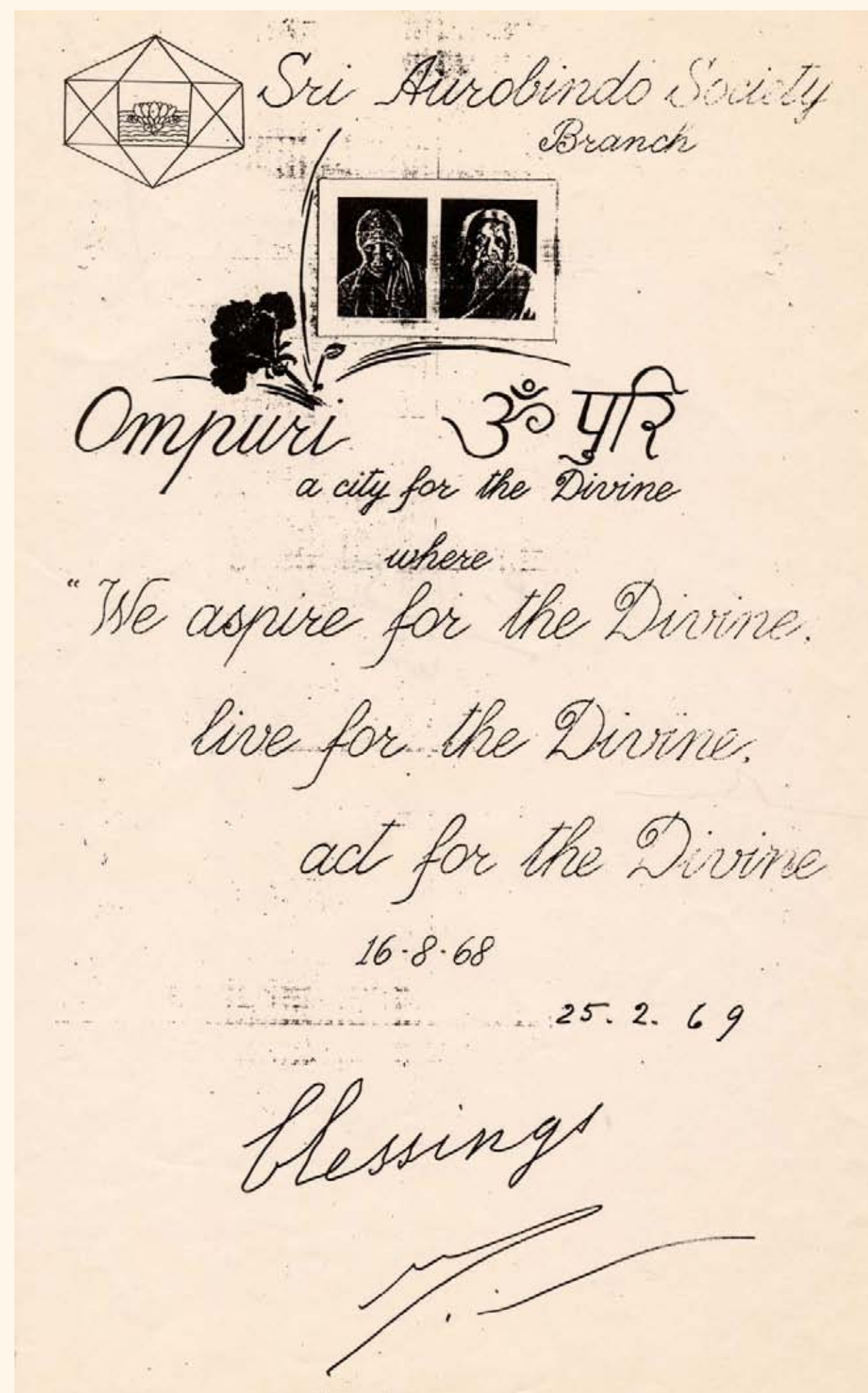
The Navsari Branch in Gujarat had started a hand-written journal in Gujarati called 'Sadhana' which the Mother took the time to go through. She gave it her blessings and also the blessings of Sri Aurobindo, by putting "s" below Sri Aurobindo's photograph.



