



AUROVILLE BOTANICAL GARDENS
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Dear Friends

Last weekend, we were hit by the full force of Cyclone Thane, here at the Auroville Botanical Gardens. The damage is extensive both in the gardens and around the infrastructure area.

The Gardens will recover, it will take time and a huge effort on our part, but many of the specimen trees have survived and will re-grow once pruned.

However for us the major setback is with infrastructure that we have been slowly developing over the past 12 years, roofs, workspaces and residencies. These we have to repair now to carry on with the work at the gardens, educating, inspiring and providing trees and saplings for planting.

At the gardens we have a strong ethos of working for the resources to develop through offering people sustainable solutions to landscaping and environmental work. Normally we would never ask for donations, but this moment for us is an exception, we still have smiles on our faces and goodwill in our hearts but we need a little financial help to get us back on our feet.

If it would be possible for you to contribute to the rebuilding of the Botanical Gardens here in Auroville then please give us whatever you could manage.

In India donations carry 50% tax exemption if cheques are made out to Auroville Unity Fund

In Europe donations can be made via AVI UK and are also tax exempt. More details can be found at www.aviuk.org please mention Auroville Botanical Gardens in the appropriate box.

If you would like more details or info please call me on 9626008428 or mail me at botanical@auroville.org.in

Kind regards

Paul Blanchflower

Director



Devastation around the cactus house



Multiple pile up of Acaia trees



At the center of the Arboretum



Watchtower Blown Down



More trees down



Education Pavilion Roof Blown off



Parking shed destroyed



Inside Adhi's House



The Seed Room Roof damaged

Preliminary Estimate of Cyclone Thane Damage at Auroville Botanical Gardens

item	Description	Amounts				Brief description
		Rupee	\$	£	euro	
Infrastructure Damage						
1	Education center roof	7,500	142	94	110	200 tiles blown off and damaged
2	Education pavilion roof	100,000	1,887	1,250	1,471	Entire thatch roof lifted off
3	Germination shed	5,000	94	63	74	Tree fallen and metal roof bent
4	Guest house roof	35,000	660	438	515	Entire thatch roof lifted off and walls collapsed
5	Nursery shade structure	30,000	566	375	441	Shade net ripped and destroyed
6	Orchid Nursery roof	5,000	94	63	74	Sheet metal ripped off, intact some masonry and fitting work
7	Parking shed 1	15,000	283	188	221	Totally collapsed
8	Parking shed 2	15,000	283	188	221	Roof collapsed
9	Parking shed 3	10,000	189	125	147	Sheet blow off and destroyed
10	Residence 1	15,000	283	188	221	300 tiles lost some masonry damage
11	Residence 2	100,000	1,887	1,250	1,471	thatch roof broken beyond repair
12	Residence 3	7,500	142	94	110	200 tiles blown off and damaged
13	Seed room roof	5,000	94	63	74	150 tiles blown off and damaged
14	Solar panel damage	16,000	302	200	235	2 80 watt panels blown off and broken
15	Toilet Roof	30,000	566	375	441	Entire thatch roof lifted off
16	Watchtower	60,000	1,132	750	882	Blown down
17	Windmill damage	50,000	943	625	735	Blades bent at tips, tail broken, some damage to shaft
	Sub total	506,000	9,547	6,325	7,441	
Equipment required						
19	Chain saw	40,000	755	500	588	Needed to clear up broken and fallen trees
Total Budget		546,000	10,302	6,825	8,029	