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Abstract:

Researchers and historical writers have often examined Sri Aurobindo's nationalist thought primarily through the lenses of revolutionary politics, and spiritual philosophy, and sometimes, through cultural revival. This article examines a less studied dimension of Sri Aurobindo's principals of nationalism, which is the role of the feminine principle (Shakti) in shaping his conception of nationalism and its implications for women's political participation. On the basis of thorough investigation of Aurobindo's political writings, pamphlets, speeches, and correspondence from the early twentieth century, this paper examines the intellectual evolution of his nationalism from militant anti-colonial resistance during the Swadeshi movement, that broadly spanned from 1902 to 1910, to a spiritually grounded vision of national regeneration that surfaced in his thoughts and writings after he moved to Pondicherry in 1910.



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