

# *Welcome to the City of Dawn*

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# THAT IS WHY I WAS MADE TO START AUROVILLE...

Sri Aurobindo said...

... ..*“India has become the symbolic representation of all the difficulties of modern mankind. “India will be the land of its resurrection – the resurrection to a higher and truer life.” And the clear vision: the same thing which in the history of the universe made the earth the symbolic representation of the universe so as to concentrate the work on one point, the same phenomenon is now taking place: India is the representation of all human difficulties on earth, and it is in India that the... cure will be found. And then, that is why – **THAT IS WHY I was made to start Auroville.***

Mother's Agenda **3.2.68**

# *Here is why you have made Auroville*

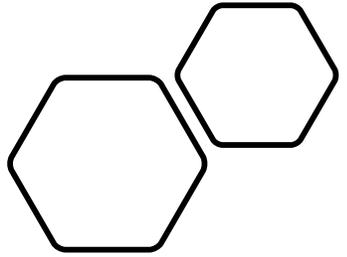
*... ..It was really interesting. And immediately there was: "Here is why you have made Auroville." I didn't know it, you understand, I did the thing under pressure, and it took larger and larger proportions (it's becoming really worldwide), and I would wonder why....*

*Ibid*

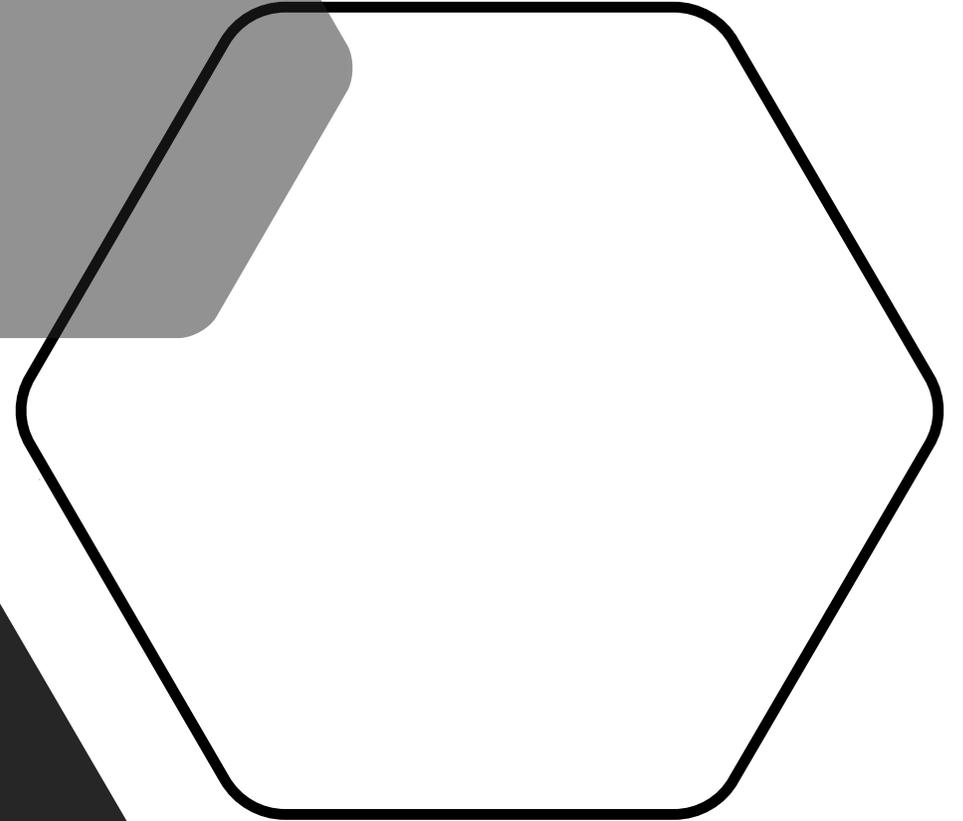
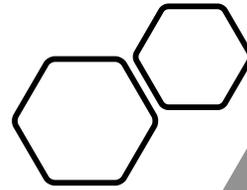
# AGAIN,

