



“A religion of humanity means the growing realization that there is a secret Spirit, a divine Reality, in which we are all one.”

- Sri Aurobindo, CWSA 25, p. 577



ICSSR Sponsored Two-Day National Seminar

on

Sri Aurobindo's Vision for Human Unity: A Bharatiya Model for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam

organised by

**Department of Educational Studies
Central University of Jammu**

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About the University

The Central University of Jammu (CUJ), established in 2011 under the Central Universities Act, 2009, is a premier institution of higher education located in the Samba district of Jammu & Kashmir. Spanning over 610 acres, the university is situated in a serene environment conducive to learning and research. CUJ is committed to academic excellence, innovation, and social responsibility, providing a wide range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs across disciplines such as Engineering, Business Studies, Life Sciences, Basic and Applied Sciences, National Security Studies, Humanities & Social Sciences, Mass Communication and Media Studies, Educational Studies and Languages. Equipped with modern infrastructure, state-of-the-art laboratories, a well-stocked library, and vibrant student facilities, CUJ emphasizes interdisciplinary research, inclusivity, and community outreach. The university regularly organizes workshops, seminars, and cultural events, fostering a dynamic campus life. With a vision to address regional and global challenges, CUJ has established itself as a center for quality education and holistic development, nurturing talent to contribute meaningfully to society and the nation.

About the Department

The Department of Educational Studies at the Central University of Jammu, established in 2012 under the School of Education, stands as a vibrant center of excellence in teacher education. The department offers Integrated Teacher Education Programmes (B.A.-B.Ed. & B.Sc.-B.Ed.), M.Ed., and Ph.D. in Education. It nurtures future teachers, researchers, and academic leaders through rigorous training and research engagement. Guided by Bhartiya knowledge traditions and aligned with contemporary educational reforms, it promotes academic excellence, innovation, and ethical professionalism for the holistic development of prospective teachers and teacher educators.



About the Seminar

This Two-day National Seminar invites reflective engagement with Sri Aurobindo's vision of human unity and the deeper meaning of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*. In a time of conflict, ecological strain, social fragmentation and war, when the world is looking towards Bharat for solutions, we can find not only the appropriate answers but also assurances in Sri Aurobindo's writings, which offer both spiritual depth and a strong philosophical framework for rethinking our shared future.

Sri Aurobindo's idea of unity is not uniformity but harmony born of inner growth, ethical responsibility, and an awakened consciousness that embraces diversity. His work speaks for peace building, social cohesion, education, governance, and sustainable development, grounded in a deeper understanding of human evolution. The seminar provides a platform to scholars, educators, researchers, and policy thinkers to discuss how Sri Aurobindo's vision can shape present institutional practices and reflect on practical and future-oriented approaches to human unity. The discussions will engage with his deeper philosophical vision of the evolution of consciousness and the progressive unity of humanity, exploring how these insights, rooted in the Indian Knowledge System, can meaningfully inform education, governance, and cultural life today for achieving a deeper and more enduring human unity.

How to Reach the Central University of Jammu

From Jammu Airport: Hire a taxi directly from the airport to the campus of the Central University Jammu. Taxis are readily available outside the terminal.

From Jammu Tawi Railway Station: Hire a taxi directly from the Jammu Tawi Railway Station to the university campus.

❖ By Public Transport From Jammu Tawi Railway Station

- Take a matador bus from Railway Station to **Vikram Chowk**. From Vikram Chowk, board an e-bus directly to the university or a bus heading toward **Rahya Morh**. From Rahya Morh, take an auto rickshaw to the university campus.

For any inconvenience related to transport, participants may contact the organizers for assistance.

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Objectives of the Seminar

- To provide an understanding of Sri Aurobindo's vision of human unity and its contemporary relevance.
- To discuss responses to social, cultural, and political fragmentation through his thought.
- To explore ethical and spiritually grounded leadership for peace and global cooperation.
- To discuss the practice of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* in education, society, and public policy.
- To provide insights into inner development and the evolution of consciousness for collective well-being.
- To explore Indian philosophical contributions to global responsibility and harmony.
- To discuss spiritually informed sustainable approaches to human development.
- To provide a platform for value based dialogue among students, scholars, educators, and policymakers.
- To explore practical applications of unity in education and society.

