

Auroville

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Auroville Latest News

Auroville celebrated its 57th birth anniversary with bonfire meditation at the Amphitheatre, Matrimandir, recently.

About Auroville

- Auroville is an **experimental international township** in **South India (in Tamil Nadu)**, near Pondicherry) where thousands of **residents from over 60 countries** are exploring **alternative ways of living**, working, and being together peacefully.
- It was **founded by Mirra Alfassa**, known as the '**Mother**', the **spiritual collaborator of Sri Aurobindo**, on the 28th of February, **1968**, as an international cultural township.
- It was designed by the famous **architect Roger Anger**.
- It is the **largest and oldest surviving international intentional community** in the world.
 - It has flourished from a barren desert to a 3,000-acre township and bioregion in which more than 3 million trees have been planted, home to rich biodiversity, 9 schools, multiple social enterprises, etc.

- Auroville is a growing community of **2,700 people from 50 nations**, and the vision for Auroville is that it **belongs to nobody in particular but humanity as a whole**.
- The **Aurovilleans**, as they call themselves, live together on the **principles of peace, harmony, sustainable living**, and **'divine consciousness'** which was the philosophy of the Mother.
- **UNESCO had endorsed the project** of Auroville through four resolutions in 1966, 1968, 1970, and 1983.
- The township is under the **administrative control of the Ministry of Education** since 1980 and is **administered as per** the provisions of the **Auroville Foundation Act, 1988**, passed by the Parliament of India.
- According to the provisions of the Auroville Foundation Act, the **Government of India provides partial funding** in the form of grants to the Foundation for meeting its expenditure on the establishment, maintenance, and development of Auroville.

Auroville FAQs

Q1. Is living in Auroville free?

Ans. Both Newcomers and Aurovilians contribute a fixed monthly amount towards Auroville.

Q2. Who is the owner of Auroville?

Ans. The land and assets of Auroville are held by a Government-appointed body called the Auroville Foundation.

Q3. Who controls Auroville?

Ans. The Township is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Education.

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