



# AUROVILLE CONNECT

Auroville Connect is more than just a WhatsApp group — it's a growing platform dedicated to connecting people in and around Auroville who care deeply about the Dream, the Charter, and the Future of this unique experiment in human unity. Here, we share vital updates, thoughtful articles, creative contributions, and important news — not just through WhatsApp, but also via social media and a periodic newsletter that keeps the spirit of Auroville alive and evolving.

In a time when misinformation spreads easily, Auroville Connect offers clarity, consciousness, and a collective space to reflect on what is — and what is yet to be realized. We believe the Dream of Auroville is too precious to squander. Rooted in the ideals of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother, we stand by the two foundational pillars of Auroville: its Charter and its City Plan, and we are committed to their living realization for the future of humanity.

This is not a chat page — but a curated space for awareness, participation, and shared aspiration. If you have something meaningful to offer, we welcome your voice. If you seek to stay informed and inspired, you are in the right place!

**“Humanity is not the last rung of terrestrial creation. Evolution continues and man will be surpassed. It is for each one to know whether he wants to participate in the advent of the new species. For those who are satisfied with the world as it is, Auroville obviously has no raison d’être.”**

**The Mother– 21 September 1966**



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## The City At The Service of Truth

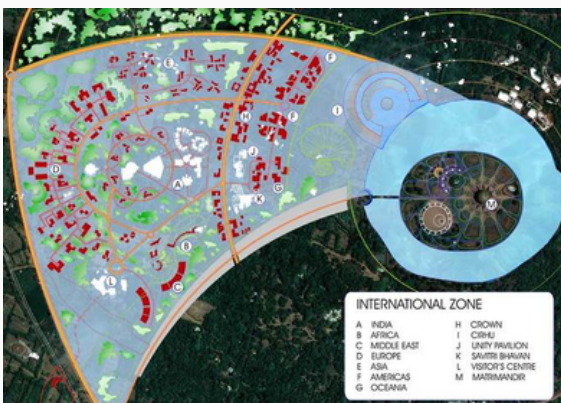
### >>> The International Zone

*The Unity of the human race can be achieved neither through uniformity nor through domination and subjection. A synthetic organization of all nations, each one occupying its own place in accordance with its own genius and the role of it has to play in the whole, can alone effect a comprehensive and progressive unification, which may have some chance of enduring.*

**The Mother.**

Auroville was inaugurated on 28 February, 1968, in Tamil Nadu, India, with a Charter and a City Plan aimed at realizing an actual human unity through a change of Consciousness. This visionary world experiment is founded on the vision of Sri Aurobindo and his spiritual collaborator, Mirra Alfassa, from France known as the Mother, and endorsed by the UNESCO. Foreseeing the crisis of humanity and the plight of cities worldwide, Auroville was planned as a model of spiritual urbanism. The spiralling circular city plan, for 50,000 people, which came to be known as the Galaxy plan, integrates spiritual, social, cultural, educational, economic and environmental factors needed to create the conditions of change for the world's future.

The city contains four main zones: Residential, Cultural, International and Industrial, held together by the Crown. Additionally, it contains the Peace Area with the Matrimandir at the centre, and a surrounding Greenbelt. Together they form this city of Universal Culture.



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# THE INTERNATIONAL ZONE

The International Zone is the site for the Cultural Pavilions of each nation or continental clusters from around the world. They will carry the fundamental genius or, the soul of each nation, be centers of research, study and creative and cultural activity and exchange, conducive to the manifestation of human unity in diversity by emulation and working together across the barrier lines of conflict.



Bharat Nivas was the first cultural pavilion in the International Zone, started by The Mother. To date, out of the 60 nations represented in Auroville, only a handful of pavilions have emerged starting with Bharat Nivas, the Pavilion of India, Tibetan House, French/European startups and the Unity Pavilion which provides an office space for all other pavilions to come.



The Centre of International Research in Human Unity (CIRHU) is a unifying institution of this zone. It will bring together the world in crisis and in aspiration through research towards the future. Its dynamics of consciousness in every field will forge cutting edge paths towards human and international unity in sync with Auroville's own research of Unity through the transformative power of Consciousness.



It is Auroville's real and unique university. Sri Aurobindo's philosophy and vision for humanity in The Human Cycle and The Ideal of Human Unity form the basis of the International Zone. Its Cultural pavilions and continental clusters will foster the search and expression each nation soul as a basis of collaboration and goodwill with all.



As the world changes, instead of individual pavilions, we see the rise of more federated continental clusters as indicated in The Ideal of Human Unity and the possibility of a greater and more conscious human unity.

The continental clusters are to be set in a continuous park with gardens representative of different flora and fauna. Walls and borders are not part of this zone but interconnecting water-ways, shared facilities and infrastructure with areas of common activities. In this our fast evolving world, this hub of universal culture will also favour flexible designs that can adapt with change, allowing countries or regions with close common cultures to group together while working in unity with all others.



## INVITATION

Auroville's International Zone is an invitation to all countries of the world, old and new, to bring their capacities, knowledge, innovations and cultural richness that best manifests its nation soul in this beautiful meeting point and melting pot of hope where a new way forward for humanity can be founded through peace and the inspiring beauty of the soul.



## ➤➤➤ Ways to participate and collaborate

The Zone of Union or, International Zone invites collaborative projects between nations and continents to share both the genius and the spirit of mutuality between peoples. Each country may contribute and collaborate with other continental nations in one or different ways towards buildings, facilities, programmes in line with the continental clusters:

**Planning & Development :** This includes - Welcome facilities, auditoriums, galleries, multi purpose spaces for workshop, events & conferences, multi cuisine restaurants, Library & mediatheque, residential, guest & student facilities, landscaping & gardens, sports and health facilities, administrative Offices etc.

