

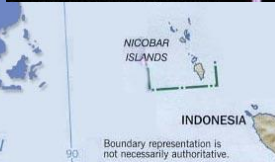
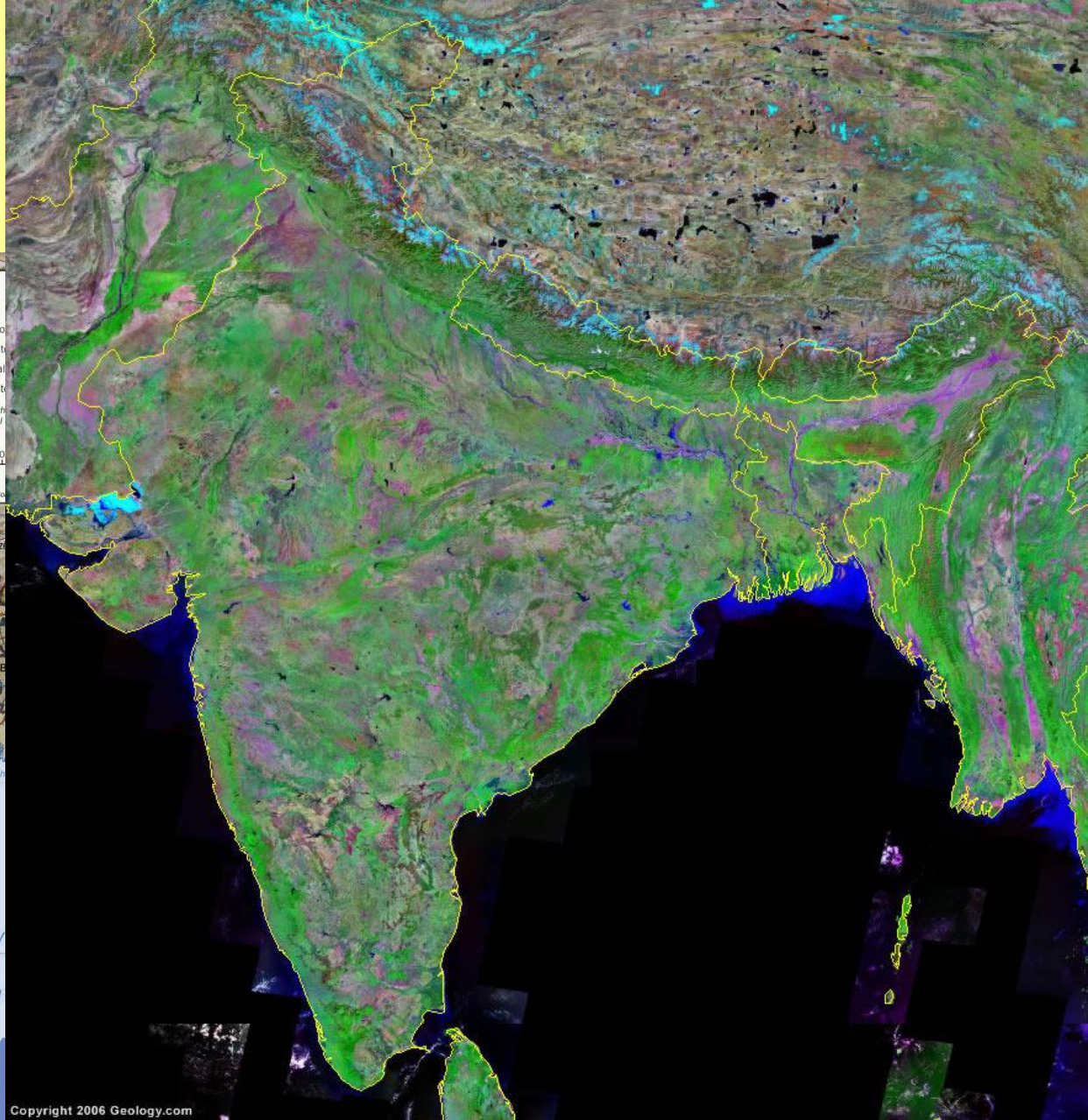
