



Lands for Auroville Unified

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ACRES FOR AUROVILLE – 24th APRIL 2017

A vastly significant collaboration begins

April 24th marks the Mother's final arrival in India in 1920 to join Sri Aurobindo in Puducherry. Renowned Indian writer Manoj Das has called this "the greatest day in the history of the earth" as it was then that the collaboration between Sri Aurobindo and the Mother began, paving the way for what a line in Savitri aptly conveys: "**the united two began a greater age**". Auroville, envisioned as The City of Dawn, is also one of the outcomes of that collaboration and a vehicle to manifest "a greater age".

Three other events, too, make 24th April a significant date:

- it was on 24th April 1949 that the celebrated French photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson shot the only photographs taken of Sri Aurobindo after the 1920's. Thanks to these majestic images taken inside his room, we see Sri Aurobindo after 23 years of yogic seclusion and before his withdrawal from his body.

- also on this same date in 1951, the Mother inaugurated a cherished project, the opening of the Sri Aurobindo University Centre, later re-christened as the Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education (SAICE).

- it was in 1956 on April 24th that the Mother chose to announce that splendid message speaking of the reality of the Supramental at work in the world:

"The manifestation of supramental upon earth is no more a promise but a living fact, a reality. It is at work here, and one day will come when the most blind, the most unconscious, even the most unwilling shall be obliged to recognize it."

For "Acres for Auroville", this vastly significant date constitutes one of the four yearly "Goodwill Activation Points" in our efforts for Auroville's harmonious and unified land base. Our attached flier shows some of the concrete results of our dynamic collaboration – new acres of vital Master Plan land, now an integral part of Auroville. Let the day of collaboration between Sri Aurobindo and the Mother also be a day of the renewal of our collaboration for "the City the earth needs".

Aryadeep and Mandakini

On behalf of "Acres for Auroville"

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