**Research & Exchange Projects:** Culture, Art, Literature, History, Languages, International Relations, Education, Sustainable Environment and Agriculture, Landscaping, Net Zero Development, Exhibition and Festivals

## ➤➤➤ Invitation to Volunteers

Embassies are encouraged to share this information about Auroville in their offices to invite participation of university students, institutions and interested individuals to volunteer in various aspects and projects towards the development of the International Zone and its research and culture.

## ➤➤➤ Contact

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The peace, well-being and settled order of the human world is a thing eminently to be desired as a basis for a great world-culture in which all humanity must be united."

Sri Aurobindo

The collage features three main event posters:

- Embodiment India:** A poster for an exhibition at Kala Kendra, Auroville, titled "EMBODYING INDIA: A tribute to Frédéric Soltan, Writer Dominique Raboteau". It is curated by Redfeet dancestudio and scheduled for 19th January 2025 at 12:00 PM.
- Hommage à Cristof Pitoëff:** A poster for the inauguration of the site ICICRISTOF À L'OCCASION DU 105ÈME ANNIVERSAIRE DE L'ARRIVÉE DE LA MÈRE À PONDICHÉRY. The event is proposed by GENPOL and SÉBASTIEN and will take place on JEUDI 24 AVRIL 2025 at 18H30 at the Pavillon de France Auroville.
- Art for Land Exhibition:** A poster for an exhibition in August 2024 at the Unity Pavilion. It features a list of artists including Amar, Ben, Crystal, Dilip Patel, Grace Gitadella, Janakiraman, Jocelyn Janaka, Jyoti Khare, Lara Boriotti, Marie Claire Barsotti, Marlenka, Mira Vard, Prabhath Biswas, Sunil Patel, and Sreedevi Maguluri. The opening is on 15th August 2024 at 5:30 pm. A circular graphic contains the text "Unity Kindness Friendship".

## Some Events in International Zone....



## War : The World and Auroville Perspectives from Sri Aurobindo

Auroville, as Sri Aurobindo said, is a practical means of creating a human unity that would be strong enough to fight against war. It remains to be seen...

**Mother's Agenda, 5 June, 1968**

***Auroville will need a gigantic leap in Consciousness and its Unity to make that contribution to the world. Let us take a look back at the Mother's communications with Sri Aurobindo regarding this aspect of Auroville and the larger implications of human unity.***

**25 Oct 1967:** Once I asked Sri Aurobindo about Auroville... and he answered: it is the best chance men have to avoid a general conflict. So, since he told me that I am working very seriously. And you know it wasn't said, it was SEEN... the concrete materialization of the spirit of Auroville hasn't taken place yet... Basically the art of creating a unity with complexity... unity through the harmony of complexity- each thing in its place.

When Roger was here the last time, he said, "When is the atmosphere of Auroville going to be created? Everyone is quarrelling." I said, "Yes, that's the difficulty."

In so far as the formation descends to manifest itself, all the oppositions rise up, contradictions rise up, complications come, and inwardly, one sees they do not understand... I wanted it (Auroville) to grow spontaneously, like that, with all the unforeseen, but then we have to deal with all the regulations: we are in a country...

But what Sri Aurobindo meant is that the movement, the general movement was towards a catastrophe, and this (Auroville) was to divert the current of force...

***·Sri Aurobindo remained deeply aware of the world situation from the isolation of his room in the Ashram. Of himself he stated in the third person:***

In his retirement Sri Aurobindo kept a close watch on all that was happening in the world and in India and actively intervened whenever necessary, but solely with a spiritual force and silent spiritual action...this power is greater than any other and more effective.

***He followed the two world wars intensively, recording his impressions on the League of Nations and the United Nations as it was formed, putting on record its essential difficulty in achieving peace for the world.***



**A strong surviving element of oligarchy remained in the preponderant place assigned to the five great Powers in the Security Council and was clinched by the device of the veto; these were concessions to a sense of realism and the necessity of recognising the actual condition of things and the results of the second great war and could not perhaps have been avoided, but they have done more to create trouble, hamper the action and diminish the success of the new institution than anything else in its makeup or the way of action forced upon it by the world situation or the difficulties of a combined working inherent in its very structure...**

*Sri Aurobindo: Postscript Chapter I Ideal of Human Unity*

***Correspondence about the war with close disciples bring out Sri Aurobindo's vision and involvement in the actions of the Supermind.***

When there is a strong pressure from Overmind forces for change, then there are likely to be catastrophes because of the resistance and clash of forces. The supramental has a greater, in its fullness, a complete mastery of things and power of harmonisation which can overcome resistance by other means than dramatic struggle and violence.

Once the Supermind takes charge, humanity may appear closer to the brink than it ever was—an appearance that may well be required to produce a necessary change—without there being a real danger of it's being pushed over the brink.

[The War] is a struggle for an ideal that has to establish itself on earth in the life of humanity, for a Truth that has yet to realise itself fully and against a darkness and falsehood that are trying to overwhelm the earth and mankind in the immediate future.... It is no use concentrating on the defects or mistakes of nations...; what matters is on what side they have ranged themselves in the struggle. It is a struggle for the liberty of mankind to develop, for conditions in which men have freedom and room to think and act according to the light in them and grow in the Truth, grow in the Spirit.

***Auroville is the chosen arena for the transformation of life and mind through Consciousness, and allow the natural repercussions of Peace to be firmly established in each heart.***

# AVI-AUROVILLE INTERNATIONAL

The Association Auroville International was founded in The Hague, Netherlands on 28th February, 1983, under laws of the Netherland. It is an independent body with no formal agreements with the Auroville Foundation or the Working Committee (the only body referred to). Its general introduction speaks of The Mother setting up the international township known as Auroville, the initiatives of the UNESCO, the foundation of Auroville and its Charter.

It also states that to secure the future development of Auroville in accordance with its Charter, the Govt of India enacted the Auroville Foundation Act and mentions the Working Committee.