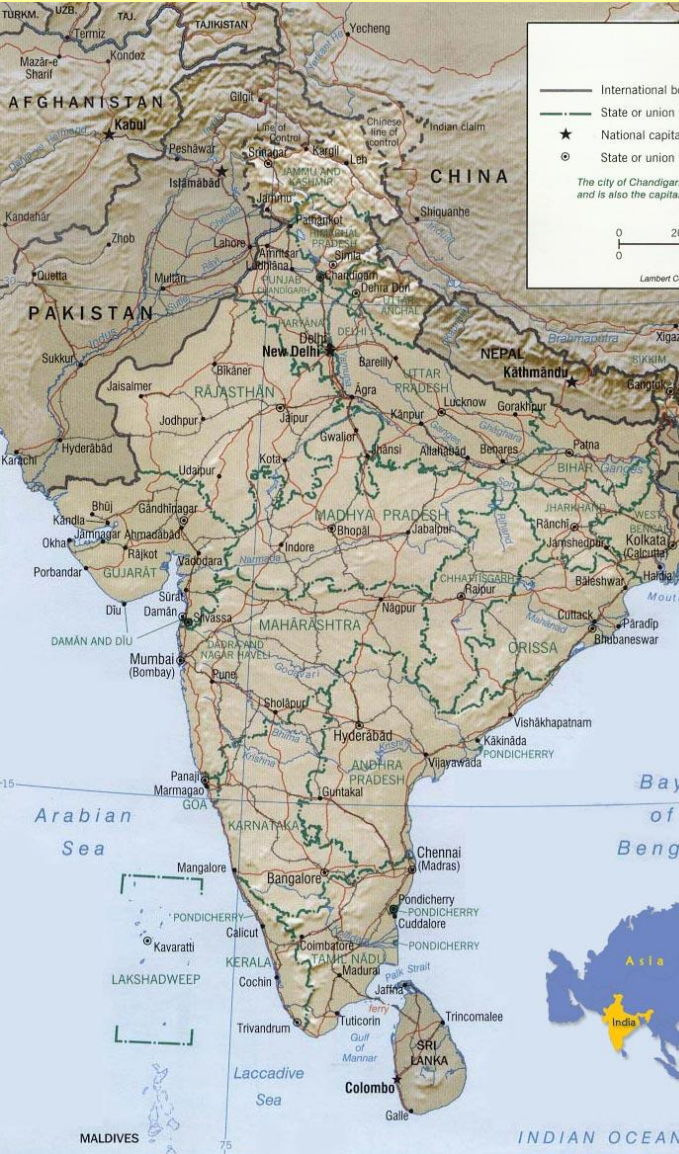
# EcoPro

