



## **Festival of Learning – 2018**

### **“Interactive Inter/actions”**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 to August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

#### **Concept Note**

*“We do not belong to the past dawns but to the noons of the future*

*- Sri Aurobindo*

#### **INTRODUCTION**

AURO University, established with the vision ‘*To be a premier University of Integral and Transformational Learning for future leaders*’, aims at providing integral and transformational education. It subscribes to the belief that education along with focus on academic learning should model itself on developing all faculties of a learner to ensure holistic development including mental education, vital education, physical and spiritual education – the core of Integral & Transformational Education at the University.

In pursuit of our objectives, we organize the Festival of Learning at the beginning of every new academic year to orient our newly admitted students like you to the portals of new academic life in higher education. In this learning festival, we organize sessions with eminent minds from various domains of life – academics, industry, society and even people working for improving the health and happiness of each so that our students learn from the lives and words, and are in the process benefitted by transformative impact on their academic journey and life as well.

Festival of Learning is a ten-day long event that focusses on introducing the new AUROite to University life. It serves as a catalyst for academic and social integration of the student for the next few years of his/her life. It also helps in streamlining the journey from the School to the University and aims to handhold the new joiner by orienting him/her to the University systems and processes. The Festival of Learning is being organized with an aim to guide the students in answering a plethora of questions before they formally enter the classroom and also offers the complete realm of University life from curricular to co-curricular during this period. It will not only acclimatize the student to the university life but also provide an opportunity for the University body to meet their newest members and welcome them in its fold.

## **PURPOSE**

One of the most important periods in the life of an individual is the time spent as a student. AURO University is a student centric space where the development of the body, mind and psyche is at the core of all effort. At AURO, the student embarks on this auspicious journey with the Festival of Learning. This is a Ten-day long adventure when the University welcomes new AURO'ites into her fold for the journey towards knowledge and wisdom.

According to Sri Aurobindo, education has following aims:

- First aim of Education is the Physical development
- Second aim is to rear all the senses
- Third aim is to train all mental fields
- Fourth aim is the development of all moral values
- And the most important and prime aim of education is to develop all levels of one's conscience

- *Quoted from Sri Aurobindo on Education*

The enabling environment during Festival of learning helps them grow mightier in the body, learned in the mind, firmer in the psyche and open up their innermost being to the call of the Divine. This festival is being held with an endeavor to provide to new learners an environment that promotes self-development and nurtures their potential based on their interests and aptitudes.

## **OBJECTIVE:**

The Festival of Learning aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Introduction to the University life
- Orientation towards University systems and processes
- Providing an opportunity to Faculty and Staff members to meet the newest members of AURO Family
- Exposure to different facets of education
- Development of right attitude and skillsets among the students to prepare them for higher education

## **PEDAGOGY:**

Festival of Learning 2018 shall focus on following aspects of education:

### **Physical Education**

This year festival of learning will see the students take a leap of understanding from going through the depths of Body Consciousness with sessions in physical awareness. In order to

further stimulate and bring out the competitive and team spirit, adventure sports will be organized on the field. As a part of orientation, we also introduced students to Yoga & meditation so that they can start to take charge of their physical energies.

### **Mental Education**

The mind is our greatest friend and our strongest foe at the same time. If trained well, it can enhance the capacity of learning and living and create value for our selves and others and if left to its own devices, it's a magnet for negativity and vices. The festival of learning will be an opportunity to plant in the fresh minds saplings of aspiration, desire for progress and a great will to be better professionals. With talks across the diaspora ranging from bureaucrats, industry leaders, poets, authors and even radio jockeys, new AURO'ites will rub shoulders with greatest of minds.

### **Vital Education**

The strings of the body and the mind are in the hands of our emotions. The ability to be aware of them and to be able to channelize emotions healthily and timely is a sign of maturity and leadership. During the festival of learning efforts will be made to bring to focus, different ways and means of self-awareness through music, art, crafts and dramatics. Their vital energies will be energized with engaging workshops.

### **Spiritual education**

At AURO when we talk about spiritual education, it is firstly a recognition of an inner being in every human, an energy and a presence that is empowering each one of us. The paradigms of Integral education lead us to focus on bringing awareness to special parts like silence and sound of the body, the mind and the energy to enable us to feel the connection to our inner self. Experts from this space will be around during the Festival of Learning 2018 to lead the students into this journey of introspection.

### **DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS:**

Some of the luminary speakers who will be a part of Festival of Learning 2018 are: (In alphabetical order)

**Smt. Anju Sharma,**  
Secretary, Higher & Technical education,  
Ministry of Education

**Shri Bijoy Patel,**  
Managing Director, Compubrain, Founder Social  
Media 2.0

**Shri Abhijeet Sinha,**  
IAS

**Shri Darshan Sedani,**  
President & Founder, Intellimedia Networks Inc.

**Shri Bhagirath Goswami,**  
UDAAN Band

**Shri Devi Prasad,**  
Yoga expert

**Shri Govindbhai Dholakia,**  
Founder, SRK Diamonds Ltd.

**Shri Hetal Mehta,**  
President, South Gujrat Chamber of Commerce  
& Industry

**Shri Himanshu Pareek,**  
Secretary, GPSC

**Shri Hiral Desai,**  
Detox Group

**Shri Kapil Deo Shukla,**  
Renowned Drama Artist

**Ms. Rashi Bunny,**  
Artist, Banjara Theatre group

**Shri Saikat Sen,**  
SAFIM

**Shri Saumil Shah,**  
Founder & CEO Net Square

**Shri. Vinod Kumar Mall, IPS, ADGP**  
(Police Reforms), Government of Gujarat

**Shri Vijay Chauthaiwala,**  
Former MD, Zybus

**Shri Vishnu Pandya,**  
Member, Gujarat Sahitya Akademi

**Shri Vispi Karadi**  
Renowned Speaker on Physical Endurance

**Shri Yezdi Karanjia,**  
Theatre Artist

**And many others!!**

#### **LEARNING OUTCOMES OF FESTIVAL OF LEARNING:**

##### **Festival of Learning will result in:**

- Bonding among students
- Building a healthy relationship between teachers and students
- Sensitization of students towards their living environment
- Assimilation in the ethos and culture of the institution
- Students' attention drawn to looking into themselves regarding larger issues of life
- Making the students responsible towards society at large

#### **DATES:**

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***AURO University welcomes new AURO'ites to FESTIVAL OF LEARNING 2018!!!***