
Auroville Tomorrow

We do not belong to the past dawns, but to the noons of the future.
Sri Aurobindo

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Victory Over Adverse Forces

The anniversary of my return to Pondicherry, which was the tangible sign of the sure Victory over the adverse forces.

-The Mother, 24 April 1937



**On 24 April 1920, the boat approached the shores of Pondicherry.
As The Mother was to recall her experience thirty years later:**

**"I was on the boat, at sea, not expecting anything (I was of course busy with the inner life, but I was living physically on the boat), when all of a sudden, abruptly, about two nautical miles from Pondicherry, the quality, I may even say the physical quality of the atmosphere, of the air, changed so much that I knew we were entering the aura of Sri Aurobindo.
It was a physical experience." (17 March 1951)**

A New Dawn for Auroville, A Message of Hope and Vision



In the quiet dawn of a new era, Auroville stands poised, not only as a city but as a symbol. A symbol of humanity's aspiration to evolve, to persistently rise above division, and to live in unity and light. This is not just an ideal - it is a living truth seeded by The Mother and Sri Aurobindo, nurtured by their profound love for humankind and their unwavering faith in our collective potential.

**By Dr. Jayanti Ravi,
Secretary, Auroville Foundation, IAS**

Auroville was never meant to follow the worn paths of the past. It was envisioned as a site of transformation, a crucible where the old yields to the new, and where the soul of the earth breathes a higher possibility into form. And like every sacred birth, this transition has not been without pain. The journey of manifesting Auroville has, right from its inception been dotted with conflicts, inertia and resistance. The last few years have again tested this community's resilience, revealing cracks, stirring emotions, and awakening questions. But perhaps this too was necessary. Every birth comes with labor. Every dawn must pass through the long hours of night.

The City of Dawn has never been a place of ease, but a place of truth. And truth demands that we look inward as much as we look forward. The turbulence we have faced, the resistance, the fear, the clinging to what once was, are not enemies but echoes of the human journey through time. Every age must let go of the shell it has outgrown. And in this letting go, there is not loss, but liberation.

Auroville's vision is not anchored in nostalgia but in aspiration. It is not a museum of ideas, but a living entity. A collective experiment in consciousness. This city is a mirror, not of what humanity has been, but of what it can become. The Mother called it a place for "those who want to live a divine life," and this call still resounds, asking us not merely to inhabit Auroville, but to embody it.

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Today, as the winds of renewal begin to stir, we find ourselves at the threshold of something immense.

Let us imagine an Auroville where the Peace Area is truly sacred and still.

As we move forward, we must also focus on the children of Auroville; the children of the future. These are not just the next generation, but spiritual seekers, attuned to a higher consciousness. Born with innate wisdom, clarity, and connection to the divine, they will carry Auroville's message into the world. Our responsibility is to guide them through the wisdom of the New Consciousness, move away from old paradigms of cynicism and confusion.

In Auroville, we are not only building a city for today, but preparing fertile ground for tomorrow's leaders and citizens. Their growth and education are the foundation of a future aligned with the higher aspirations of humanity.

Let us imagine infrastructure that serves, roads that breathe, buildings that blend with trees, and energy that flows from the sun and wind. Let us imagine an International Zone that welcomes the world, for communion and prosperity. Let us imagine a city where art, ecology, progress and spirit are not in conflict, but in harmony. But more than all this, let us imagine a people who dare to trust. Who trust the process. Who trust that pain is not the opposite of progress, but its passage. That struggle is not a sign of failure, but of birth. That even in the darkest hour, the future is arriving. Radiant, irrepressible, and real.

There will always be voices that fear the new, that cling to forms rather than essence. But as those who believe and have full faith in the vision of Auroville have known and experience, the future does not wait for permission - it comes when the time is ripe. And that time is now.

To the youth, the seekers, the builders of tomorrow, Auroville belongs to you. To those who work in silence, to those who serve without recognition, to those who carry the dream in their hearts and hands. You are the true architects of this unfolding.

Let us walk together, with clarity, courage, and compassion. Let us hold fast to the vision entrusted to us as a living flame. Let us build with reverence, openness and your conscious.

The Mother once said: "Auroville wants to be the cradle of the superman." This is not just a vision, it is a certainty, and we must rise with strength, with softness, and with unwavering faith in the becoming.

The time has come to move forwards full manifestation. The time has come to welcome the Auroville that is being born with all our small efforts and by Her Grace.

