



Friends of Dalijoda

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I know that mighty gods are friends of earth. - Sri Aurobindo

Here must the traveller of the upward Way—
For daring Hell's kingdoms winds the heavenly route—
Pause or pass slowly through that perilous space,
A prayer upon his lips and the great Name.

(Savitri/210)

Sri Aurobindo

Letters from Babaji Maharaj

The more trees we plant, more will be the beauty of the Ashram. It will also help reduce temperature during summer. Do not be casual towards protecting Cashew plants this year. Do whatever is necessary for their protection. In 30 Acres of land, plant Teak, *Sal* and *Piasal* trees; 30 acres will be reserved for forest area. If there are trees, there will be rain. Plant Yam (*deshi alu*) on the fence and in the Ashram courtyard. Plant good quality Mango trees as well along with Jackfruit and Amla. Amla is good for health and you can make pickle from it. Two or four more tubewells would greatly help. Store is working

fine. Expanding store will be even better.

20 Jul 1980

Sending The Mother's Blessings for Anniversary of Store with this letter. Making a bakery is not as simple as you think it to be. We should feed the calves well and need to make arrangements for the same.

31 Jul 1980

The dream you saw will be realized one day and a temple will be built at the hill top. But the temple Sri Aurobindo spoke about in Hymns to Durga does not seem to be a temple of brick and mortar. It is the temple in our hearts and it is the real temple.

21 Sep 1980

Did Prahlad stand in front of Hiranyakashyipu with a sword, bow & arrow in his hand? The way to protect The Mother's property is not to fight with people with rifle in our arms. The way to fight this battle is to have faith in The Mother and chanting (*Namajapa*) her name "Maa". If we had done that, dacoity could not have happened. Vishwamitra did not fight with Subahu and Maricha. He had taken refuge in Sri Rama to protect the *Yajna*.

Dacoity happened due to our carelessness and not having this attitude that this Ashram belongs to Her and we are mere servitors. The attitude comes easily with uninterrupted chanting (*Namajapa*) of Her name "Maa". With the *Namajapa*, the attitude should be "I am Yours and everything belongs to You"

The one and infallible reason for the friction and disagreements between the devotee *sadhaks* who have taken refuge in the Mother is the fact that we are not conscious about our goal rather conscious of satisfying our egos. It will be a grave mistake, if after doing the Divine's work for many years, we do not recognise our ego and give more importance to our ego than the Divine's work. It is difficult to recognise ego without continuous *Namajapa*.

Man, keeps doing mistake because even after recognising the mistake he does not try not to commit the mistake while taking refuge in the Mother.

There were two reasons for the Dacoity at Dalijoda – we are not remaining conscious about the aim of our lives, not having absolute trust in The Mother and interpersonal differences. This can be overcome through continuously repeating Her name “Maa”.

When the elephant tossed the disciple, disciple asked the master, “You said, the Divine resides in each being. (Then) There is Divine in the elephant and Divine in me; why then, did the elephant tossed me out?”

The master said, “The Divine is also in the Mahut who told you to get out of the way. Why did you not listen to the Divine in the Mahut?”

Now, all Ashramites, must do continuous “*Namajapa*”. As soon as you get up from your bed – at every moment of doing your work – repeat “Maa” – this name, continuously. Along with that, keep this thought “I am

yours, and I can offer all work at Your feet”. The Mother has said, for physical transformation, Japa is absolutely essential. Japa has a direct effect on the body. It becomes easy to identify the reasons of difficulties.

6 Oct 1980

Disagreements happen due to ego and self-interest. We will always be brothers now and in future. Our relationship is eternal. The more our being is transformed the stronger & intimate will be our spiritual relationship. The relationship is of the soul. There will be no sign of self-interest in that.

3 Feb 1981

Me and Prapatti babu went through your letter and the accounts of Ashram (Dalijoda Ashram). We were glad to know about the arrangements in the Ashram. The way work is getting done, Ashram will be able to manage its expenses from its income. ... In sadhana, difficulties come from within and outside. The difficulties help, help a lot, in the progress of sadhana, if the difficulties are faced in the right way. The right way is – not to resist the difficulty and repeat the Mother’s name “Maa”. Instead of letting the reaction, we may be having due to the difficulty, materialize, we should offer it at the feet of the Mother. Meaning, we think of offering the difficulty at The Mother’s feet while doing *Namajapa*. We feel that the Ashram belongs to the Mother. With this thought, follow the rules and regulations of the Ashram, and do all work as service to the Mother

in an attitude of sadhana. Offer any difficulty whether within or outside at the feet of the Mother. Have absolute trust on the Mother. If we do it this way, sooner or later, all difficulties, however complicated it may be, will be resolved. We will progress in the sadhana and faith and trust in the Mother will increase. We shall do continuous *Namajapa*.