The stated aim & objective of the Association is to advance human unity by promoting the development of the International Township of Auroville & by encouraging the aims and ideals of Auroville as laid down in the Charter and the writings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. They would actively co-operate in its development, promote its ideals and facilitate cooperation of governments and organizations irrespective of political affiliations.

Regarding its overall organizational structure, roles and responsibilities, it states that Auroville will be closely involved in the Association & all matters requiring the advice of Auroville will be addressed to the Working Committee of the Auroville Foundation.

The Working Committee had the right to advise the General Assembly or the Auroville International Board on its own initiative.

There are several other references to the Working Committee of the Auroville Foundation such as: The Working Committee would recommend its Auroville rep; its General Assembly would be convened by the Chairperson of the Association by giving notice to the Working Committee, or that Chairperson would at the request of the Working Committee or, of not less that 3 of the members – call an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly and so on.



## >>> OBSERVATIONS

While all this appears well intentioned there is a serious discrepancy between what is stated and what is actually done. None of the stated objectives of acting with the Working Committee has happened since 2022. The AVI Board in particular has aligned itself with the RA faction group, refused to recognize the legitimate Working Committee despite the High Court Order of August 1, 2024 and continues to divide the AVIs against the Foundation and the legitimate groups and will surely support the new appeal by the RA faction. It has refused invitations three years in succession, with evasive and false statements (correspondence available), and in 2024 attempts to invite them via their Auroville rep had to be abandoned again, due to evasiveness. The AVI Board, on its part, failed to invite or inform the Working Committee to any of its meetings or projects of its own accord since 2022. In 2025 the Working Committee decided to wait and see if they would reach out – they did not - but understand their meeting was held with decisions, none of which has been communicated to us.

The AVI Board and its supporters also played a consciously negative role in the cancellation of the UNESCO Conference, in Paris in September 2022, meant to commemorate Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary. Letters vilifying the Auroville Foundation, the Secretary & the Auroville working groups in support of the development of the Crown were sent to the Directors at UNESCO echoing the RA faction. The cancellation of the Conference was a matter of rejoicing we have been told, with no care or respect for Sri Aurobindo's 150th year.

Such actions make it abundantly clear that the AVI Board in particular, and its friends, failed in maintaining its key aims of advancing the ideal of human unity & of promoting the development of the International Township.

Systematic steps to not recognize the full community and to support this division within the AVIs, in the community of Auroville has discouraged people from coming. Western volunteers are at a record low.

Misleading media stories in some western countries aimed against Auroville Foundation, the Indian government & working groups have pandered to political sides against Auroville's development by portraying Auroville as a dying project. We understand that not all AVI members support all of this and are unhappy about it.

More recently donations collected for Auroville's Land have been withheld. Donors are informed of unclarities on the Indian side that could affect their taxes. This birthday week, support for Acres for Auroville, which for two decades single handedly raised funds for land, was suddenly withdrawn by the AVI at a meeting the Working Committee was never informed of.

## >>> SUGGESTIONS

1. The Mother asked Roger Anger to start the first Auroville International, in Paris, in 1968 - to make Auroville and its experiment known to the world and the visionary impulse of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. The centre was to provide information, hold events and exhibitions and guide all those who wanted to come: with joy and willingness to work, volunteer or support this evolutionary project, by offering them the right information and assistance.

2. Given the obvious pitfalls and failures in the AVI system, the need of the hour is to evolve to honest Auroville Information Centre. it is important that these centres sign an MOU with the Auroville Foundation and a representative body, such as the Working Committee, and commit to uphold the vision and realization of Auroville without bias, distortion or politics.



**NEW INITIATIVE BY MEMBERS OF AVI FRANCE !  
SEE RENCONTRES AUROVILLIENNES EN BRETAGNE HAPPENING IN  
AUGUST 2025. CLICK BELOW TO KNOW MORE...**

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*In this issue we look at questions about 50,000 & Auroville's demographic balance.*

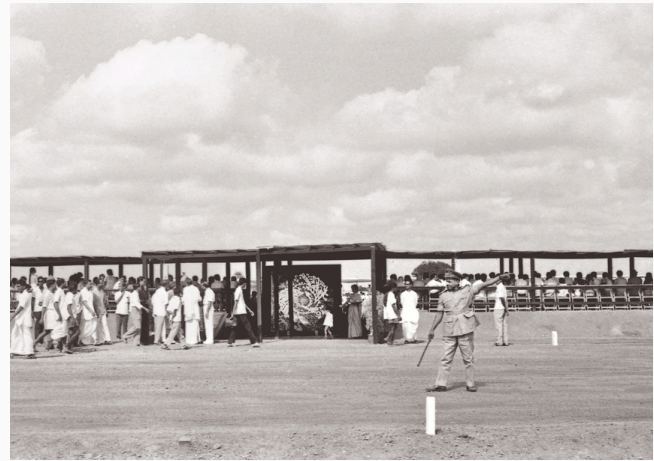
Q: What was the vision, philosophy and composition of Auroville in 1968 and what it is now. Has it changed and why does that matter? Is it bad that there are more Indians living there? What is the impact of the changing demographics?

## Response

The Mother's brief to the architect was a city for 50,000 people. This was presented by the architect & his team at UNESCO, Paris, in Sept 1966 at her request. 50,000 was needed for the experiment to be attempted & representative of the necessary conditions requested by The Mother - where things could play out and the evolutionary problems of the collective ideal and effort could be studied as a basis of the harmony to be realized.

The 50,000 had to be housed within the city area where both population density and open green spaces had to co-exist giving rise to the iconic Galaxy plan that was finally approved.

At Auroville's inauguration in 1968 the city plan was prominently displayed at the entrance to the Amphitheatre where this city for the future was then dedicated with a Charter. The greenbelt was added later at the suggestion of the architect to use bought lands outside the city area which the Mother agreed to, provided this area would be used primarily for agriculture to sustain the city.