*It was day before yesterday, I think, the whole day was taken up like that in the experience, and I felt it was the revelation of Auroville's true goal, and that THIS was what had to be told, and **THIS is what... will select the people, the Aurovilians.** The true Aurovilians are those who want to make the search and discovery of the Divine. But, as I said, **not through mystic means: it's in life. That too should be said.***

*Mother's Agenda 2.5.70*

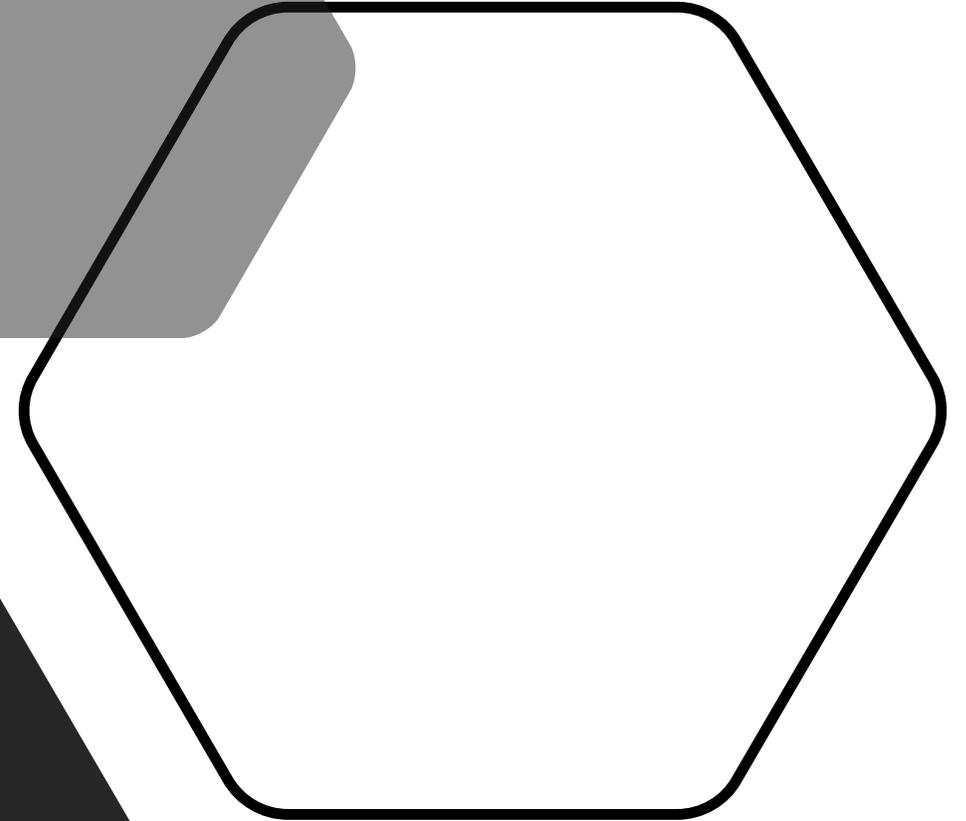
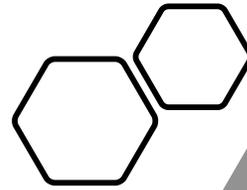


# The Background



- The Entry Service was functioning with 5 to 7 members for many years.
- With the request/insistence from the Indian government we had been developing an Entry & Exit Policy since 2013.
- The government named it to be 'Regulations on Admission and Termination'
- Auroville community approved the Entry Policy in Sept 2017

# The Background



- The Entry Board was constituted in December 2017 whose term was for only one year. Its mandate was to implement, review and recommend amendments and suggestions to the Policy.
- The Indian Government communicated the notification in March 2019:  
    ‘Regulations on Admission and Termination’
- The Community constituted its full-fledged Entry Board with 9 members in April 2019.
- Their term is 3 years and they are:

From right to left (9): Charlie, Dominique, Sophie, Angelo, Veronique, Matriprasad,  
Dheena, Ishta and Rama Narayana

At present (6): Charlie, Sophie, Veronique, Matriprasad, Dheena and Rama Narayana



