

TRAINING COURSES

TRAINEES APPRECIATIONS AND THANKS

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Trainees from all over the world appreciate in general very much our training courses.
 Here are a few appreciations that we recorded only since 2004. Note that all the earlier appreciations have not been recorded.

2009

Ms. Akansha Shrivastava A-1, Sector-2, Avanti-Vihar Raipur 492 001, Chhattisgarh Tel. 0771 2443476 / Cell 0 99071 39202 Email: akanshaaaa@gmail.com	Student of Architecture Training course on CSEB – 9 th to 21 st February From Trainees guestbook
This will help me a lot for my thesis. I would love to do more study about this technology.	
Ms. Sabina von Kessel Little Green, Vaizhattotham, Post Mavannallah Masinagudi 643 223 Email: Sabinavonkessel@hotmail.com	Designer, Teacher Training course on CSEB – 9 th to 21 st February From Trainees guestbook
I learnt a lot and I will try to build with CSEB and rammed earth. Thanks!!!	
Mr. Claude Gaborit French living in Bali Email: claudegaborit@gmail.com	Engineer Training course on CSEB - 19 th to 24 th January From Trainees guestbook
Very big gift of a tremendous experience, expertise and creativity...in such a smooth manner. Thank you!	
Mr. Karan Shetty 11/A,R.J. Manor,Penthouse, 80 feet road 3 rd block,Koramangala, Bangalore-560034 Tel. 080 2553 2201/ Cell 0 98457 23511 Email: karanshetty012@gmail.com	Student Training course on CSEB - 19 th to 24 th January From Trainees guestbook
Very good programme learnt a lot of site conditions and good qualities of CSEB. Very impressive!!!	

2008

Mrs. Saudamini S. Sakhalkar 349 D College of Military Engineering, Dapodi Pune 411 031 Dist: Haveli – Maharashtra Tel. Off 020-2058 5061 / Res 020-3062 2633 Email: saudamini.sakhalkar@gmail.com	Architect Training course on CSEB - 15 th to 20 th December From Trainees guestbook
I enjoyed learning about this good earth and what knowledge we should have to use it at its best. Mr. Satprem is truly the salt of this earth.	
Mr. Disney Davis Cheruvathoor 93F Western Railway Estate, Carter road, Pali Hill Bandra west, Mumbai 400 050 Tel. 022 – 2605 4649 / Cell 98194 44349 Email: disney@thewhiteroom.co.in	Architect Training course on CSEB - 15 th to 20 th December From Trainees guestbook
The course was wonderful. Very thankful for teaching us rammed earth construction. Auroville Earth Institute rocks. Thanks again to Satprem Sir, Ayyappan Sir for taking pains in teaching us this wonderful subject. Would be back soon for AVD...thanks to all the Auroville Earth Institute staff too.	