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EcoPro, Auroville



# Auroville in India



# Founded in 1968 – the Auroville Charter

1. Auroville belongs to nobody in particular. Auroville belongs to humanity as a whole. But to live in Auroville one must be a willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness.
2. Auroville will be the place of an unending education, of constant progress, and a youth that never ages.
3. Auroville wants to be the bridge between the past and the future. Taking advantage of all discoveries from without and from within, Auroville will boldly spring towards future realisations.
4. Auroville will be a site of material and spiritual researches for a living embodiment of an actual Human Unity.

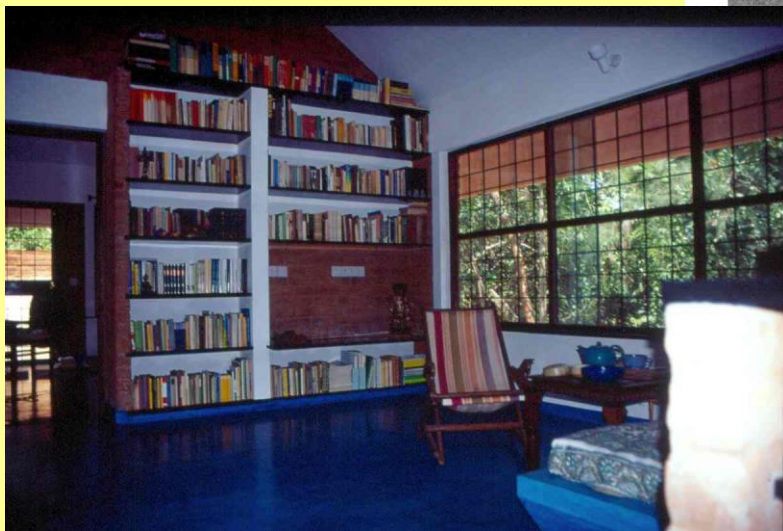


# Auroville – forestry & housing

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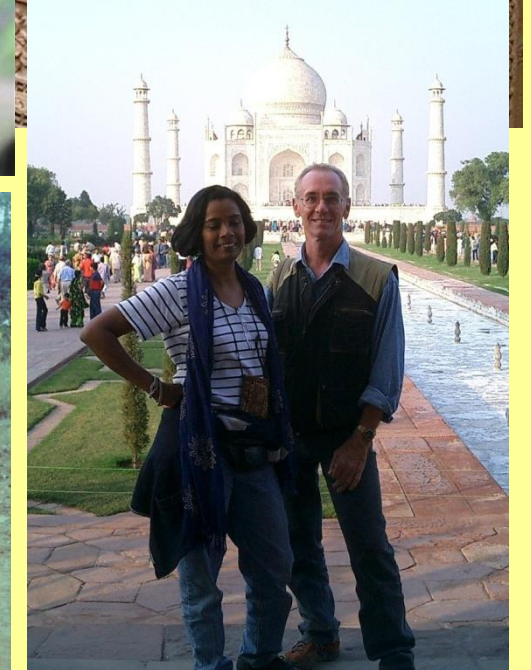
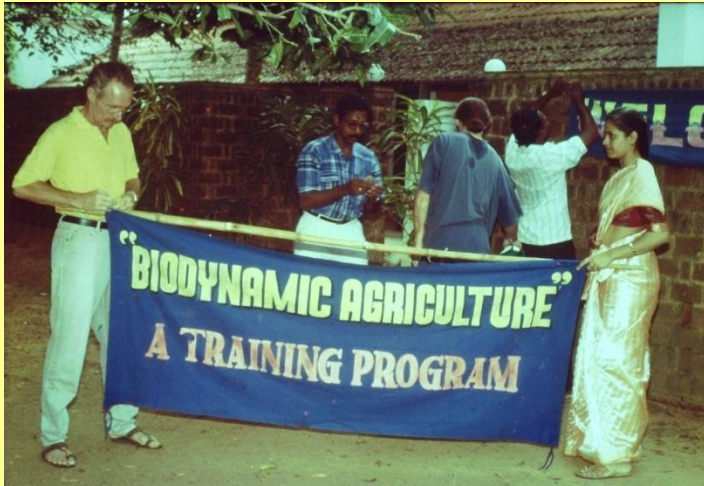
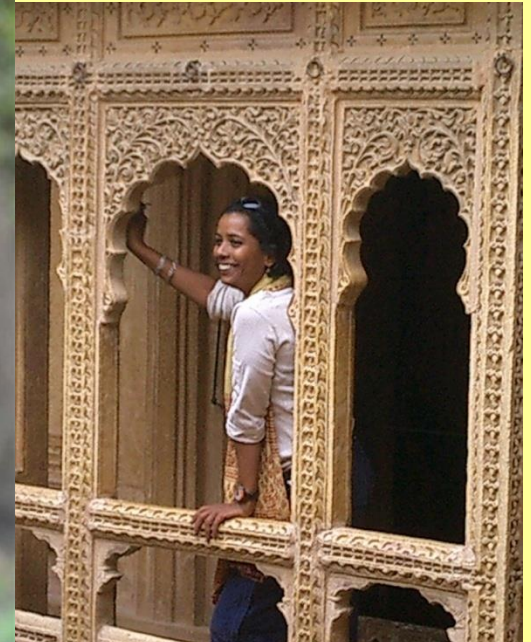
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# Life in Auroville



# EcoPro

Company slogan: “...towards ecological prosperity”

EcoPro promotes

- Ecologically sound concepts & technologies for organic farming and in several fields of public hygiene and environmental health, i.e. in sanitation & hygiene, solid waste management, waste water treatment, rehabilitation of eutrophicated water bodies and bio-remediation of polluted soils.
- Concepts & technologies such as ecosan, EM technology, dewats, biodynamic farming, terra preta etc.

Further, EcoPro aims at:

- making ecological science & the need for environmental health comprehensible to lay persons;
- providing honest information on products and services available;
- offering collaborative services instead of competitive business.

EcoPro is operating on two tracks (and with separate accounting), commercially and non-commercially. Commercial profits are contributed to Auroville’s community budget and to outreach work.

Membership in BDAI, IFOAM, CDD Society, and BERAS India.

In May 2015, EcoPro team consists of ten co-workers, plus volunteers & interns. Presently three Aurovilians (Kundhavi, Lucas, Sharma), other team members are employees.

Staff is encouraged to attend training seminars and workshops.

Monday afternoons we practice one hour hathayoga during working hours.