Sub-themes

- Sri Aurobindo's Vision of Human Unity to Resolve Social Fragmentation.
- Sri Aurobindo's Vision of Ethical Leadership for Global Peace.
- Practice of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* in Education, Society and Policy.
- Addressing Social, Political and Cultural Divisions through Spiritual Integration.
- Innovation in the Evolution of Consciousness and Global Cooperation.
- Indian Philosophical Thought For Global Human Unity.
- Spirituality and Sustainable Practical Action for Human Development.
- *Or any other relevant theme/topic related to the Seminar.*



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VENUE OF THE SEMINAR

Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium, Central University of Jammu

Call for Research Papers

Scholars, academicians, faculty members, researchers, policy makers, and students are invited to participate in the seminar and contribute to its academic deliberations. The seminar seeks thoughtful research papers that engage with the philosophical, educational, social, and ethical dimensions of human unity in the light of **Sri Aurobindo's vision**. Contributors are encouraged to submit original papers that connect theory with contemporary concerns and align with the sub-themes of the seminar. Participants have to present their papers in **offline mode only** during the seminar. The seminar aims to create an inclusive platform for dialogue, reflection, and knowledge sharing among diverse disciplines and perspectives, fostering meaningful academic exchange rooted in Indian knowledge traditions and global relevance.

Paper Submission Guidelines

- **Abstract:** The abstract should not be more than 250 words.
- **Referencing Style:** All citations and references must follow the APA 7 style.
- **Formatting:** The full paper should be typed in *Times New Roman*, 12 point font, with 1.5 line spacing and standard margins.
- **Word Limit:** The full-length paper should not exceed **5,000 words**, including references.
- **Originality:** Submissions must be original with less than **10% plagiarism** and not under consideration for publication elsewhere. *Authors are encouraged to ensure clarity, coherence, and adherence to academic ethics in all submissions.*
- ❖ *A maximum of **three authors** are permitted for each paper submission.*

Paper Publication

After a rigorous review, The selected full-papers will be considered for publication with an ISBN number. Authors must ensure that their full-papers are original and free from the degree of plagiarism (below 10%). Copyright for the published full-papers will remain with the publisher.

Registration Process

- Step 1:** Send your abstract to this email address:
seminarsriaurobindo2026@gmail.com
- Step 2:** Wait for the acceptance confirmation from the organizing committee.
- Step 3:** After confirmation, each author must register separately and pay the registration fee :



- Step 4:** Complete your individual registration by filling out the Google Form using this link:

<https://forms.gle/cWts4PEAuRoS4wb37>

Registration Fee

For Students	₹ 300
For Research Scholars	₹ 500
For Academicians/ Professionals	₹ 1000

Important Dates

Abstract Submission	2 nd March, 2026
Abstract Acceptance	7 th March, 2026
Full Paper Submission	15 th March, 2026
Full Paper Acceptance	18 th March, 2026

Organizing Committee

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Travel and Accommodation Support

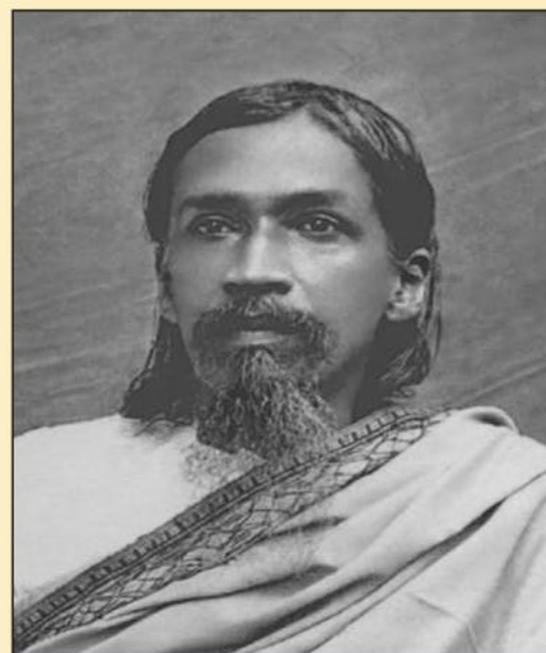
For each paper, **only one author** will be eligible for reimbursement of travel expenses up to AC 3 Tier train fare upon submission of valid tickets and supporting documents, as per the guidelines.

