Working Together in Auroville

Ashramites, Aurovilians and SAICE Alumni came together on 28th February, 2016, to celebrate Auroville's 48th birthday by joining hands and working together. Sourcing Our Oneness (a joint initiative between Auroville and Ashram-related organizations) organized a morning of collective work in the Bharat Nivas Compound led by The Golden Chain Fraternity and the Bharat Nivas Group.

About 80 participants gathered at Bharat Nivas in Auroville at 7 am. After tea and biscuits and a brief introduction the participants were divided into smaller groups. Each group then went off to its assigned area in the compound led by a group leader from the Sourcing our Oneness team. The next one and a half to two hours were spent cleaning and beautifying the assigned areas. Many of the participants then went round the entire Bharat Nivas compound stopping to see the work done by each group. It
was past 9:30 by the time all settled down for a well-deserved breakfast.

After breakfast everyone gathered for an informal interaction. Aster-di shared her thoughts on Bharat Nivas emphasizing that it was the only project in Auroville other than Matrimandir which was started by the Mother herself. Some of the participants expressed their joy at coming together to work, to put in physical effort and to “perspire together”. The possibility of greater interaction between the communities was also discussed. The session finally ended at about 11 am with the feeling that we would certainly be coming together again to work.

Note: To join the Golden Chain group which goes twice a month to the Matrimandir Gardens to work there, register your name at the GC office.