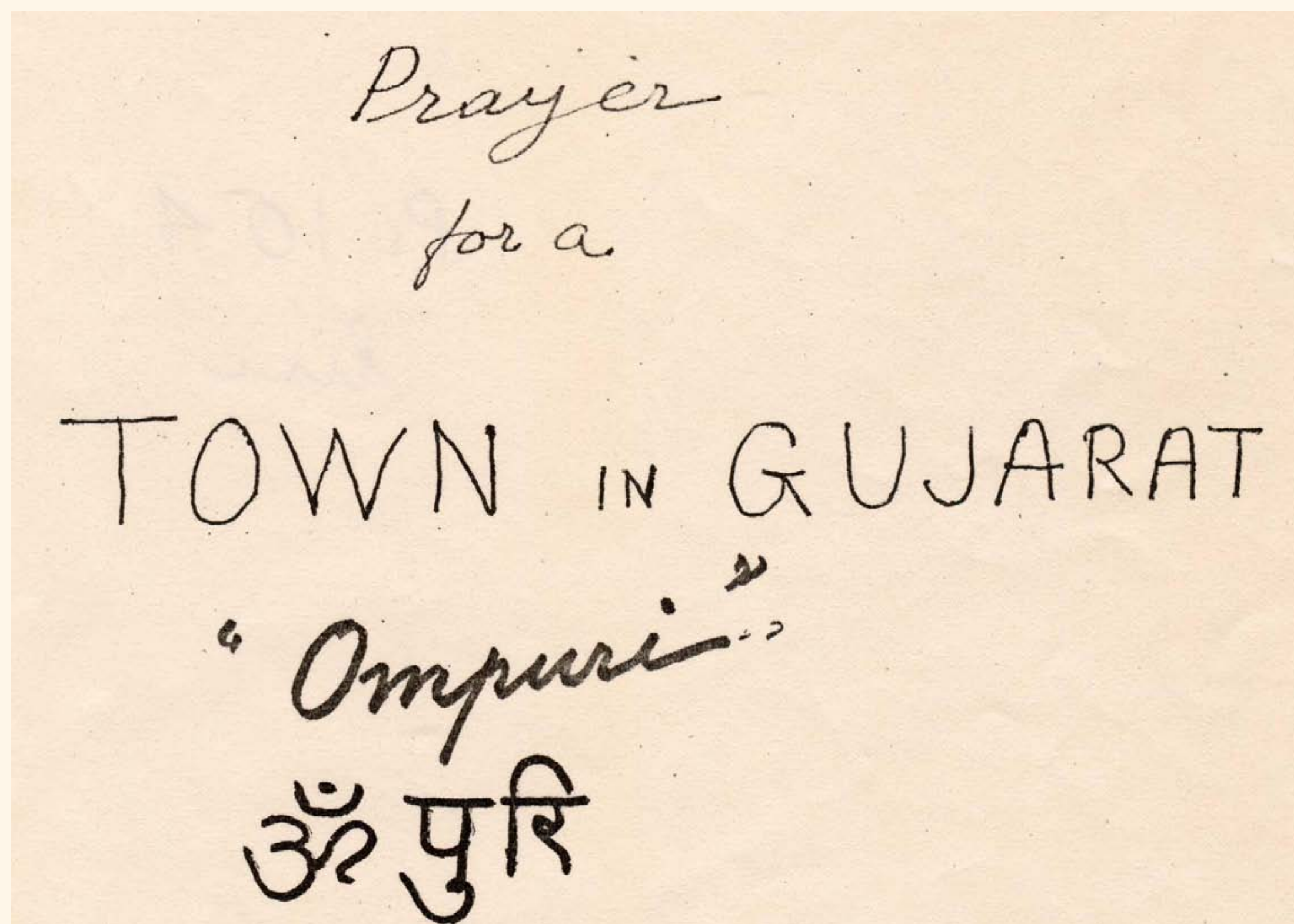
The Mother looking at the 'Sadhana' Journal