For outstation participants, accommodation may be arranged in the university hostel/guest house on sharing basis on prior intimation.

Participants are encouraged to read [The Ideal of Human Unity \(Vol. 25\)](#), of the *Collected Works of Sri Aurobindo*. This volume presents his detailed reflections on nationhood, internationalism, the spiritual foundations of human unity, and other related topics aligned with the sub-themes of the Seminar.

The Human Cycle The Ideal of Human Unity War and Self-Determination

[\(Click Here to Read the Volume\)](#)



Sri Aurobindo

“What Sri Aurobindo represents in the world's history is not a teaching, not even a revelation; it is a decisive action direct from the Supreme.”

- The Mother, 14th February, 1961

Explore Jammu

Participants visiting for the seminar are encouraged to explore the rich cultural and natural heritage of Jammu. The region offers sacred sites, historic landmarks, and scenic landscapes that reflect its unique blend of spirituality and tradition. A brief visit to nearby attractions can make your academic journey both enriching and memorable.



The Amar Mahal Palace Museum is a 19th-century historic site in Jammu, famous for its unique French-chateau style architecture and its collection of royal artifacts, most notably a 120 kg golden throne. Originally built for Raja Amar Singh of the Dogra dynasty, the palace was converted into a museum and inaugurated in 1975.

Mansar Lake is a serene freshwater lake surrounded by forested hills, known for its natural beauty and religious significance. It is a popular spot for boating and peaceful walks along its scenic banks.

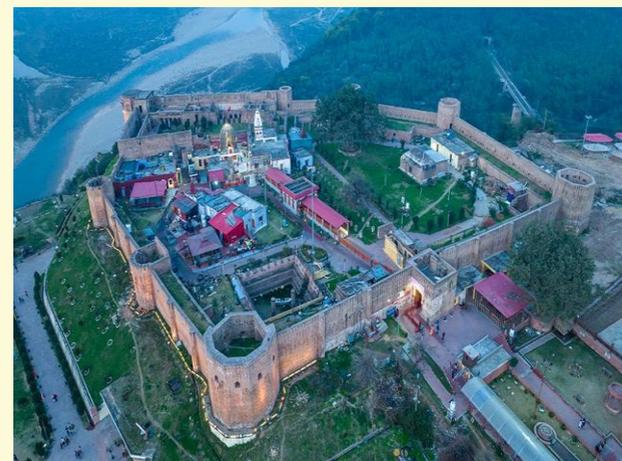
Surinsar Lake, located a short distance away, offers a quieter and more secluded atmosphere. Nestled amid lush greenery, it is ideal for visitors seeking calm surroundings and panoramic views of nature.



Raghunath Temple is one of the largest and most revered temple complexes in Northern India, dedicated to Lord Rama and built by the Dogra rulers in the 19th century. Known for its seven majestic spires, gold adorned interiors, and multiple shrines representing diverse Hindu deities, the temple stands as a remarkable blend of devotion and architectural grandeur in the heart of Jammu city.

Bahu Fort is one of the oldest historical structures in Jammu, believed to have been originally built by the Dogra rulers. Perched on a hill overlooking the Tawi River, the fort offers a commanding view of the city and reflects the region's architectural heritage.

Within the fort complex stands the revered *Bawey Wali Mata Temple*, popularly known as Bawa Mata Temple. Dedicated to Goddess Kali, it is an important spiritual centre and attracts devotees throughout the year.



Purmandal, revered as *Chhota Kashi* (Little Kashi), is an ancient and sacred temple town situated on the banks of the holy Devika River in Samba district. With a spiritual legacy spanning nearly 2,600 years, it is primarily dedicated to Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. The town is home to 108 historic temples, many housing naturally formed *Aap Shambhu* Shivalings, making it a deeply revered centre of devotion and pilgrimage.