

Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Orissa Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty nominated to the Governing Board of Auroville Foundation



The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, has nominated Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty, Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Orissa as a member of the Governing Board of Auroville Foundation for a period of 4 years from 29.06.2017 under the Auroville Foundation Act 1988. He is one of the four members nominated by the Govt. of India to the Governing Board of the prestigious Auroville Foundation.

Prof. Mohanty is an internationally acclaimed academic. He is currently on deputation at the Central University of Orissa from the University of Hyderabad where he holds a permanent position as a Professor of English. He has to his credit 29 books in English and Odia and his works have been published among others, by the Oxford University Press, Sage Publication, Routledge, Orient Longman, Central Sahitya Academy and other notable publishing houses. He is also the recipient of various national and international awards such those from the British Council, the Katha, the Salzburg and the Fulbright fellowships. Earlier, he was nominated as a member of Education Commission for UNESCO and Inflibnet by the Government of India.

Prof. Mohanty is the son of Late. Panchanan Mohanty, former Financial Adviser to the Government of Odisha and acclaimed Odia Poet Late. Bidyut Prabha Devi.

Auroville, the City of Dawn, is a universal township established on 28th February 1968 by the blessing of the Mother and approved by the UNESCO and backed by the Government of India. Based on the vision Sri Aurobindo, 'it is located in south India, mostly in the State of Tamil Nadu (some parts are in the State of Puducherry), a few kilometres inland from the Coromandel Coast. Auroville is recognised as the first and only internationally endorsed ongoing experiment in human unity and transformation of consciousness, also concerned with - and practically researching into - sustainable living and the future cultural, environmental, social and spiritual needs of mankind'.

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