In July 2018, The Matrimandir Executive team announced an open international competition to create the Garden of the Unexpected (GOU) within the Matrimandir Oval Area. The Brief was to create a garden for children as an “initiatory place, not an ordinary playground, but a place of wonder and unexpected learnings.”
The Unexpected Four team, consisting of Andreas Bickford and Greg Burgess (from Australia) with Joss Brooks and Mona Doctor-Pingel from Auroville won the competition and were given the task of executing the gardens from 21 February 2019.

Along with Madhivanan G. as part of the team, and many technicians and skilled workers from the Matrimandir team, they have almost finished the GOU which is an ensemble of 4 sections spread over 2 acres and aptly named Birth, Adolescence, Youthfulness and Eternal Child.

As an initiative to contribute towards Auroville’s land campaign and create awareness about the project, the team at Studio Naqshbandi under Mona have designed a set of digital artworks of 2 postcards and 6 stickers depicting different elements, flora and fauna, from the GOU:

Garden of the Unexpected Postcards and Stickers

The set is available at the Visitors Center Information desk and at www.auroville.com and is sold for Rs 200 per set.

All proceeds will go towards securing lands for Auroville!

Printed on quality paper.
One envelope: 16 x 11 cms
Set of 2 Postcards size: 15 cm x 10 cm (6" x 4") and
Six round stickers - diameter 7 cms.
Can be used on laptops, computers, phones, diaries

The team hopes to create more such art for securing the lands needed for Auroville!

In solidarity for Auroville,
Mona