

INTRO TO AROVILLE @ SOLAR KITCHEN

Sat, 18/6/11
2-4pm

led by
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1968

mother started
AV; UNESCO
India support

2,200
inhabitants
within A.V.

but initially built for 50,000 inhabitants

40%

Indians (30% from villages around,
lower castes; integrated usually fully
from 2nd generation)

1,000's of volunteers,
e.g. in architecture,
farming

AVs from
46
countries

2 bilio trees

3 villages
are inside
green
belt
belonging to AV

4-5,000

education incl. water treatment,
comm. dev. infrastr. agricult.,
med. plants (SIDHA med.) / health
run by AV

SCHOOLS x 16 in villages
e.g. (DAV)
or New Creation

around incl
special school

green belt belonging to AV
~2,000 guests/day

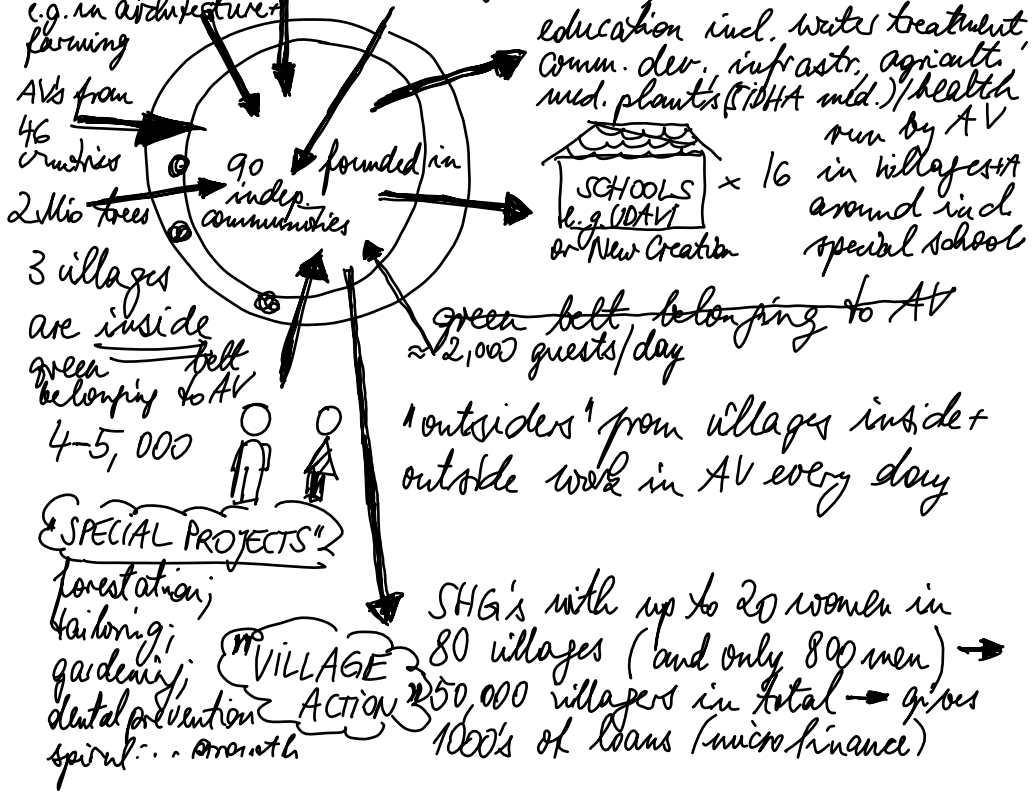
'outsiders' from villages inside +
outside work in AV every day

"SPECIAL PROJECTS"

forestation;
tailoring;
gardening;
dental prevention
spiritual... growth

VILLAGE ACTION

SHG's with up to 20 women in
80 villages (and only 800 men) →
250,000 villagers in total → gives
1000's of loans (microfinance)



Financials

40% of income comes from commercial units like arch. consultants, windmills, products, food

[16 lakh (currently) monthly loss]

25% → from ~~financial services~~ interests like finances, kitchen, telephones, gas, etc.

12% guest contributions / guesthouses

15% contributions of Anurillians, guests and friends of AV (AV's pay 2,200 rs/month for communal services like ~~roads~~, etc.)

6% donations / funds from Indian Gov.