Initially the city started with a handful of people from around the world and India and many from the Ashram in Pondichery who came to help. The first ten years with all the material and legal challenges saw the population grow from 200 to about 500. There was a period of relative growth to about 3000 after which a stagnation seemed to set with more visitors and volunteers rather than people making a choice to live and work in Auroville and dedicate themselves to the Dream.

It has been a concern as to why after 56 years we are still only 2000 plus adults. A critical mass of minimum 25 to 30 thousand is essential for the experiment to be workable and for the city to grow in all its aspects and become financially self sustaining. As for nationalities - there are 60 now but there will always be a mix of Indians and the rest of the world, more or less half half. One half as of now is naturally from the local area, along with people from across India. The other half is from the rest of the world - mostly Western, with primarily the French, Italian, Germans and Dutch plus the British Americans and Australians and a good representation from South Korea, Canada and the South American continent, while there are much fewer from the African continent & the Middle East as of now.

There was a period following the Mother's departure and the ensuing conflict, that saw a largely Western population in place in Auroville along with some Indians and people from the local population. What is more important than mere representation is the call of the soul to Auroville, regardless of difficulties or nationalities. As we have all seen, the soul can be touched even in the far savannahs of Argentina or in Brazil and a lone traveller will find his or her way to Auroville.

It does not matter if at some given time there are more westerners or more Indians or more Brazilians. This adventure will find the people it needs for its realization and all those willing to collaborate with sincerity. The new regulations brought in by the Auroville Foundation will help simplify the process of entry so that new people are encouraged to join and can do so with greater ease and clarity.

# THE CITY EXHIBITION

February 2020  
Unity Pavilion

In Feb 2020, the city exhibition team with Unity Pavilion in Auroville hosted a profound and inspiring exhibition titled “A Body for the Soul”, celebrating the evolutionary vision of Auroville as conceived by The Mother and Sri Aurobindo. This exhibition invited visitors to journey through the spiritual and architectural odyssey of Auroville—the city the earth needs—a city envisioned not merely as a physical settlement but as a living experiment in human unity and conscious evolution.

The exhibition traced the origins and unfolding of this unique model town, from the earliest sketches and correspondence between The Mother and architect Roger Anger to the realization of the Galaxy Plan, the Matrimandir, and the peace area that forms the soul of the city. Rare archival materials, quotes, drawings, timelines, and testimonies illustrated how Auroville emerged as a symbol of a new paradigm—where architecture serves as an expression of inner truth, where cities are built not for profit or prestige, but as receptacles for a higher consciousness.

By reflecting on the core values of beauty, harmony, sustainability, and collective aspiration, the exhibition offered more than a historical retrospective—it stood as a call to all those who seek to participate in the birth of a new world, where spirit and matter unite to create a luminous future.



## THE CONTEXT

At present mankind is undergoing an **evolutionary crisis** in which is concealed a **choice** of its destiny.

Sri Aurobindo



The **conditions** in which men live upon earth are a result of their state of consciousness.

To want to change the conditions without **changing the consciousness** is a vain chimera.

The Mother

You never change anything by fighting the existing reality

**To change something build a new model** that makes the existing model obsolete

Buckminster Fuller

## THE EARTH



**I am concerned with the earth**

The Supramental is simply the Truth-Consciousness and what it brings in its descent is the full Truth of life, the full truth of consciousness in matter.

Sri Aurobindo

## THE DREAM

There should be somewhere upon earth a place that no nation could claim as its sole property, a place where all human beings of goodwill, sincere in their aspiration, could live freely as citizens of the world, obeying one single authority that of the Supreme Truth

## A MODEL TOWN

The step which is being added now, Sri Aurobindo has called the Supramental ...

... It is a work in the consciousness, a work of connection between the Supramental and the material being



Once however, the connection is made, it must have its effect in the outward field in the form of a new creation,

**beginning with a model town**

The Mother, 1931



## ➤➤➤ AUROVILLE MOBILITY AND CROWN

At the heart of the March 17 Supreme Court verdict is the Crown and Auroville's development that was halted by the NGT order of Dec 2021 and subsequently allowed some relief following the appeal at the Supreme Court.

Here is a short light hearted video to understand why the Crown is a truly unique element of the master plan which moves Auroville towards becoming a pedestrian friendly, sustainable town. Several intermediate steps are still needed to accomplish this and much else which can now, finally, start.

<https://youtu.be/Nr7TPSZszFI>

In September 1965, the architect and the Mother discuss plans...

The Mobility principle of Auroville should be decided now.

**Should we allow cars?**

The reign of cars has conditioned 20th century urbanism and continues to tyrannize it.

Roger Anger

**DIFFERENT POSSIBILITIES**

The infographic features a green and blue background with a white diagonal banner. Below the text is a video thumbnail showing a street scene with pedestrians and bicycles, and a row of four smaller images illustrating different mobility options: a person on a small electric vehicle, a person on a bicycle, a person on a bicycle, and a person on a bicycle.









## ➤➤➤ PART 2 - IS AUROVILLE IN DANGER?

### RESPONSE # 4

#### 53 years in Auroville

When I arrived by road, it was a desert. I was also a desert, not knowing the project, I had only read the Charter and the Dream. It was enough even without the “end” product in the horizon. In fact, aspiration was the deciding factor and confidence without warranty. It did not erode along the years. She let us discover our own path towards the goal, did not give a clue but little sparkling sentence directly to our heart.

Apparent hiccups came with the SA, prison, an insecurity due to goondas and an impossible faith for this project. There was Prosperity. The judgment liberating Auroville then with the Act based on the Charter. It was followed by the “envelops system” where no decision had to be made. A dramatic change was initiated by the Aurovilians, a creation not spoken about even today replacing Prosperity: with the personal acc. system based on a kind of credit card set up.