Ms. Monika Ashok Sharma 46 Om Kailash, Jyot, New Shubhas Road, Near Maruti Temple, Dombivli West 412 202 Thane Maharashtra Cell 98191 03583, Email: ashtrika@gmail.com	Architect Training course on CSEB - 15 th to 20 th December From Trainees guestbook
Lovely ambience. Amazing architectural facts, take us back to the roots of the creativity. Will follow the rein.	
Ms. S.Keerthishri Sri Ranga, Drakshitota cross, Hanumanthpura link road, Vidyanagar – Tumkur 572103 Karnataka Tel. 0816 – 228 3432 / Cell 94499 46936 Email: s.keerthishri@gmail.com	Student of architecture Training course on CSEB - 15 th to 20 th December From Trainees guestbook
I learnt more than what I learnt in my last three years of college about construction. Thank you!	
Ms. Debashree Banerjee F1/2-3, Sector-5, Parivar Soc., Vashi, Navi Mumbai 400703 Tel. 022 – 2782 3102 / Cell 098205 11856 Email: debashree.banerjee86@gmail.com	Student of Architecture Training course on CSEB - 30 th June to 5 th July From Trainees guestbook
A very good learning experience. The hands on learning made things very interesting. Thank you.	
Mr. Agam Arunkumar Shah 4, Rajmani Apts., Champaner Society, Usmanpura Ahmedabad 380013 – Gujarat Tel. 079 – 2755 1237 / Cell 98244 53663 Email: shahagam@yahoo.co.in	Architect Training course on AVD – 16 th to 28 th June 2008 Email 21-09-2008 14:43
Dear Satprem, AVD was very good. Frankly speaking I don't know if I would ever use AVD in future, but the best thing that I learned from you is the way you work – so energetic, passionate, always ready – and that too when you are nearing a half century old. I can't do that at quarter century. Working with you has been a different learning experience in many different ways – the experience which would definitely be a lifelong motivation for me. I might not remember how to construct an arch or any other things that you taught us in two weeks but will surely remember you and respect for the other things that I have seen and indirectly learnt from you. And I thank you for that. You see AVD became secondary to me...	
Mr. Ashfaq Abdul Gani Motlekar 507, chanchal ,c wing, Kalyan complex Yari road, andheri(w) – Mumbai 400 061 Tel. 022 – 2631 5697 / Cell 98213 90308 Email: ashfaq99@yahoo.com	Interior designer from Mumbai, India Intensive training course on CSEB – 30 th June to 5 th July 2008 Guestbook entry from Earth Auroville website 23-07-2008 18:24
Satprem is a man with a mission. His mission is to spread awareness about earth architecture and create AN ARMY OF ECO CONSCIOUS ARCHITECTS AND DESIGNERS AND DEVELOPERS ACROSS THE WORLD. The fact that he is willing to share years of his knowledge, experience and expertise makes him a rare individual. This would be his legacy on earth. I am indebted to him for teaching me what I know about earth architecture in such an efficient and no fuss manner. His hands on approach show his humbleness and friendly nature. InshAllah May God guide him and take him to newer heights of awareness and consciousness in all walks of life. Ashfaq	
Mr. Ashfaq Abdul Gani Motlekar 507, chanchal ,c wing, Kalyan complex Yari road, andheri(w) – Mumbai 400 061 Tel. 022 – 2631 5697 / Cell 98213 90308 Email: ashfaq99@yahoo.com	Interior designer from Mumbai, India Intensive training course on CSEB – 30 th June to 5 th July 2008 Email 8-07-2008 10:01
Dear Satprem, I would like to express my thanks for allowing me to participate in the intensive CSEB course of July. Your amazing hands on approach... A smiling friendly and patient method of teaching that you practise shows you to be a very warm, concerned individual who has deep reserves of knowledge and the desire and willingness to share. Such individuals as you are few. The warmth and efficiency as well as the hospitality shown by all of your staff deserve a special mention too or it would be an injustice not to do so. Ashfaq	
Ms. Hosnee Reza Chowdhury House-52, road-01, kahini apartment, flat-1b, 1 st floor, Uttara sector#09, Dhaka-1230, Bangladesh Telefax 0712 – 272 3833 / Cell 093717 97195 Email: hosneebu@hotmail.com	Architect from Bangladesh Training course on AVD – 16 th to 28 th June 2008 Long term training 3 months – 18 / 05 to 18 / 08 2008 From Guest book AVEI website 29-06-2008 16:12
I learned a lot from Architect Satprem for the AVD course... I am doing my Internship under Earth Institute... So I know... My boss is not only a good & Perfect Architect but also a very good teacher... So I look forward to the CSEB course... Hosnee	

