ANDRE – STILL SHINING AFTER 54 AUROVILIAN YEARS!

In our newsletters, we have the great satisfaction of highlighting and honoring the major contributions made by Auroville’s pioneers who came from all over the world to build the City of Dawn. In recent years, several of them have been filmed, sharing the life-changing inspiration they received by meeting The Mother.

Here, we are pleased to share the recollections of Auroville pioneer André Hababou in a short interview filmed by Fred Cebron in 2017. In this 5-minute clip, André shares the deep moments of his 1969 landmark meeting with The Mother, which provided the inspiration and energy for his over 50 years of work for Auroville. (in French with English sub-titles). All thanks to Fred for this film. https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=meeting+the+Mother%2C+Andre

**About André**: Andre Hababou spent the first 13 years of his life in Tunisia, and then the next 13 years in France in Marseille where he studied architecture. He came to Auroville in 1969 and worked in the Auroville Architectural Office with Roger Anger, the main architect for Auroville chosen by The Mother. After one month, Roger suggested that André meet The Mother.

In the years following this soul-awakening meeting, André made important contributions to the material development of the City of Dawn. With Roger Anger, André worked on several houses in Auromodel and then conceived numerous others by himself: several school buildings at New Creation, the CRCP building at Fraternity, and notably, the first and largest phase of Surrender’s development. He also conceived all of the buildings at Auromode.

First living in a hut at Aspiration, he then lived at Auromodel and finally Auromode with his partner Prema, and their daughter, Pavitra.

We are also pleased to share this photo history of André at work helping build Auroville over the past 5 decades. With all our gratitude to you, André, for everything you’ve contributed!
2022 - Morning tea at the Matrimandir

With Jaya, another early pioneer

With gratitude to all the Auroville builders, old and new!