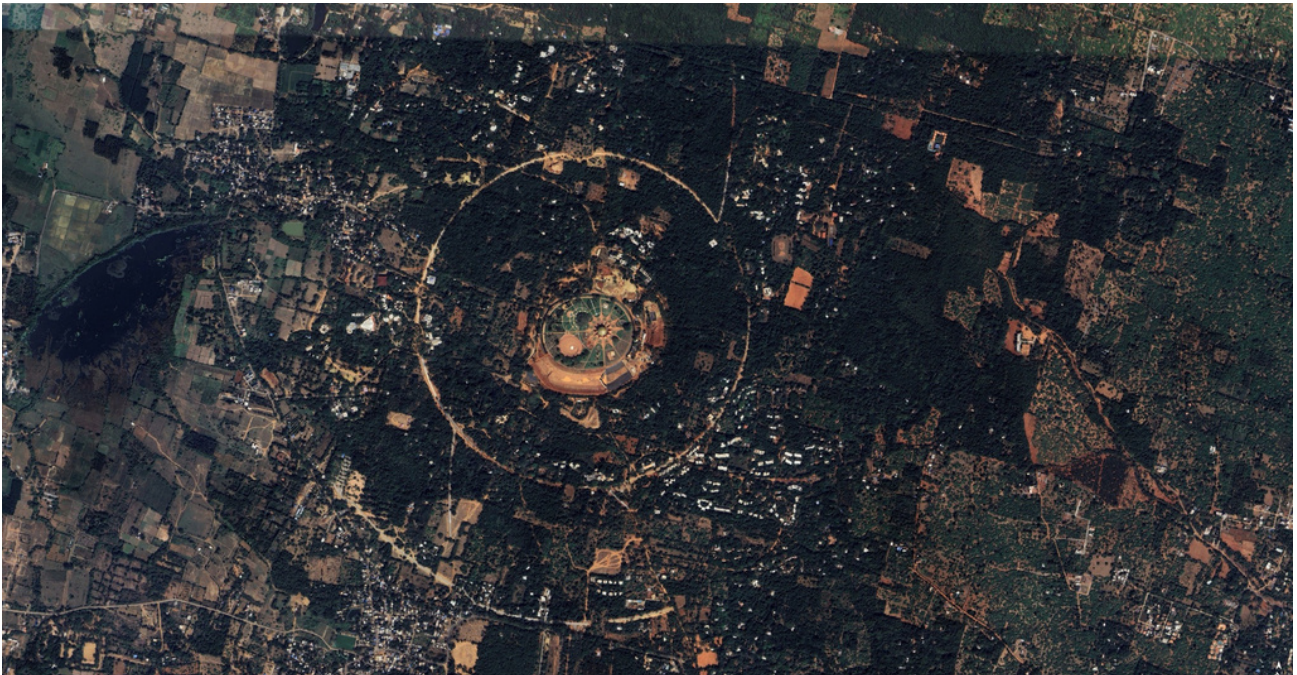
And what a glorious future awaits.



The City Takes Shape, Auroville's Steady Strides Toward Realization

Over the past three years, Auroville has entered a phase of tangible progress. What was once a visionary blueprint is steadily becoming a living reality. With key infrastructure taking form, housing developments under preparation, and land consolidation nearly complete, the city is truly beginning to take shape.

-By Sindhuja, Member of ATDC, Planning & Project Development Coordinator



Roads That Connect and Define

At the heart of recent developments is the long-awaited Crown Road—the circular backbone of the Galaxy Plan. This central road is more than a ring of concrete; it's a symbol of coherence, unity, and forward momentum for the township.

Radiating outward from the Crown, the Radial Roads are now being laid out, linking different zones and allowing for greater mobility - and by 'greater' we mean a mobility towards the elimination of fossil-fuel vehicles which is a direction given by The Mother already in 1965. Meanwhile, work on the Outer Ring Road is progressing steadily, helping define the city's physical boundaries while also facilitating regional access and planning to alleviate some of the stress caused on the bioregion by Auroville's steadily growing influx of visitors.

Housing Projects Reflecting Growth

Alongside the road networks, a range of new housing projects have been developed by the Auroville Town Development Council, responding to the growing needs of Auroville's evolving community. These projects are designed with Auroville's principles in mind: sustainability, simplicity, and collective living.

Funding for these projects is actively being sought, which will enable them to land decisively on the ground.

A Line of Force in the Industrial Zone

Looking ahead, one of the exciting initiatives now being prepared is the development of a Line of Force in the Industrial Zone. This corridor aims to catalyze a wave of conscious enterprise, innovation, and integrated infrastructure, linking workspaces, research hubs, and eco-industrial clusters in alignment with Auroville's values.

This Line of Force is envisioned not just as a physical urban block, but as a channel for creative, purposeful energy—laying the groundwork for an economy rooted in service, sustainability, furtherance of Auroville and spiritual aspiration.

Support for Start-ups and Innovation

To support this emergence, a framework for nurturing start-ups and new initiatives is also in the pipeline, in collaboration with Atal Innovation Mission. From co-working spaces and mentorship programs to incubation hubs and shared resources, Auroville is preparing to foster a new generation of enterprises—driven not by profit, but by purpose.

This support structure is being designed to empower individuals and teams who wish to contribute to Auroville's evolution while staying true to its Charter. Innovation is welcome—but so is intention.

From Money-Based to Prosperity-Based Economy

Perhaps most transformative of all is the growing focus on shifting Auroville's economy from a money-based system toward one rooted in "Prosperity," as given to us as the ideal by The Mother. This concept, central to the Mother's vision, emphasizes an economy based on sharing, an economy based on the inner shift from focus on satisfaction of desire to a focus on growth of true consciousness, collective responsibility, and access to essentials for all - Pour Tous - without the play of greed to amass personal wealth.