#### The system

Then followed the tumbling path starting with “elections” which became the nomination of Executives without any code of conduct nor definitions of purpose... It was the official entry of politics.

At the same time came the fashion called “ecology”, a new religion all around the world. It became the main reason to question the Galaxy, as if this particular shape worked out by the Mother could not be ecological... and the 50 000 inhabitants city and... all emerged as nonstop impossibilities to decide what to do and not do, almost rewriting Auroville with compromises, short cuts and adaptations to our limited mind, not believing to the impossible, or just not acknowledging the rain fall we receive –one metre per year - which can fill the lake in one year. We started to believe we possessed a higher consciousness than of the Mother 50 years ago.

So, in a nutshell, that is where we were 3 years ago. The trees, the achievements that Auroville manifested etc... are not to be denied – even that nature itself did a tremendous work with the seedling of work trees - but the stagnation and paralysis are facts. Auroville, if it wanted to be alive had to wake up.

#### The Secretary

When the secretary was nominated, she approached the WC of that time and other working groups and individuals and asked: “what can I do to help you”. “the purchase of land Madam” she was answered. She then approached the local authorities.

The answer she received was a question: “ Why do you need so much land for only 3000 people? Do you have a master plan? Is it followed? Do you want a city or a village. It is now more that 20 years...”. She answered with conviction “a city is what Mother wants” and urged us to work fir it.” She then came face to face with the Aurovilians who manifested their stubborn refusal. In fact, Auroville was on the path of “nothing should change” : an institution with its privileges and a dead end. So, \*in\* fact, we are totally responsible for this intrusion of the government. But that can change!

#### The spiritual level

Auroville was envisioned to prevent a third world war. The Charter in its 4 points bring to light 4 essential domains to be explored and manifested: The abandon of the ego behind a willing servitor offering his best qualities received by birth.

The cradle for constant innovative discoveries. A bridge with the past and future without limits, a crucible leading to a real fraternity and unity.

It is evident that with human nature and the reality in the world, it is a pure chimera to simply believe while everyone in the world truly wishes that it becomes a reality in his/her heart. It is part of human nature to know what to do but does not know how \*or start\* to do it.

When such a situation emerges in our consciousness, all forces of negation awaken and act forcefully to negate it. That is a reality.

### 3 years ago

The apparent stumbling block appeared at the youth camp who claimed property and right of the land, even calling it's place a forest = not city. After discussions exchanges etc, an agreement was reached to relocate with facilitations. But the forces of negation or stagnation succeeded in creating a stir and resistance emerged. Several reactive stands: a proprietorship of trees took the stage with claims of a forest being destroyed, when in reality it was firmly in the city area. It was the tip of the iceberg. The aim of Auroville was being replaced: that Auroville was proclaimed as a deemed forest at the NGT not the city of the future that the Mother had set in motion with a plan.

Since then the defence of the past attitudes, proprietorship, even Liberty was sufficient to justify resistance. The rest are consequence of this disharmony.

What happened next was unimaginable for me: the call to outer authorities: the courts. Mother was specific on this: no army, no justice, no police. Anyone calling on those should be put "on hold" as an aurovilian." Over 36 court cases have been raised!!! Etc... Don't want to be heavy.

Aurovilians and friends started to ventilate their personal beliefs and frustrations through outside agencies, news papers, social media, international missions etc... and all this without sharing with the community. You may be disillusioned but it is personal. To criticise Auroville is to tell: Mother you were wrong, it is dead or impossible or... while using contacts internationally to preach a negative commentary is to sully Auroville.

That is the case for one who was sent away, in fact for introspection. For the other one, he has used his facility in speech to manipulate youth of Auroville to his convictions which need a certain maturity. It is also for introspection, if he wishes. But they are adamant that they are \*still\* right.

The fear expressed by many is simply an easy justification and a comfortable excuse not to search for a deeper solution which remaining in the accusation mode.

### The situation today

It is true that an atmosphere of conflict brings out the cheaters, profiteers to the front and other forces that wish to exist.

These aberrations result in FAMC taking "dictatorial" steps to correct the irregularities but this cannot be final as it contradicts the aspiration of the Auroville of 1968. But one has to live up to that aspiration with complete sincerity for Auroville to succeed.

### Emergence

How then to hope to redress this boat? Evidently by all in an attitude of surrender to Her. And this starts with trying to define what is to be an aurovilian, what should be the role of the WC which is part of the Act but not very well defined, the services, how to resolve what is considered an impossibility, the nature of the willing servitor in its actions.

### Today what?

Nature never presents a solution by a return to the past. It is a "ras le bol" or fed up and aspiration based on consciousness and not opinion or ego. Let us be creative. We are the ones responsible for the intrusion of the administration, belief that WE are going to construct this city and know it all. I particularly love this sentence for the Matrimandir by the Mother:

"The Matrimandir wants to be the symbol of the Divine's answer to man's aspiration towards perfection"

She did not want a random village growing around it but a conscious city radiating from this centre which Her city plan represents.

### The stand of "good intentions" in the video

This brings an ordinary expression on evolution, with an affirmation of the ego and of property without a iota of vision, the perception in the occident of the right and liberties, are superficially seen and without consciousness or an understanding of what is Auroville, only popular views which are naïve and stupid.

However if this commentator hopes to generate a positive action for Auroville, he is totally misled. He betrays. He simply adds his voice to the denounce without a drop of hope for the best or for a positive next step.

### Jean Pougault



## RESPONSE # 5

Just the title and the thumbnail are already a warning not to watch, because the content is already known.

Once again, there will be half-truths, accusations, and judgments made without real knowledge of all the facts.

But still, I start watching, and then it's confirmed — yet another video about the events in Auroville.

A video that starts with: "a video that asks you to take a clear position... I don't have all the facts... etc. etc. blah blah..."

But who is asking you to take a position? I watch for two minutes, and that's enough...