# Structure of the Entry Service

Entry Secretariat

Administrative Operations

Entry Board

Over all management / Entry decision

Mentor Pool

Newcomer individual support

Aspiration Team

Information / Initiation / Culture

# The Entry Process

The Entry Policy 2017



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# Different Status to enter & participate in Auroville

- Friend of Auroville
- Associate of Auroville
- Spouse / Partner or Parent of an Aurovilian
- Spouse/Partner of a Newcomer (yet to be approved)
- Aurovilian

# Friend of Auroville

- A person who has been actively engaged in Auroville for some time but cannot permanently reside in Auroville due to personal commitments elsewhere. However, a Friend of Auroville visits regularly and stays for extended periods of time in Auroville, during which time he/ she is engaged in services, units or projects of Auroville.
- A person who has been representing Auroville outside for an extended period as a committed member of an Auroville International platform, liaising with Governments or organisations in connection with Auroville projects.
- A person who has, over time, contributed substantial donations to Auroville projects.

# Associate of Auroville

- An Associate of Auroville is someone who wishes to engage with the Auroville community, because he/she is currently:
  - A consultant of an Auroville unit/activity;
  - Business associate of an Auroville unit/activity;
  - Involved in a project of Auroville; or
  - Involved in a project of an Aurovilian.

# Spouse / Partner or Parent of an Aurovilian

- A Spouse / Partner of an Aurovilian is someone who does not wish to or cannot become an Aurovilian but wishes to engage voluntarily in Auroville projects or activities in Auroville.
- If any one or both the parents of an Aurovilian need to live with the Aurovilian, avail(s) the status or a special permission of the Entry Board needs to be obtained.

# Spouse / Partner of a Newcomer

(yet to be approved)

A Spouse / Partner of a Newcomer is someone who does not wish to or cannot become an Aurovilian but wishes to engage voluntarily in Auroville projects or activities in Auroville while living with his/her spouse/partner.

# Aurovilian

- For those who wish to settle permanently in Auroville as residents. They will be invited to start the Newcomer process.
- Specific nuances are there for the following:
  - Child of Aurovilian to Aurovilian
  - Returning Aurovilian to Aurovilian
  - Employee to Aurovilian
  - Volunteer (SAVI) to Aurovilian

# VISA

Indian citizens:

**No need of Visa**

## Foreigners

- Need for Entry Visa to live in Auroville and to offer services
- Visa is delivered in the home country of the person
- The Entry Board recommends the AV Foundation to issue a Letter of Recommendation(LR) after First Sharing. NC process starts on return
- If an applicant has not fulfilled all the conditions for First Sharing EB arranges a special/LR Interview in order to reduce carbon footprint
- SAVI Volunteers already have an Entry Visa. They enter the Newcomer process straight away
- Entry Visa is for 1 year and renewable in India for 3 more years



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# Entry Process in phases to become an **Aurovilian**

- Exploring and experiencing Auroville
- Shifting toward the Newcomer period
- Newcomer period: Living and serving in Auroville
- Newcomer period comes to last operations
- Closing steps

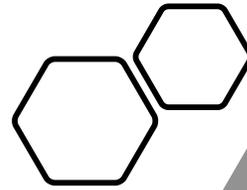
# Exploring and experiencing Auroville

- Experiencing and exploring Auroville for 3 months and to be affirmed in oneself of one's motivation to join Auroville
- Attend a Welcome Talk – organised by Aspiration Team  
once a month on a Tuesday from 3 to 5pm
- Attend a YUCCA Programme – a 4-day educational programme organised by Aspiration Team  
once a month – usually second half a week

# Apply and meet the Entry Board

- Be clear about where would you be living and where would be engaging in Auroville's life through its activities – in any Service or in any Unit (these can change later, if needed)
- Visit the Entry Secretariat for an online link to apply.
- Identify an Aurovilian (min 3 years) who can become your Chosen Mentor and is willing to support you for the entire Newcomer period.
- Fill in the online application form and submit
- Provide two support letters from two Aurovilians and a work letter from the place of work.
- The Secretariat assigns the second mentor.
- The applicant and the mentors are invited for FIRST SHARING