The first page of 'Sadhana' with Sri Aurobindo's Blessings given by the Mother

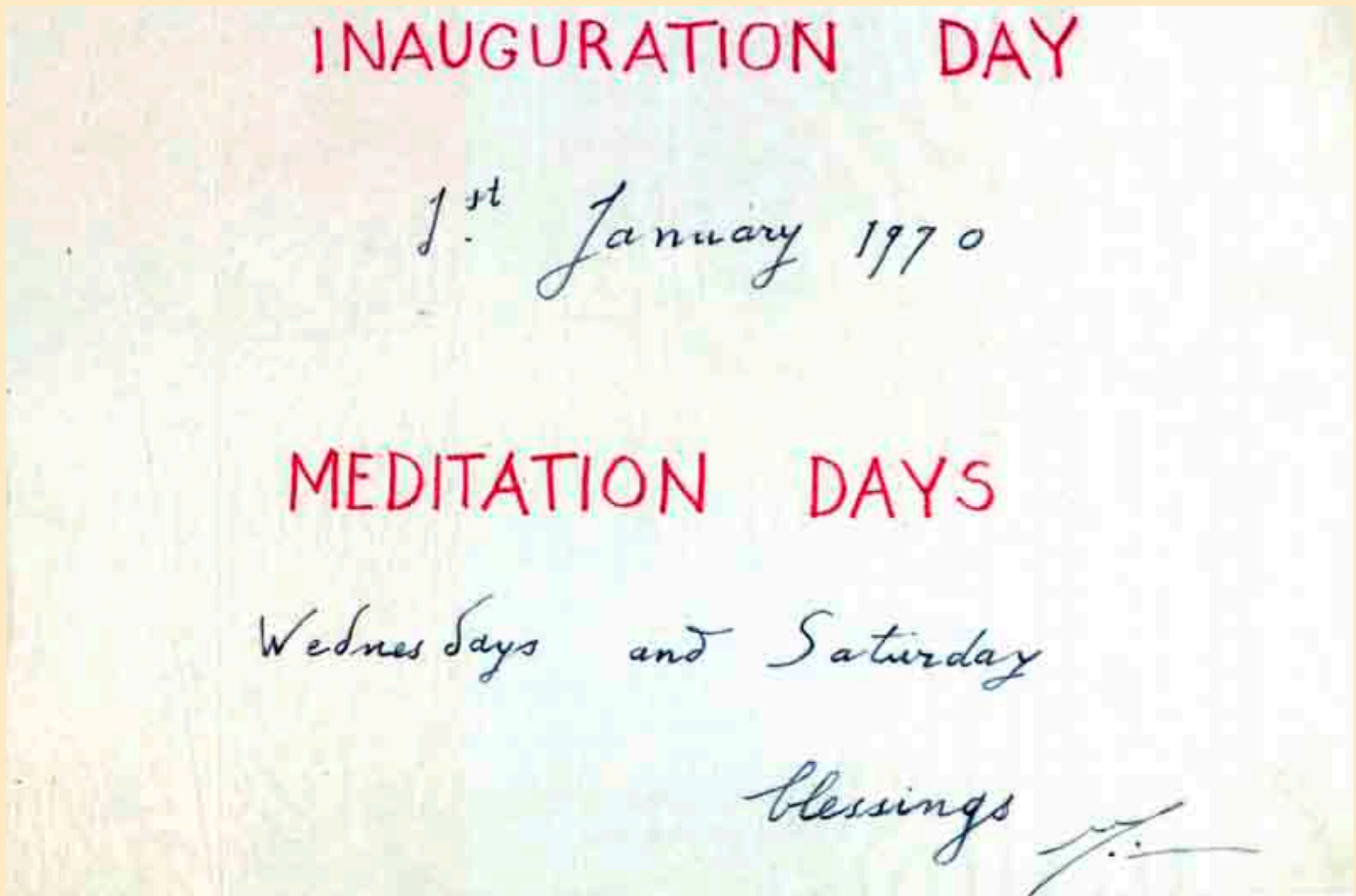


In 1967, during a camp for spiritual awakening held on the banks of the Narmada, an aspiration arose among the participants and a prayer was sent to the Mother for building "a city for the Divine, where we aspire for the Divine, live for the Divine, act for the Divine." The Mother granted the prayer and on 1st December 1967, she named the town 'Ompuri'.



Name and Blessings given by the Mother for the Ompuri Branch

Each branch or centre that came up in the early years received guidance and encouragement from the Mother, including inauguration date and even the days for meditation.



The Mother's guidance for the Peddar Road Branch at Mumbai

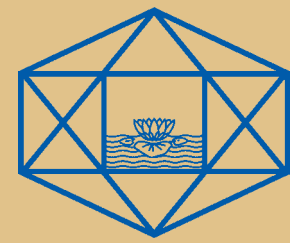
... on behalf of Sri Aurobindo Society
by Madame M. Alfassa, The Mother, President of the Society.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Alfassa', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

PRESIDENT



The Mother with Navajataji



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