INSIDE AV!!! ≈ 10,000 rs/month incl. services

* AV's who work for 35 hrs/week get a free lunch @ Solar kitchen (worth 1,000 rs/month) + 6,800 rs/month in maintenance money + health services (free in AV itself / supported costs for outside services) + children

* AV's who have savings don't ask for maintenance

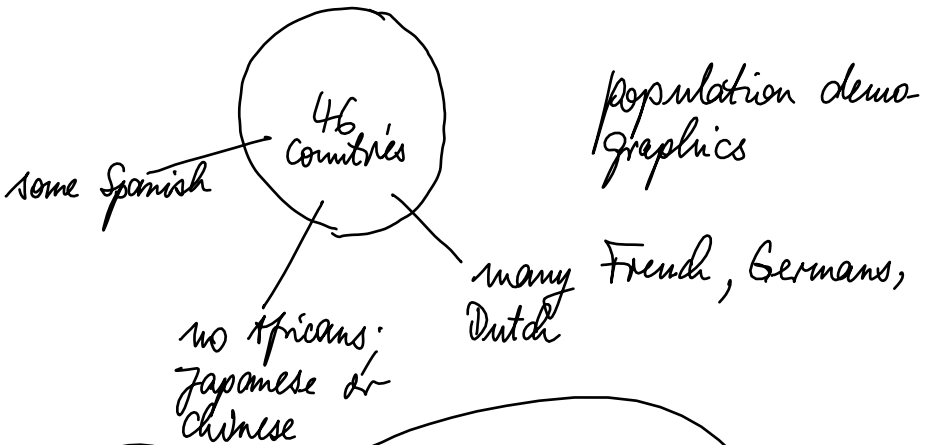
* different rules for newcomers

* Service / Commercial units are managed by AV's → there is no private property; 33% of profits have to be donated back to AV.

* guest houses can keep up to 80% of guest contribu

- tions; profit sharing of 33% still applies
- * nobody is allowed to earn more than 3x the minimum wage/maintenance

Nations @ AV



RULES & REGULATIONS // THE ORG.

- ~~FR AUROBINDO SO~~
- * AV is independent, legally?!
 - * there is no executive power like Police or laws
 - ↳ everything is based on recommendations (convince vs. enforce), eg.
 - * property/houses are not supposed to be bigger > 28 m²/person; yet there is people living in huge houses with swimming pool, cleaner, maid, etc
 - * all assets of AV are managed by AV Foundations (w. gov. board; int. advisory council elected by UNESCO)

resident assembly w. all adult AV's, which has real power)

* assembly usually has a show-up of $\approx 10\%$ of ~~for~~ adults \hookrightarrow long-time decision making \hookrightarrow ideally based on consensus but definitely no 'no's' are accepted (i.e. "I consent as in I accept even if I disagree")

* min. of 10% of assembly needed for decision to be made?

* the Working Committee represents AV outside

* people are usually elected for 2 yrs.

* mother wanted some 8-12 "wise people" to lead A as 'divine anarchy' \hookrightarrow no trad. leadership but live free from conventions but also without ego + desires - go beyond rules; hierarchies; politics; nationality...

\hookrightarrow gov. board \approx 7 members

\hookrightarrow adv. council \approx 4-5 members

\hookrightarrow working committee \approx 4-7 members

Alt. Energy

* 240 wells

* 25 waste water stations

* 40 mills (wind mills are also exported widely)

* Solar Kotha w. 1000 meals/day

* 50% of waste recycled

* 150 hrs. of solar panels

* 25 bio gas units ^{energy}

* Matrimandir most imp.

Solar Centre

Sadhana Forest

Community

- * not an AV project; kinda outside
- * ecology / perma culture + afforestation
- * community living * altou. energy
- * made up by volunteers, only 2-3 AVs (~200 people)

recommended by Evelyn R. and Spi is more like an ecovillage

FRIDAYS

4 pm for visit / 6 pm for movie + jam sessions; 9:30 return to solar kitchen

DISCIPLINE

VERITE org garden

Gajendran, talk to

or BUDDHA Garden

or SOLITUDE on perma culture (Krishna)

WELL

Women Empowerment

SIDDHARTHA bio-dyn.

Quiet Healing Center

CSR

Center for Scientific Res.

- * prototypes; eg. ferro cement bricks;
- or compressed bamboo etc

Eco Products

AV Green Portal

- * compressed bricks w/out cooking them (saves energy + transport)
- * ~~red~~ red earth + 5% cement + H₂O → withstands even monsoon

maybe open from Feb again only

WDAVI School or New Creation

Educational pm

* Why do we teach

* What + ?

* How do we teach

↳ develop wholistic

↳ aim: FREE

PROGRESS

* propose w. impose

Farming

- * 14 farms on 400 acres
- * 200 workers from villages
- * 35 AV's
- * very little rice or raji; 100 kg cheese/day; fruit; veges
- * AV is self sufficient in reasonable food \Rightarrow 50% of veg/fruit need plus 2% of grain needs
 - \hookrightarrow strictly speaking on overall level 15% of needs are covered within AV
- * all farms are organic farming but some spec. in permaculture or other things (min. NO PESTICIDE rule) like bio-dynamic (Siddharta); 4 tons of Spirulina/year @ another farm