Steps are being taken to rethink systems of exchange, support services, and resource distribution to reflect this principle more deeply. The goal: to create an economic model where the needs of each are met by the abundance of all — freely, joyfully, and with trust.





Victories in Court, Upholding Truth

One of the quieter but most significant developments has been a series of recent court victories, including landmark judgments from the Honourable Supreme Court. These legal outcomes have gone a long way in, clarifying facts and establishing the right interpretation of the Auroville Foundation Act, reaffirming the intent of Auroville's founding vision, removing blockages to Auroville's development and administration and bringing closure to long-standing disputes, misunderstandings, and misperceptions.

In a time of uncertainty and divided opinions, these rulings have helped re-establish a foundation of trust, truth, and lawful process—providing renewed confidence in the direction of the city's development.

These victories are not just legal in nature—they are moral milestones, reminding us that every action, seemingly "for" or "against" development, is yet another step in the establishment of Truth, which alone has the power to clear paths that once seemed eternally blocked.

Land Consolidation Nearing the Finish Line

After decades of effort, Auroville is now closer than ever to completing the consolidation of all land within the planned city area. Recent years have seen significant success in both direct purchases and land exchanges, ensuring that development can proceed in line with the Master Plan.

This near-completion is more than a logistical win — it's a foundational achievement. With land secure, Auroville's vision can finally be fully grounded in space.

Call to Action: This Is Our Moment

This is a rare and pivotal time in Auroville's journey—a moment when vision meets possibility and actuality. Whether you're already in the field, waiting on the sidelines, or just arriving at the gates of this experiment.

If you've been waiting for the right time to engage, now is the time!

If you've been searching for the right way to contribute, there are many!

If you feel called to offer your work, your support, your energy—step in!

Let's manifest the Dream.

Let's build the City the Earth needs.

Auroville at Crossroads: The Chairman's Call

In a compelling address at the Unity Pavilion, Shri R.N. Ravi, Honorable Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chairman of the Auroville Foundation's Governing Board, delivered a message of reflection and direction to hundreds of Auroville residents. The speech preceded the Foundation's 61st Governing Board meeting and marked one year since the current Board's formation—a body largely composed of first-time appointees and two sitting Governors of major Indian states.

The Chairman opened with a stark message: Auroville has drifted from its spiritual roots. While acknowledging decades of material progress, he criticized the community's growing detachment from its original purpose—sadhana, or spiritual practice. **"The Soul of Auroville must shine," he said. "Without it, the brand has no value."**

He referenced the 2010 Master Plan—developed with community input and notified in the Gazette of India—now facing resistance. Legal challenges, public dissent, and media backlash, he noted, were troubling. **"Why would a community that helped shape its own path now fight its realisation?" he asked.** A core part of the speech was a challenge to the popular notion of "human unity." He urged the community to move beyond symbolic gestures to a deeper spiritual unity as envisioned by Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga—a blend of devotion, wisdom, and selfless action. **"It is not unity in lunch. It is unity in consciousness," he asserted.**



The Chairman touched upon entitlement among long-standing residents, stressing that spiritual growth isn't a birthright but a daily discipline. He acknowledged troubling reports of substance abuse, financial irregularities, and land disputes, warning that these issues diverge sharply from Auroville's intended path.

He called for Aurovilians to define new norms aligned with the township's spiritual aims. **"The time of passive coexistence with deviation is over. Auroville must realign, reawaken, and reclaim its Soul."**

He closed with a call for dialogue, inviting suggestions and participation in restoring Auroville's ideals. The Governing Board, he emphasized, seeks to protect—not impose upon—the foundational spirit of the township. The speech drew mixed reactions—some applauded, others stayed silent. But for many, it signaled a turning point: a moment to re-anchor Auroville in its spiritual mission and recommit to the path envisioned by The Mother and Sri Aurobindo.

Today, in 2025, with the landmark judgments from the Honorable Supreme Court re-establishing Auroville's purpose and bringing clarity in the mandate and administration, we have no doubt that Auroville will indeed boldly spring towards future realizations.

Auroville, the Yoga of Collective Life

By Prof. Goutam Ghosal, Governing Board



Auroville is the manifestation of Sri Aurobindo's yoga, which aims at transformation of earth-consciousness through the expansion of the individuals to realise unity, that is, "brotherhood of the souls".

Because of its stress on material life, as against the world-renouncing cult of Buddhism and Mayabad, this yoga is strongly centred in the Soil.

The New Yoga is thus not solo like the old ones, not done in solitude. Every moment our equanimity is tested in our interactions with others around us. In the cave and the forest, far away from the city, there was no test of our Samata. Auroville had been planned to map the City of the Future, an experiment of collective yoga, the yoga of work being the foundation of integral sadhana.

**Further, looking at thine own
Dharma, thou shouldst not
tremble; for there is no greater
good for the Kshatriya than
righteous battle.**

**The Bhagavad Gita | Chapter 2
| Verse 31**

**With text, translation and
commentary in the words of
Sri Aurobindo**