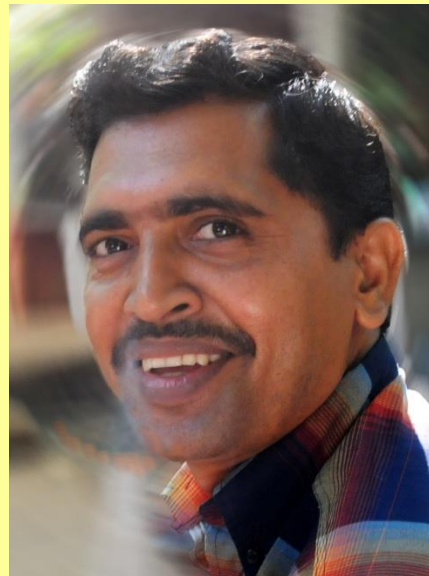
Volunteers 2014/15



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employee from  
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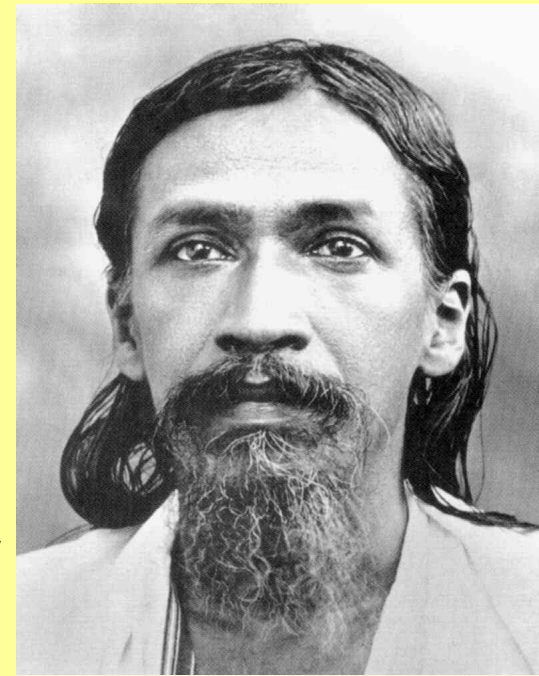
Kundhavi >>  
since April 2014



As business people we are inspired by  
Sri Aurobindo's "Vaishyashakti"

Danam, vyayah, kaushalam, bhogalipsa, iti Vaishyashaktih.

Dana & pratidana are the especial dharma of the Vaishya; his nature is the nature of the lover who gives and seeks; he pours himself out on the world in order to get back what he has given increased a hundredfold. Vyaya is his capacity to spend freely for this purpose without any mean and self-defeating miserliness in the giving. Kaushalam is the dexterity & skill which is able so to arrange the means, the equipment, the action as to produce the greatest results possible & the best arranged results. Law, arrangement, suiting of means to ends, of expenditure to return, are the joy of the Vaishya. Bhoga is his object; possession & enjoyment, not merely of physical things, but all enjoyment, enjoyment of knowledge, of power, of self-giving, of service, comes within its scope. The Vaishya, purified and liberated, becomes the supreme giver and lover & enjoyer, Vishnu's ansha preserving & making the most of the world. He is the Vishnushakti, as the Brahmana is the Shivashakti & the Kshatriya the Rudra-shakti.



Sri Aurobindo (in: Record of Yoga I, p. 10)

# EcoPro activities & programs presently

- Sales of EM & consultancy in EM practices – our income base since 2000 (as AuroAnnam – from 2007 as EcoPro).



# EcoPro activities & programs presently

- Ecosan toilets in Tindivanam-Boodheri – starting in 2011, 55 urine-diversion-dry toilets (UDDTs) built at household level; education and monitoring for optimum use; use of biochar and EM to be integrated.



## EcoPro activities & programs presently

- Biochar & terra preta – ongoing farm trials with biochar / terra preta; regular production of biochar & terra preta to be developed, new kiln to be constructed.
- Demonstration plots & field trials planned – to compare BD practices, EM practices, TP and combinations of TP with BD and TP with EM; on different soils.



# EcoPro activities & programs presently

- Education & guidance in Biodynamic farming for local farmers – from Feb. 2014 onwards. – Funded by Demeter International.



# EcoPro activities & programs presently

- Women empowerment – from April 2014 onwards – through education in & exposure to organic farming, hygiene & sanitation, health & nutrition, training for livelihood opportunities; cooking stoves with biochar production.



# EcoPro activities & program activities

From January 2013 till March 2015 SWM program in Karaikal town, public awareness campaign in several wards, composting of bio-waste.



# EcoPro activities & programs presently

- From Oct 2014 onwards (with other partners in Auroville) program in “Tribal” villages in Kalvarayan Hills, Villupuram Dt. For the promotion of organic farming, sanitation, supplementary nutrition for school children.



# EcoPro activities & programs presently

- Educational programs in schools and for farmers: for Auroville farmers, in schools in Auroville, in a school (with a school farm) in Chennai. Occasionally lectures in colleges.
- Organizing conferences and seminars on organic/biodynamic farming, urban farming, sustainable resource use.
- Lucas is Secretary to the Biodynamic Association of India (BDAI) since 2011, and head of BDAI Demeter Office since 2008. Teacher in BD trainings. Involved in BD School.
- As members in Consortium for Dissemination of Dewats (CDD) Society, Bangalore, participation in programs & meetings on decentralized wastewater treatment and basic services related to sewage, sanitation and solid waste.



**Thank you.**  
Lucas, for EcoPro  
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