It seems to me that instead of defending Auroville, you are adding fuel to the fire by spreading incomplete and biased information.

Can you imagine France welcoming a project like Auroville? Or any other country in the world?

Only India and its successive governments have had a heart and mind vast enough to host the Mother's project with trust and without restriction for over 50 years.

Do you think you are helping Auroville and its residents by criticizing the very country that is hosting this Divine project on its soil?

Do you think the Mother needs you to protect her project? Are you really that great and important?

A bit of silence and humility from all of us, children of the Mother, would be much more helpful to Auroville than all your bad publicity and idle talk.

With you in the silence and peace of the love of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo.

**Dominique H**



## RESPONSE # 6

What is happening in Auroville—is it a problem, is it an opportunity, is it an evolution? All these hypotheses coexist and clash here.

But let us observe that all these different interpretations of the facts lead to the same place. These currents that are in direct opposition on the vital level strangely arrive at the same conclusion: "Mother and Sri Aurobindo are behind all this, and their project will, no matter what, eventually come to fruition."

So I don't understand why all these sometimes arbitrary positions brace against each other and oppose one another so virulently, instead of connecting through their conclusions, which are so similar. Yes, forces are at play. Yes, they divide. If we remain within what Spinoza calls the first kind of knowledge—the knowledge "of affects," which Sri Aurobindo calls the "Mind"—we will not be able to resolve the problem.

Let's quote Albert Einstein: "No problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it." So let us try to move together towards the second Spinozist kind of knowledge—that "of relations"—which we might perhaps see as the intermediate stage Mother speaks about in the Agenda of January 1969. This might allow us to step away from the exhausting mind and find a more stable place from which to observe and work in peace—moving away from the world of Affects and the Mind, so that what must come to be may emerge and be supported.

Let's refuse to invest our energy in a belligerent vital, which is so harmful that it also destroys the one who partakes in it. If we love Auroville, let us try to place ourselves in that intermediate stage Mother spoke of. Many things can be resolved in the subtle world, and it is through it that we must act. We are here together because we have this capacity, and because we believe another story is being told in an invisible world.

Let's remember that, in the late 1930s, Sri Aurobindo made a donation to the British army. Some ashramites left the Ashram then, unable to understand how Sri Aurobindo could be so inconsistent as to give money to those considered enemies. Sri Aurobindo gave them this simple conclusion: "Sometimes you have to ally with your enemy to fight a greater enemy." And history proved him right, while at the same time Gandhi was writing to Adolf Hitler to ask for help in liberating India.

Sri Aurobindo had the ability to expand his consciousness and understand situations beyond their appearances.

Here, our enemy is not the Secretary, nor the Indian Government. Our main enemy is our inability to open our consciousness to read the spiritual stakes that are currently undergoing great transformation in the world—and, of course, in Auroville. Auroville, the microcosm of human nature, offers us the Grace of helping us to understand it—understand the real issues that invite us to this imperative call for transformation that we will have no choice but to initiate within our cells, in order to allow the emergence of the man beyond man—the new being.

The only battle to be fought is against the forces that try to reach each one of us and feed on our unconsciousness.

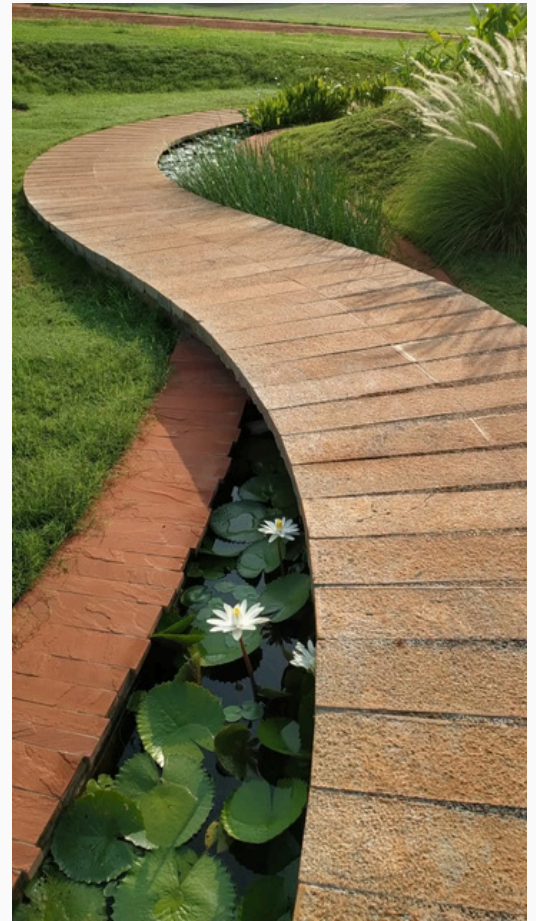
Rumi said:

“Before, I was clever and wanted to change the world. Today, I am wise and want to change myself.”

Sri Aurobindo took it one step further: by changing himself, he offered the world the possibility of transformation. Let us reread "The God's Labour" and immerse ourselves once again in the service of that consciousness whose presence and unshakable force will always remain here in Auroville.

With all my heart,

**Jean Paul Sermadiras**



## »»» Interview with Rosana Agudo



Rosana Agudo is a Spanish educator and writer deeply inspired by Sri Aurobindo and The Mother's vision of Integral Education. With decades of experience, she brings a soulful, child-centered approach to learning that emphasizes inner growth, creativity, and spiritual connection.

In this interview the discussion Rosanna and Lakshay explore the role of Auroville International, general impressions and observations on what needs to change for a new and positive impetus.

Watch her interview : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPJJaSolwIH0>

## >>> Myths vs Facts

### **Myth 1: Trees were recklessly cut without care for the environment.**

#### **Fact:**

Trees were removed only where they were wrongly planted, despite advise not to, in areas necessary for essential infrastructure like the Crown road — part of the original Auroville plan. The trees cut were stored in one place for documentation and replantation where possible.

