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Today, the 6th September 2019, two poster exhibitions and two talks were organized in Raj Nivas as part of Raj Nivas Art and Culture Series and Raj Nivas Lecture Series.

Two poster exhibitions were inaugurated at Raj Nivas today as part of Raj Nivas Art and Culture Series - Edition 13. The exhibitions were inaugurated by Dr. Kiran Bedi, Hon'ble Lt. Governor and Prof. Gurmeet Singh, Vice Chancellor, Pondicherry University by lighting Kuthuvilakku. The concept of the exhibition was presented by Sri Aurobindo Foundation for Indian Culture (SAFIC), Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Puducherry.

The exhibition titled, "Sri Aurobindo and Indian Freedom Movement" highlights the momentous role of Sri Aurobindo in the early years of Indian independence movement.

The exhibition titled, "Nari Shakti : Woman, an Indomitable Spirit" features selected stories of Indian women from Vedic times to the present – women in various lines of work, who embody and express the Shakti, the dynamic and creative force and energy.

The Exhibition is permanent now in Raj Nivas. Everyday one school will be invited to see the exhibition to be educated about 'Sri Aurobindo' and also 'Shakti'. The pleasure and motto of the exhibition is also to connect with the youth community with Raj Nivas, the prime power of India. The students who invited to the exhibition will be asked to produce their concept on learning from the exhibition. This will be documented for future generation.

The Raj Nivas Lecture Series Edition-12 began with the Vedic chants of disciples of Vedha Padasala, Karuvadikuppam, followed by the welcome address of Thiru G. Theva Neethi Dhas, OSD to Lt. Governor.

Eminent speaker Dr. Beloo Mehra gave her lecture on the subject, 'Sri Aurobindo, a Yogi-Revolutionary'. In her talk, she said that Sri Aurobindo was the first political leader, who openly put forward the idea of complete independence for India. He was also the first revolutionary to advocate economic, educational, judicial and administrative boycott as a tactic to fight the imperialists, she said. She also enumerated his association with the spirituality in the holy land of Puducherry.

Dr. Sampadananda Mishra, Director of Sri Aurobindo Foundation for Indian Culture, the second Speaker of today's Lecture series talked about 'Shakti, an Indian Perspective on True Empowerment of Women'. He defined that women in Indian culture is seen as an embodiment of Shakti, the force and energy. He further said that the creative force, energy present within women has the potential to create new beings within themselves. An Indian view of feminism therefore must naturally emerge from this view of woman as Shakti, 'Nari Shakti'.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Kiran Bedi, Hon'ble Lt. Governor.