# Newcomer Period



- The Entry Board decides in its weekly Monday meeting
- Announced as a Potential Newcomer
- Feedback from the community with in two weeks
- Announced as a Confirmed Newcomer
- Completes Newcomer Kit
- Six-month self-evaluation report from the Newcomer and six-month mentor's report
- 1 full year of Newcomer period

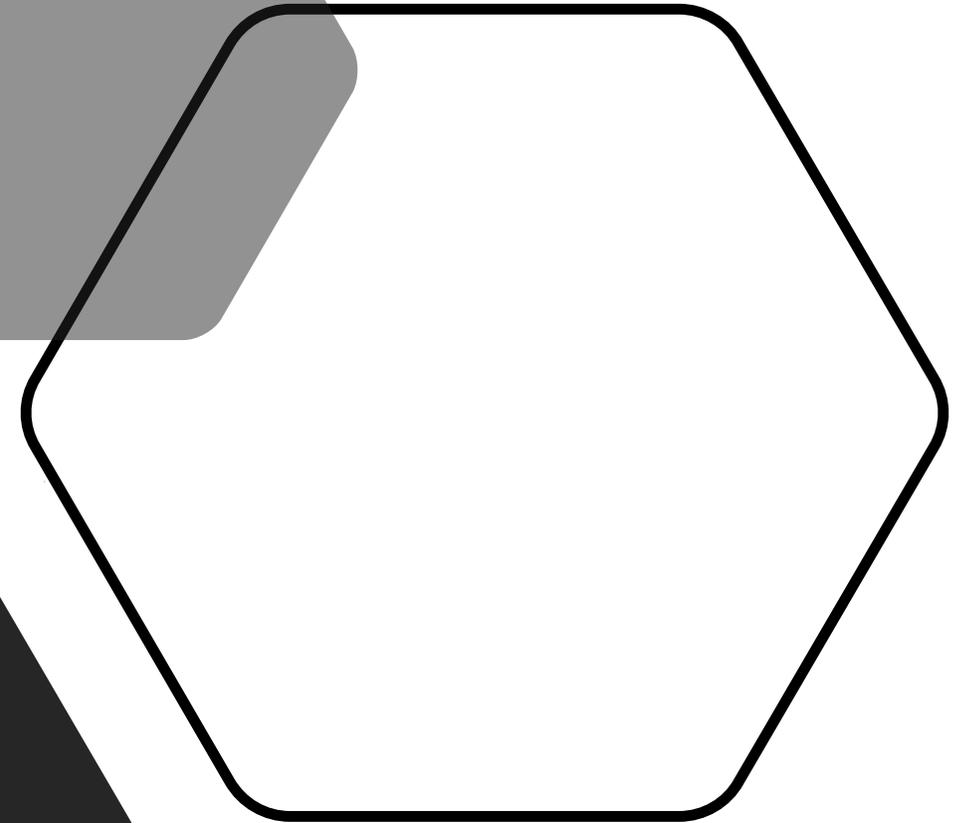




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# Become an Aurovilian

- Mentors give end of Newcomer period report on the Newcomer
- Long-term housing agreement is endorsed by Housing Service
- Entry Secretariat schedules FINAL SHARING of the Newcomer and the mentors with the Entry Board
- Entry Board decides in its Monday meeting
- Announced as a Potential Aurovilian
- Four weeks of feedback period from the community
- Announced as a Confirmed Aurovilian
- Signs B-Form to get registered into the RoR (Register of Residents) maintained by the office of Auroville Foundation

***Nothing depends  
on  
human beings - ...***

*"The city will be built by what is invisible to you. The men who have to act as instruments will do so despite themselves. They are only puppets in the hands of larger Forces. **Nothing depends on human beings - neither the planning nor the execution— nothing!** *That is why one can laugh.*"*

- The Mother.





\*AVI meeting in Auroville

Unity Pavilion

13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020, 2.30pm

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- Entry Service Presentation on current situation
- Presented by Rama Narayana and Veronique