

Auroville

the city the earth needs.

Auroville: the city the earth needs a presentation by Guy Ryckaert and Ruth Hauser

A Global Project

“Auroville wants to be a universal town where men and women of all countries are able to live in peace and progressive harmony, above all creeds, all politics and all nationalities. The purpose of Auroville is to realize human unity.”

—the Mother, founder of Auroville, 1965.

At the inauguration ceremony of Auroville on 28th February 1968, youth representing 121 countries and 23 Indian States placed a handful of earth in a lotus-shaped urn, symbolizing the creation of a city dedicated to human unity, international understanding and a future of hope for humanity. A new city was born, a *“site of material and spiritual researches for a living embodiment of an actual human unity.”* (from the Auroville Charter)

Today, Auroville is an expanding community of about 1,500 people from India and more than 30 other countries.

A Laboratory for a Sustainable Planet

• Regenerating the Earth • Organic Farming • Using Renewable Energy • Building with Appropriate Building Technologies • Educating Children and Youth • Caring for People’s Health • Creating a Sustainable Bioregion •

Auroville’s pioneering efforts are many: wasteland reclamation; soil and water conservation, reforestation, producing food without pesticides, reintroducing sustainable agriculture, solar electric, wind pump, passive solar and biogas technologies, training, consulting, design, supervision, and construction of cost effective building technologies, benefiting local villagers with cooperation in sustainable agriculture, health care, community development, education and sports programs.

A Vision of Hope for India and the World

Auroville’s future has to be secured. At present, Auroville’s development is being threatened by rapidly escalating land prices, and increasing real estate speculation on the Auroville plateau. Purchase of the remaining land is urgently needed to allow for coherent development of the city and its infrastructure to create, together with the local population, a sustainable bioregion in harmony with the Earth.

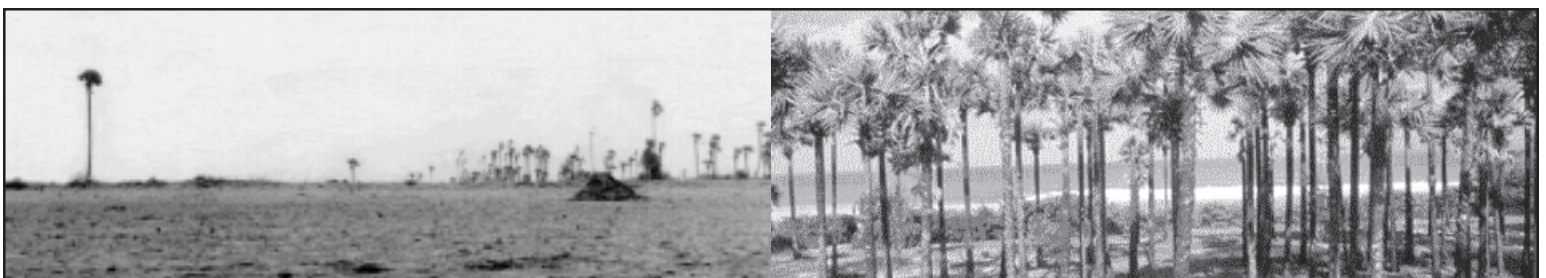
Wednesday, September 22nd

at the 11th Annual International Conference of the Society for Ecological Restoration

Palace of Fine Arts, San Francisco

4:30 - 5:15 PM

Admission \$5.00. For more information call Auroville International USA: 831-425-5620



More than 2 million forest, hedge, fruit and fuel wood trees have been planted, transforming more than 2,500 acres of barren land into a lush green landscape.