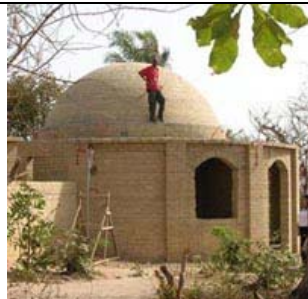
2007

<p>Ms. Ashwini Rajesh Wade Nagpur Glass Co., Gandhi Bagh, Central Avenue Nagpur 440 018 – Maharashtra Telefax 0712 – 272 3833 / Cell 093717 97195 Email: ar.ashwini.rajesh@gmail.com</p>	<p>Architect from Nagpur Training course on AVD – 3rd to 15th September 2007 Training course on CSEB – 17th to 29th September 2007 Email 7-11-2007 17:53</p>
<p>Hello Satprem Sir, I am short of words to thank you for the inspiration that I got from you. Four weeks training period at the Earth institute was a life time experience for me... I learned many new things and I am definitely looking forward to apply it. Besides techniques what I learned from You is to be focused and dedicated for the work you love ... As You always do. You are the Constant source of Inspiration for me and many more!!! Thank you so... much. Ar. Ashwini wade</p>	
<p>Ms. Poonam Verma E4-G2, Models Complex, Sao Paul Taleigao PO Caranzalem – Goa 403 002 Email: pvmass1@gmail.com</p>	<p>Architect, Ex student of 1992 Intensive training – 7th to 14th July 1992 On site work, 3 weeks, July August 1992 Email 09-09-2007 10:55</p>
<p>Dear Satprem, So good to see you even though it was distressing to see you were not looking all that good. Concerns for your well being emerged instantly. Please do take care of yourself! You are a very special human being and a valuable professional in our midst. Writing primarily to say thanks so much for sparing the few moments. Poonam</p>	
<p>Ms Monika Choudhary House No. 1053 Panchkula – Sector 10 – Haryana Tel. 0172 – 2574 490 / Cell 99158 31053 Email: monika927@gmail.com</p>	<p>Student of Architecture Theory and practice of AVD 4th to 16th December 2006 Production of CSEB 2nd to 7th July 2007 Email 08-09-2007 21:03</p>
<p>Dear Satprem, I would like to thanks you for whatever I have learned from you and your institute. It was great time learning various techniques from your courses. You gave me direction towards my interests. We got a project to compile a detail term paper of any low cost famous architect and I have chosen you as I respect you for what you are. I take you as role model and would love to work with you some time. Monika</p>	
<p>Ms. Shubha Mishra C-93 Minal Residency, Raj homes, JK Road Bhopal – Madhya Pradesh Email: architectshubha@gmail.com</p>	<p>Architect, Ex student of 2002 Training course on AVD – 2nd to 14th September 2002 Emails 17-08-2007 9:28</p>
<p>Dear Satprem, You are one of those very good and devoted teachers that I really admire as a student - A Perfectionist in Earth Architecture. I really appreciate your architectural skills. And whatever earth architecture I have learnt yet is from you only. I really consider myself fortunate to have worked with you. Shubha Mistra</p>	
<p>Mr. Balamurugan Rukmangathan #1, old #2, Vellappan St, Lakshmiapuram, Chromepet, Chennai, 600 044 Email: blitz_bala@yahoo.co.in</p>	<p>Student of architecture from Hindustan College of Engineering, Anna University, Chennai. Long term trainee from 5th December to mid May 2006 Email 02-07-2007 18:35</p>
<p>Dear Sir, I can understand that it is extremely difficult to run an institution of such stature, single- handed, all alone with absolutely no help from others. But this is precisely, your greatest strength. People look up to you, awe-inspired, for this quality in you to make possible the impossible, all alone. No one else can achieve a feat like this. Today, Auroville Earth institute is acclaimed worldwide. Its projects are rated among the best. The students and trainees from our institute are recognized all over the world as highly skilled in mud architecture. All this is because of one man, and its none other than you. We all owe you big time. Your purpose is to protect mother earth, create awareness in our society and instil knowledge in student community for many years to come. No one can match your stature. We all love you for what you are and we respect what you did for the society and students like me. Take care. My best wishes, Bala</p>	
<p>Ms. Karolina Herezo Poland</p>	<p>Architect Long term in the office and site – 6 weeks (21/03 to 5/05/2006) Production and masonry of CSEB – 2 weeks (3rd – 15th April 2006) Emails 29-06-2007 10:55</p>
<p>Dear Satprem, I'll tell You with no exaggeration: You were the first REAL teacher I have met, and the respect You gained in my eyes is enormous. I Hardly ever we meet people like You-dedicated to the Moral Code which You implement in what You do and how You do it. Karolina Herezo</p>	

