ACRES FOR AUROVILLE - PHASE 2 UPDATE N° 1

"A harmonious collective aspiration
can change the course of circumstances"
The Mother

If there is one reliable guide for us in our lives, it is the Mother's words. And we see this truth shown again in the fruits of the **Acres for Auroville** land campaign. Together, we have broken through an impasse, and **with A4A donations, Auroville has bought a vital Matrimandir area plot.** Since its purchase in June, this land has been cleared and is now being readied for its unifying role in the inner ring of the City Area. **Avenir** (Auroville's Town Development Council) has written its thanks:

"Auroville is very grateful for the donations which made it possible to acquire this specific piece of land. It is quite near the Matrimandir and is situated in an important area where Auroville development needs to take place. A large range of services (Library, Health Center, Home for the Elderly, Schools, etc.) are being developed in its direct vicinity. This acquisition makes it possible to develop a pathway from Surrender-Grace-Invocation directly to the Matrimandir. Auroville will develop part of it as a green area (Mahalaxmi Park), and another part will give space to Deepanam School and its children. This piece of land is the missing piece which unifies the whole area again."

A4A PHASE 2 NEWS: After **the success of A4A PHASE 1**, and in accordance with the **Land Board's priority request, A4A PHASE 2 widens the campaign's focus to the four zones of the City Area.** Acquiring land in these 4 zones - which encircle and protect the Matrimandir - will enable unifying and building the vibrant urban hub which The Mother envisaged for the Township. This year's **Launch Ceremony** again honored AV's pioneering and youth generations with special guests **Varadharajan** and **Kavitha**. A4A's successful action was presented in a powerpoint, and **"Landing Auroville", Rakhal's soon-to-be-released land fundraising film** was previewed. Then, both powerpoint and film were presented to an enthusiastic reception at **the joint AVI International meeting & AUM Conference** held at Woodstock, USA. On October 3rd, the A4A action was part of the **Land Board's very well-received presentation to Auroville's Governing Board and International Advisory Council.**
And, the **COLAAP** website hosting **A4A's Donor Pages** and **Success Barometer** is now much enriched!

MORE GOOD NEWS: We are happy to welcome **Jasmin Maheshwari** as a new member of **LFAU**, and the **A4A team**. Jasmin comes with a long history of involvement with **Auroville International, Auroville, and the Sri Aurobindo Ashram**. We warmly welcome her skills, enthusiasm, and energy!

Friends of Auroville everywhere: we are very gratified to see that the **collective solidarity** for Auroville's **urgent land needs** has continued into the first months of **A4A Phase 2.** On that note, here are the final words that Avenir wrote in thanks for **our circumstance-changing collective aspiration**:

"It is difficult to acquire lands, especially in the City Area. Every acquired piece counts. Every piece is crucial and important for the development of Auroville. We are very, very grateful for the help and support we get from A4A. Without this help, acquisition would go slower, and in some cases, not at all."

Support Acres for Auroville! United, let's keep up the momentum for Auroville's land!

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

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