### **Myth 2: JCB and house demolition was a forced eviction violating residents' rights.**

#### **Fact:**

Despite multiple requests over decades, these structures were used to deliberately block Auroville's master plan. The people concerned were relocated — for free — to prime locations.

### **Myth 3: "You can't build a road over my soul" shows emotional harm done.**

#### **Fact:**

This statement reflects a long-standing resistance from some residents who have blocked the Crown road since the 1990s, prioritizing personal attachment over collective progress.

### **Myth 4: Auroville is a spiritual commune, not a city.**

#### **Fact:**

The Auroville Charter emphasizes both the spiritual and material aspects necessary for this city for the future of humanity. It is not a commune. A place for karma yoga, here spirituality embraces work and life. Newcomers are urged to inform themselves about Auroville's core values, vision and guidelines so as not to be confused.

### **Myth 5: Government is targeting Auroville unjustly, using political power.**

#### **Fact:**

Blaming everything on the government is a convenient political strategy. Sensationalizing stories regardless of facts and transferring blame helps this faction gain attention from portals who can help spread their motivated propaganda.

### **Myth 6: The Newslaundry video presents a fair and balanced account**

#### **Fact:**

The video presents a biased, emotionally charged view, misrepresenting facts and ignoring decades of obstruction while aligning with a specific internal faction which borders on motivated propaganda. Volunteers are welcome in Auroville to live and learn and contribute while respecting guidelines such as no politics and have respect for others. The politics of misleading, obstructing and defaming others are against the values of Auroville.

### **Myth 7: Auroville is united by spirituality, and external forces are disrupting this**

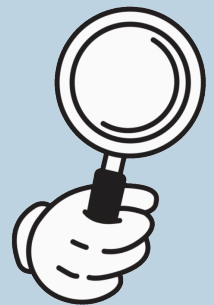
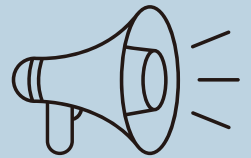
#### **Fact:**

Unity in Auroville has often been fragmented by self-serving entitlements, not external forces. True spiritual living in Auroville means being a "willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness," not selective choices.

### **Myth 8: The 2021 events were a 'takeover' by the Secretary**

#### **Fact:**

This narrative oversimplifies and demonizes governance efforts. The Secretary acted under mandate to implement the Master Plan. Change is not a takeover — it's a step toward real progress.



## >>> From The Working Committee

The Working Committee has received a query about the new ATSC process via [auroville.org](http://auroville.org). The letter is reproduced below as it may be a common question, along with the Working Committee's answer. For the sake of privacy the name of the person is withheld.

### Message received

Dear working committee team, I spent 3 month in Auroville and have the aspiration to join your community. I've been in contact with ATR, but the new rules of application seemed to me to be the opposite of Auroville's aim and the sense of community. I have contacted SAVI team who told me everything is blocked for now. I read in the latest bulletin news and notes that the Madras court is expected to give its verdict in 4 weeks' time. Would you be so kind as to let me know if a way of getting to Auroville without giving up your fundamental freedoms is possible again?

### Our Response

Thank you for reaching out to us. The new regulations for admission & termination were taken to court by a group of people and a partial stay was obtained bringing things to a standstill. This resulted in a lot of difficulty for Newcomers. However, an active process has now begun and the new group has been formed. Additionally, the Madras High Court has just vacated the stay on the RoR. This means the full process is now in place.

Contrary to what you have heard, the new regulation simplifies the process of admission so that more people can join with ease, provided they are committed to the Auroville Charter, Auroville's aims and guidelines, the realization of the city and respect Indian laws. The process now takes 3 to 6 months as a Volunteer, followed by a one year period as a Newcomer if you wish to take that step and further. You can now check with SAVI for all the details for becoming a volunteer - [study@auroville.org.in](mailto:study@auroville.org.in)

The fundamental freedom you seek lies in your capacity and inner joy to be a willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness as the Charter stipulates. Someone once wrote to The Mother ( Agenda, Feb 1970) that "he had come here to obey only himself and he found there were rules and laws. And he said: "I won't do it. I'm free, I refuse to do it." So, She replied to him: "One is only free when one is conscious of the Divine and it is the Divine who makes the decisions in each one, otherwise one is a slave to one's desires."

In another message She said: "The freedom we want to realise in Auroville is not a licence – each one doing as he pleases without concern for the well being of the organization of the whole." Or that: " Liberty does not mean to follow one's desires but, on the contrary, to be free from them."

We wish you a great journey of discovery, surrender and Consciousness.  
Warmly,  
The Working Committee  
Anu, Arun, Joseba, Partha, Selvaraj, Tine

### GOOD NEWS FOR NEWCOMERS!

The interim injunction against the regulation obtained in February 2024 has been vacated by the Madras High Court.

It has also clarified and reaffirmed Auroville's Governance structure.

See full report:

<https://sites.google.com/view/auroville-connect/press-note>

Liberty does not mean to follow one's desires but, on the contrary, to be free from them.

MOTHER ON AUROVILLE

The only true freedom is the one obtained by union with the Divine.

One can unite with the divine only by mastering one's ego

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## >>> The Frederick Visa Issue

We are attaching a response on Frederick's case by a resident given the active propaganda surrounding it right now and titled: A Step Towards Progress in Auroville.

Positions of entitlement have not only obstructed the growth of Auroville but have also succeeded, over the years, to keep Auroville divided and intimidated, as is the case now. This has prevented many from speaking out, as their work, families or finances can & have been seriously affected.

Propaganda tools are circulating, which exhort people to tweet or text \*only\* the recommended message about his health and old age but to leave out all reference to his political activity and the unrest in Auroville.

