Centre of International Research in Human Unity
CIRHU
O India, land of light and spiritual knowledge! Wake up to your true mission in the world, show the way to union and harmony.

Mother

India, with Auroville as inspiration, introduces CIRHU, — an international instrument for laying the foundations of human unity.
CIRHU aims at:

RISING ABOVE: all dogmas and prejudices
DEVELOPING: recognition of the truth of others

RISING ABOVE: racial and cultural ostracism
DEVELOPING: unity in diversity

RISING ABOVE: exploitation and economic oppression
DEVELOPING: reliance upon values other than money

RISING ABOVE: all forces of violence
DEVELOPING: a universal harmony and a durable peace
Auroville is meant to be a place where nothing would have the right to impose itself as the exclusive truth. Its purpose is to realise human unity.
To live in Auroville one must be convinced of the essential unity of mankind and have the will to collaborate for the material realisation of that unity.

CIRHU is located in Auroville, at the very heart of a human experiment which India has nurtured on her soil for twenty years.
The city of Auroville, planned for 50,000 inhabitants, will have four interconnecting zones: residential, cultural, industrial and international.

Auroville has been conceived as a laboratory for human unity; the Tamil villages in the surrounding area are considered as very much part of this challenging experiment.

The experiment of Auroville, involving people from many different cultures and nationalities, could prove to be of inestimable value for the future research of CIRHU.
The theme of human unity is intimately related to a synthetic research in which knowledge of matter and spirit can complement each other. For what is at the root of disunity, oppression and injustice is human ignorance, which even in its highest light tends to emphasise exclusivism. It is only when higher vistas of knowledge are uncovered that human ignorance can be conquered.

CIRHU will attempt to develop a new science in which material and spiritual researches will bring together a unifying vision of the universe which can sustain the unity of the earth and its people.

CIRHU will be the crucible of the spiritual and material experiment being lived in Auroville.
CIRHU will be located near the Matrimandir which is the spiritual centre of the city and the symbol of its aspiration for human unity.

CIRHU will be in constant contact with the cultural zone and all those who participate in the studies and researches being pursued there.

CIRHU will also be connected with the pavilions of the different countries represented in the international zone. The representatives of these countries are invited to participate in the various researches of CIRHU.

CIRHU should facilitate the coming together of the best minds and hearts, whose courage of action can command the respect of increasing sections of humanity.
To study:
all aspects of humanity – social, cultural, economic, political – that could lead towards human unity.

To research:
in its laboratories all scientific endeavours that are allied to this study.

To exchange:
the results with those of all participatory groups through seminars, workshops and conferences.

To communicate:
the fruits of these multiple works.

CIRHU will incorporate the most advanced equipment for research and communication.
The complex is comprised of the following:

1 - General conference hall for 2500 people
2 - Two conference halls for 300 people
6 - Library and documentation centre
5 - Exhibition hall
4 - Ten specialised rooms for studies
3 - Five laboratories
7 - Cafetera
9 - Administrative quarters
8 - Accommodation for 100 people
- Facilities and services
Man has been over-using the earth for his own progress.
The challenge now is to unite his progress with that of the earth; for man’s greatness lies not in what he is, but in what he makes possible.

CIRHU will initiate action that furthers the progress of man and nature in accord with one another.
CIRHU will encourage man not to forget that his evolution is bound to that of the earth.

In a harmonious creation, man could enter into a profound relation with universal nature.

Having been the abusive beneficiary of the universe, man will have to put himself at the service of an ultimatum - to save the present creation.
The indwelling deity who presides over the destiny of the race has raised in man's mind and heart the idea, the hope of a new order which will replace the old unsatisfactory order, and substitute for it conditions of the world's life which will in the end have a reasonable chance of establishing permanent peace and well-being. This would for the first time turn into an assured fact the ideal of human unity which, cherished by a few, seemed for so long a noble chimera; then might be created a firm ground of peace and harmony and even a free room for the realisation of the highest human dreams, for the perfectibility of the race, a perfect society, a higher upward evolution of the human soul and human nature. It is for the men of our day and, at the most, of tomorrow to give the answer.

Sri Aurobindo

CIRHU will foster the ideal of human unity.
CIRHU will be an international forum where global plans of action for developing human unity will be conceived and set into motion.

Unity of mankind must be based not upon the compulsions of economic, social or political needs, but upon a sounder basis of the deeper inner needs of man.

Unity is the watchword of the modern world and realisation of unity is the goal. All international movements strive to achieve it.

CIRHU will join in these movements with the hope of finding the way which would lead to the formation of a universal parliament.
I believe the time will come when all men will recognise two countries in their inmost heart: the country of their birth, the country that formed them, that gave them sustenance and their first sense of strength and solidarity and identity, and that other country, the country whose boundaries endlessly recede, whose flag is made of hundreds of flags, whose rivers flow from a thousand sources, that universal country which is our calling and our destiny...

M.S. Adisheshiah
May Auroville truly become a city of light and peace.

Indira Gandhi
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