## Sri Aurobindo Shrikshetra

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Dear Friend,

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Greetings and warm wishes from Sri Aurobindo Shrikshetra to you on this New Year.

On behalf of the Trustees and inmates we make a supplication before you on an urgent issue concerning this Centre. As you may be aware, Sri Aurobindo Shrikshetra, Dalijoda is one of the most important Sadhana Kendras in Odisha which was directly supervised and guided by Babaji Maharaj and Prapatti. Located about 35 km. from Cuttack, the centre spans an area of 250 acres of land. Champaklalji, Babaji Maharaj, Prapatti and other Sadhaks from Sri Aurobindo Ashram have envisioned the immense possibilities of this centre.

Sri Aurobindo's Sacred Relics were installed at Dalijoda on 4th April, 1978. There is a school up to standard X which gives free education based, on the principles of Sri Aurobindo's & Mother's Integral Education, to children from the hamlets surrounding it, the majority of which are tribal. Apart from this educational endeavour Sri Aurobindo Shrikshetra also has several departments including Agriculture (paddy, pulses, vegetables & fruits), Nursery, Cottage Industries providing income generation to women in the surrounding villages; products such as incense sticks, sweets( from milk), and honey (harvested through cultured bees from wild flowers in the jungle around) and a diary.

This centre very significantly serves with its beautiful ambience as the campus for the 'Sri Aurobindo University'. The Sri Aurobindo University was inaugurated by Dr M. V. Nadakarni on 4th April, 2006, with an objective to open the possibility of in depth study, research and explore the vast dimension of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother's Thoughts and Work to be carried on by true aspirants of the new dimension of growth in a new Consciousness that is unfolding upon this earth.

An unmistakable spiritual atmosphere pervades the entire place that deeply touches the heart of any one who enters into its premises.

This veritable 'Ashram' is managed by a Trust and all the inmates along with few committed aspirants from outside who actively participate in its operation.

While the operational financial needs are somehow sustained through its own activities, there are some capital costs that are essential for the ashram to spend. One of the immediate necessities that require a huge amount of money is the construction of a concrete boundary wall around the entire 250 acres of its premises. This has gained a significant relevance of late due to frequent invasion of wild elephant herds that stay in nearby jungles. They eventually destroy acres and acres of cultivation which the Sadhaks have done with so much effort & hard work and as a service to the Mother. More seriously-without any protective barrier the security of the place is at stake. There are frequent thefts of equipments, trees, shrubs, cultivated products & vegetables etc due to this.

Keeping this in view, the Trust has decided to construct a strong concrete boundary wall around the ashram periphery (about 4.2 km). However it is a significantly costly affair. From our initial estimations (considering current cost of materials and labour), it will require about Rs. 1.3 crores to fence the entire boundary. Arranging for this large amount will be a Herculean task for the Trust. So it has been decided that the boundary work will be started in small segments from high priority to low priority zones in a gradual manner. Even that will not be possible without generous financial help from the children of the Mother outside the ashram. Towards this we intend to request every concerned aspirant and child of the Mother to offer financial help for at least a foot of the boundary wall which comes to about Rs. 1000. One can also offer help for more than a foot (in the multiples of Rs. 500).

We take this opportunity to express our gratitude in advance hoping for your generous help towards the Mother's work. Expecting an early response from your end.

All your donations will obtain income tax exemption benefits under **80G**. The money could be deposited in the account of "Sri Aurobindo Srikhetra", Indian Overseas Bank, Main Branch, Cuttack, Orissa, India, in the account number **88977**. You can give the offering in cash to one of the below contacts, through Cheque or through online fund transfer.

- 1. For offering through cash or cheque, please let us know your **Name** and **Address**
- In case you are transferring the fund online, please do let us know the Name, Address, Amount and your
  internet transaction details (date and transaction id) in the below mail id so that we can keep the
  records.

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With regards,
Members
Sri Aurobindo Shrikshetra, Dalijoda