Though the decision is not in our hands - in view of all that has happened, if Frederick makes a step to offer a sincere and genuine apology to the Govt of India, the Governing Board, the Secretary and to Auroville, the Working Committee is willing to support him.

### The Indian Government's Action on Frederick

A step toward Progress for Auroville

The recent decision by the Indian government not to extend the visa of Frederick (Schulze-Buxloh), a figure who has been at the centre of the resistance in Auroville for decades, is a significant moment in the journey of Auroville.

For those who have witnessed the evolution of Auroville and the ideals upon which it was built, this decision is a positive step forward. It is an important reminder that the collective vision of Auroville – a place of harmony, unity, and spiritual progress – must be safeguarded from those who seek to derail it for personal or external political gains. Auroville, as envisioned by the Mother and Sri Aurobindo, is a City of Human Unity, a place where people from all corners of the world come together to live in peace and cooperation, transcending national, cultural, and religious boundaries. This vision is not just an abstract ideal but a living, breathing reality that requires constant attention, nurturing, and, most importantly, alignment with its foundational principles. In the past few years, however, certain individuals, including Frederick, have emerged as the central figures of a resistance movement that seeks to undermine the very fabric of Auroville's ideals...

Read the full article by clicking the link below:

<https://sites.google.com/view/auroville-connect/news-updates>



### THE FREDERICK VISA ISSUE



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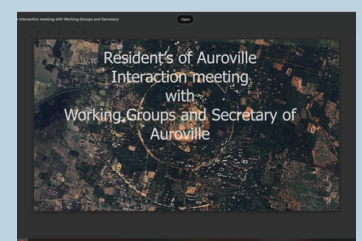
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**PRESENTATION TO THE RESIDENTS OF AUROVILLE BY WORKING GROUPS & THE SECRETARY ALONG WITH Q&A ON 26TH APRIL, 2025**



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## >>> New Voices

Auroville Connect has great pleasure in introducing a page for New Voices. In this issue we have two Newcomers: Olga Merchante and Rahul Sharma.

Olga is from Spain. She teaches at Nandanam School in the Akash programme.

Rahul Sharma is from India. He works at C3STREAM Land Designs. He creates software and mentors and trains youth.

Both were sent two questions:

1. Everyone faces different challenges when living in Auroville. Can you share what made it difficult for you and yet why you came back?
2. Looking forward, what would you like to see happen in Auroville in the next years?

### From Olga

1. The grace of the Divine has brought me here. For what I can say now, no amount of difficulties will stop me from aspiring to the divine will.
2. I would like to see a progress of consciousness. A strong and unmovable aspiration for the realisation of our true self.



### From Rahul

1. The difficulties were always inner in nature. Honestly, I was not bothered too much by what was happening outside because I had realised that I could hardly do anything about it. I had also learnt that everything depended on the inner attitude. My struggles, therefore, were always with the state of my nature and with what I was vs what I wanted to become. I left Auroville when this inner struggle became so acute that it manifested in the form of severe physical illness. I had decided not to come back to Auroville. But a few months later, during another severe illness, I decided that I wanted to come back. I am grateful to the Divine for bringing me back.
2. I would like to see more and more people in Auroville, including me, talk about how to realise Mother's dream and build the wonderful city that she wanted us to build. And to have more faith that it will be done regardless of the limitations of our nature.



**With love and gratitude to Olga & Rahul from the Auroville Connect team**

Earth needs...

...a place where men can live away from all national rivalries, social conventions, self-contradictory moralities and contending religions;

...a place where human beings, freed from all slavery to the past, can devote themselves wholly to the discovery and practice of the Divine Consciousness that is seeking to manifest.

Auroville wants to be this place and offers itself to all who aspire to live the Truth of tomorrow.

The Mother, 20 September 1969





## A DREAM THE FUTURE OF AUROVILLE

There should be somewhere on earth a place which no nation could claim as its own, where all human beings of goodwill who have a sincere aspiration could live freely as citizens of the world and obey one single authority, that of the supreme truth; a place of peace, concord and harmony where all the fighting instincts of man would be used exclusively to conquer the causes of his sufferings and miseries, to surmount his weaknesses and ignorance, to triumph over his limitations and incapacities; a place where the needs of the spirit and the concern for progress would take precedence over the satisfaction of desires and passions, the search for pleasure and material enjoyment.

In this place, children would be able to grow and develop integrally without losing contact with their souls; education would be given not for passing examinations or obtaining certificates and posts but to enrich existing faculties and bring forth new ones.

In this place, titles and positions would be replaced by opportunities to serve and organise; the bodily needs of each one would be equally provided for, and intellectual, moral and spiritual superiority would be expressed in the general organisation not by an increase in the pleasures and powers of life but by increased duties and responsibilities.

Beauty in all its artistic forms, painting, sculpture, music, literature, would be equally accessible to all; the ability to share in the joy it brings would be limited only by the capacities of each one and not by social or financial position.

For in this ideal place money would no longer be the sovereign lord; individual worth would have a far greater importance than that of material wealth and social standing. There, work would not be a way to earn one's living but a way to express oneself and to develop one's capacities and possibilities while being of service to the community as a whole, which, for its own part, would provide for each individual's subsistence and sphere of action.

In short, it would be a place where human relationships, which are normally based almost exclusively on competition and strife, would be replaced by relationships of emulation in doing well, of collaboration and real brotherhood.

The earth is certainly not ready to realize such an ideal, for mankind does not yet possess the necessary knowledge to understand and accept it nor the indispensable conscious force to execute it. That is why I call it a dream. Yet, this dream is on the way of becoming a reality.

That is exactly what we are doing on a small scale, in proportion to our modest means. The achievement is indeed far from being perfect, it is progressive; little by little we advance towards our goal, which, we hope, one day we shall be able to hold before the world as a practical and effective means of coming out of the present chaos in order to be born into a more true, more harmonious new life.

The Mother