ACRES FOR AUROVILLE – 24 NOVEMBER 2015

“… an ascending humanity which will embody more and more the turn towards spirituality, capacity for Light, a climb towards a divinised manhood and the divine life.”

Sri Aurobindo

Auroville is intended to be a prototype for “an ascending humanity”. The official journey began in 1968, but the roots, inspiration, and force go back to November 24th, 1926 when Sri Aurobindo and the Mother realised a great milestone in their exploration for the earth’s evolution. From that moment onwards, the road for linking the realms of Spirit and Matter became clear to them.

Tremendous evolutionary progress has been achieved in the 89 years since November 24th, 1926. Everywhere, we can perceive goodwill and collaboration for a better and brighter world manifesting, and in myriad ways! An early example was in 1966, two years before Auroville was founded, when India’s delegation to UNESCO presented the Auroville project. The world-body’s members saw the resonance of Auroville’s ideals with their own and unanimously passed the first of its four Resolutions of support for the City of Dawn. A brochure prepared for the occasion contained the Mother’s message:

“The task of giving a concrete form to Sri Aurobindo’s vision was entrusted to Mother. The creation of a new world, a new humanity, a new society expressing and embodying the new consciousness is the work she has undertaken.... The project of Auroville is the next step, which seeks to widen the base of this attempt to establish harmony between soul and body, spirit and nature, heaven and earth in the collective life of mankind.”

In “The Supramental Manifestation Upon Earth” Sri Aurobindo defined the conditions and goals for such a grand vision and lofty task:

- “the utmost possible harmony of individual freedom and social unity”
- “the means and motives by which (man’s) external life, his society and his institutions may remould themselves progressively in the truth of the spirit”

Auroville is a cradle, a birthplace for concretizing Sri Aurobindo’s great guidance and light. But “birth” means taking on a body - and “place” means space, land to manifest this promise for the earth. The importance of making the City of Dawn’s material base complete, unified, whole cannot be over-emphasised, and it is an urgent challenge facing us today. The “Acres for Auroville” campaign - sponsored by Auroville International with Lands for Auroville Unified - is consecrated to acquiring crucially-needed plots for the City Area that surrounds and protects the Matrimandir. “GreenAcres” - LFAU’s new campaign for acquiring vital Greenbelt plots, now complements the dynamic started by A4A.

“A collective ideal calls for a collective effort” wrote The Mother. So, let’s join hands to protect this privileged space for Auroville - envisioned by the Mother, pioneered by the youth of the world, and endorsed and encouraged by India and UNESCO. May our collective efforts create a bright and unified future for Auroville!

In solidarity for the City of Dawn,
Aryadeep, Mandakini, Sigrid, Jothi, Jasmin

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