2006

Ms. Idoia de Ajuria P. Dondersstraat 20 5614ag Eindhoven – The Netherlands Tel. +31 40 213 6111 – Cell + 31 6 55122453 Email: idoiadea@hotmail.com	Student from Netherlands Training course on AVD – 4 th to 16 th December 2006 From Trainees Guest Book
More close to the Divine. Idoia	
Ms. Udaya Naidu Gottipati Plot No. 6, Ashok nagar, p.m. Palem Visakhapatnam-530041 udaya_gottipati@yahoo.co.in	Student of architecture from JNTU SPA Hyderabad Long term trainee from 27 th February to 7 th July 2006 Email 3-8-2006 17:18
Dear Satprem, It was really a great experience working with you. I guess I have learned how to be systematic and planned with ones work as you do though I think it will take lot of time for me to reach your stage of perfection. Altogether I can say that I had learnt from you as a person and as an architect. Your perfection toward what you do is adorable. It is a rare opportunity to work with you and yes you are one of the most beautiful persons I have met in Auroville. Sir, all the best for all your future endeavours Thank you a lot. Udaya	
Ms. Navisa Jain 10, SBI Colony, Sikh Village, Secunderabad 500 009 navisajain@yahoo.com	Student of architecture from JNTU SPA Hyderabad Long term trainee from 27 th February to 7 th July 2006 Hand written letter 7 th July 2006
Dear Satprem Thank you for everything. Whatever I've learnt with you, I'll carry with myself forever. My only regret is that I couldn't satisfy you with my work entirely. Yet I accept that I did lose concentration. Take care, don't overwork yourself. Thanks, Navisa	
Mr. Balamurugan Rukmangathan #1, old #2, Vellappan St, Lakshmipuram, Chromepet, Chennai, 600 044 Email: blitz_bala@yahoo.co.in	Student of architecture from Hindustan College of Engineering, Anna University, Chennai. Long term trainee from 5 th December to mid May Email 29-6-2006 11:28
Respected Sir, I had my jury yesterday. They were pretty happy with my work and they were really impressed with the kind of works you specialize in. I told them that more than architecture and designing, I learned a skill and other very important things like being punctual, attentive, and sensible. At this time, I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to you for everything you taught me, and I also would like to appreciate your kindness to give me a place to live in Earth Institute. I really enjoyed this valuable four months which I spent in the Earth Institute. It was a very good opportunity to get this feel of Auroville and its purpose. Thanks a lot. May you and your work help revive Mother Nature back to its glory. Yours faithfully, Bala	
Ms. Karolina Herezo Poland	Architect Long term in the office and site – 6 weeks (21/03 to 5/05/2006) – Production and masonry of CSEB – 2 weeks (3 rd – 15 th April 2006) Emails 24-5-2006 11:41 & 29-5-2006 11:17
Dear Satprem, I want to thank You from all my heart for all what I experienced here. For that You let me participate in Your work, for the course, for how You've taken care of me. I experienced a wonderful, rich month. I don't need to tell You how sorry I'm I have to leave. I want to come back to Auroville and I hope I could work with You then, if You let me. The work You do here, the way You do it and the personality You are, made me a great sympathy and respect to You. The people like You make me believe in this world. Thank You from all heart, Yours faithfully, Karolina Herezo	
Ms. Harini T. Raja 9 Second street Race view Colony, Guindi Chennai 600 033 – Tamil Nadu, India harini82@gmail.com	Ex student of Architecture Long term in the office – 3 months: 2/6 to 30/8 2003 Email 18 -5-2006 23:54
Dear Satprem, Just wanted to give my regards to you, for all the wisdom that I got from you. Stay in touch. Sincerely, Harini	

