



Auroville International

To:

Dr. Jayanti Ravi, Secretary of the Auroville Foundation
Members of the Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation
Auroville Foundation Bhavan
Auroville

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Dear Dr. Ravi,
Dear members of the Governing Board,

As this eventful year draws to a close we, representatives of the international community of Auroville friends and supporters, would like to express our sincere wish that the New Year will see further harmonious development of Auroville, worthy of Sri Aurobindo's 150th anniversary.

We stand ready to support Auroville in the preparations for this event and have already offered to the 150th Anniversary Group that we will help with programs taking place in the International Zone – a zone to which we naturally feel a special connection, but which so far is the least developed zone of Auroville.

It is envisaged to particularly highlight Sri Aurobindo's writings on "The Ideal of Human Unity", which elaborate on the next stage of human evolution our present civilization is urged to attain: the spiritual fraternity of humankind.

This ideal of Human Unity is also the core of Auroville's own values and *raison d'être*. In this light it has been very painful for us to see the present division in the community on the question of how and by which means the further development of Auroville can be hastened, and the fearsome events in its wake.

It has been very reassuring, however, to receive the recent news that a group from the Vastu Shilpa Foundation, under the wise guidance of Shri B.V. Doshi, is prepared to support Auroville in its striving towards working out Detailed Development Plans, as stipulated in the Auroville Master Plan. And it has been especially reassuring to learn that these planners have invited a group of Auroville architects, including David Nightingale and Omar, to collaborate with them, applying the inspiring community-building participatory "dreamweaving" process.

We would like to encourage this collaborative approach, to move forward by striving for unity in common action, since we firmly believe that any further development can only be based on mutual trust and goodwill. It is in true dialogue and hands-on collaboration that unity will be realized and healthy development will be hastened.

We are eternally grateful to India that it has allowed this experiment in Human Unity, "decreed by the Divine", as The Mother said, to be founded and to flourish on its soil, generously supported by both the Union and the State government.

Since its inception, Auroville and its unique galaxy model have inspired many thousands of people worldwide. Auroville's groundbreaking work of healing wounds of the past, inflicted on the earth and on people, has been proof that Human Unity is not just a lofty philosophic ideal, as Sri Aurobindo said, but can only be achieved in collaborative action on the ground.

The actual realization of Human Unity is part of the individual as well as of the collective yoga of all Aurovilians, a yogic endeavour that can only be based on the free unfolding of one's innermost soul values, without any fear. We therefore appeal to you to safeguard that all Aurovilians can follow their path of yoga freely, unencumbered by fear of reprisals.

The enormous scope of Auroville's achievements since its inception – in the fields of education, afforestation, water management, alternative energy, agriculture, rural development and more – by a comparatively small group of Aurovilians has attracted millions of visitors and thousands of volunteers from all over the world. It has also gained respect and support by international governments, financing many important projects in Auroville and the bioregion.

It is our sincere wish that Auroville International can further encourage and extend these kinds of programs and let Sri Aurobindo and The Mother's message of Human Unity spread out from India to a troubled world in desperate need of it.

Yours respectfully,



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