15 Feb 1981



Happenings and Road Ahead

Activities

- A prefabricated open-air auditorium with a size of 12000 sq. ft. is being constructed near Sri Aurobindo University; the work has been assigned to the vendor Sri Kajal Patnaik who is experienced in prefab constructions and quoted the lowest value as well as offered to construct two rooms as an offering from his side. Once complete the auditorium is expected to help in organising collaboration activities, sports, and meetings & conferences etc.

- A friend of Dalijoda, Er. Rabinarayan Mohanty has graciously agreed to supervise as well as look into the civil works required for the auditorium construction.

- All Ashram products are decided to be sold at Shree Bhandar at Ashram. Outside Ashram, there will be a

permanent outlet at Shuddha Bhandar, an annexe of Shreekshetra Bhavan, Ranihat, Cuttack. Ashram products such as organic rice, vegetable, fruits, milk products, nursery plants, incense sticks, processed food products like turmeric powder, spices, “Sri protein” (Sattu with millets, almonds and nuts), Ragi powder, pure mustard oil, ghee, honey as well as liquid hand and dishwashing liquids etc. will be made available here.

- Every Thursday, a team of Ashram sadhaks are going to four different places in the surrounding villages to conduct Sri Aurobindo Study Circles in the houses of students of Sri Aurobindo Purnaga Vidyapeetha.

- Sri Vikram Parikh from Pondicherry visited Sri Aurobindo Srikshestra Ashram on 13th February and extended hands to sell Ashram products through online marketing.

- With help from a friend of Dalijoda, solar fencing work is in progress to protect Progress vegetable garden from monkey and wild animal attack.

- Er. Parthasarathi Patnaik, Senior Advisor, Spotech Green Ventures Pvt. Ltd. visited our campus and gave a project of Solar Units with an estimate of Rs. 8 lakhs to make the Ashram energy efficient.

- Sri Sabyasachi Biswal, Agriculturist from OUAT, Bhubaneswar has been inducted in to the Trust for enhancing agricultural and dairy activities in organic pattern, exploring new income sources for the Ashram, help prepare and track budget of the Ashram.

Road Ahead:

• 48th Anniversary of installation of sacred Relics of Sri Aurobindo and 20th Foundation Day of Sri Aurobindo University will be observed on 4th April 2026. Sri Lalit Verma, Artist and ex-student of Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education has consented to be the Chief Guest in the event. Dr Ashutosh Mishra and Jaya Shree Maa will also join the event as speakers. This event attracts hundreds of devotees every year from across the Orissa who come to express their love and support for the institution.



A Sacred Call: Join the “Circle of 100” for Sri Aurobindo Srikshetra, Dalijoda

Every year on April 4th, we celebrate the Anniversary of installation of Sri Aurobindo’s sacred Relics at Dalijoda. To conduct this sacred event, and to manage the necessary expenses, we are launching a new initiative this year.

The Initiative: We wish to bring together 100 such devotees of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo who aspire to serve Them through their service to Sri Aurobindo Srikshetra at Dalijoda. We request them to contribute a minimum of Rs. 2,000 once a year (to be provided before the month of April) towards organising this annual event.

Why Join?

Spiritual Connection: As a token of gratitude for your support, the Ashram will send the Mother’s ‘Blessings Petals’

(Prasad) to your registered address on your birthday (or a family member's birthday), and prayers will be offered for your family's well-being.

Income Tax Exemption: If you are a taxpayer, you can avail of tax exemption (80G) benefits on your offering.

Pure Intention: This is a call for those who find joy in offering for Her work in general and at Dalijoda in particular which is the epicentre of Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga for the whole of the State and belongs to all Her children in the province as well as the Nation and the World at large.

If you wish to be one in the **Circle of 100**, please provide the following details along with your contribution amount:

- Full Name
- Date of Birth (for birthday blessings)
- Complete Postal Address (with PIN code)
- Phone Number
- Payment Screenshot
- PAN number



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Help to Realise the Ideal