Mr. Vladimir Lapchine Mae Sa Ban Doi #18, Moo 2 Samoeng Road, T. Pongyang, A. Mae Rim, Chiang Mai , 50180 – Thailand Tel. +6653-879021 (Cell: +669-0493853) Email: thaimail1@ji-net.com	Technician Production and masonry of CSEB – 10 th to 15 th April 2006 Email 16-5-2006 16:51
Dear Satprem, I really respect you more and more after visiting Auroville and reading your manuals as well as your website. I also love Gaudi and one week ago I bought in Bangkok Architect 2006 Trade Fair beautifully illustrated book with his works. He is genius. May be you are too? Sincerely yours, Vladimir	

<p>Mr. Geri FAM Engineering Julbrew Rd. Kanifing Indus. KMC Serrekunda Po Box 1813 Banjul – Gambia Tel. + 220 – 4390 200 / 9903 398 Email: geri@ganet.gm</p>	<p>Sponsor of 2 trainees (Mr. Alpha Omar Jallow & Mr. Foday Juwara) who attended the course Theory and practice of AVD – 12th to 24th Sept. 2005 Email 27-4-2006 23:10</p>	
<p>Hi Satprem You should be one very proud individual! Take a look at what one of your greatest fans has created. Alpha stood his ground when he got himself ahead of Phoday's drawings. Alpha went ahead and this is the result. Phoday has taken it very well and it is wonderful to see the pride your two students have in their creation. Anyway, enjoy the opportunity to bask in the light of knowing that you and your technology has and is making a real difference to the lives of people here. Love and light Geri</p>		

2005

Ms. Rashmi Desai A-4, Konark-Vihar, 13/2, Dhanakwadi, Pune- Satara road – Pune-411 043 – India Tel. 020 – 2437 4840 Email: rashmi_h_desai@yahoo.com	Architect Production and use of CSEB for disaster resistance Theory and practice of AVD 29 th August – 24 th September 2005 Email 9-10-2005 21:51
Respected Sir, It was really a great experience at the Earth Institute in Auroville. I really enjoyed the course, learning different type of construction technology and at the same time meeting different people from over all different background and different cultures. I would even like to thank you for all the care you took, regarding the detail notes and the information you provided us, the food, all the accessories whenever required, the cleanliness etc. I haven't seen a teacher who is so much devoted to and true to his work and principles! According to me Auroville earth institute is the best place for the students, where you learn a different form of architecture, and also, at the same time get an opportunity to experience a different form of life. A life full of Knowledge, less of restrictions, more of energy and enthusiasm and an urge to learn more. It's a nice platform for Indian students to meet the students from different parts of the world, and at the same time for the outsiders, it's a nice overview into the Indian culture. I had a nice interaction with people from different countries, different professions like architecture students, architects, engineers, and masons, etc. It really helped me broaden my view towards life. It helped me, to make good friends. I really thank you for all that you gave me, and I respect you for all the pains you have taken to build such an institute. I admire you for the amount of skills and knowledge you have. I would like to keep in touch with you. Thanking you. Yours sincerely, Rashmi Desai	

Ms. Padmavathi Vishwanathan 41 Beach Rd, Kalakshetra Colony, Besant Nagar – Chennai 600 090 – TN, India Tel. 044 – 490 3870 Email: padma_vishwanath@yahoo.com	Student Architecture Theory and practice of AVD 30 th December 2002 - 11 th January 2003 Email 27-8-2005 19:18
Dear Architect Satprem, My name is Padma. I have also attended your training course for AVD theory and practical... I really enjoyed your videos on your website. They were very inspiring, very much touching and reminded me a lot of what The Mother had written about the joy of learning... I really respect your work and admire the creative teacher in you. I hope and pray that you will continue to impart knowledge exactly the same way you do just now in Mother's will... Thanking you... Best Regards, Padma	

2004

Mr. Aftab Jalia 11 Boat club Rd, Narangi Baug Fatima Manzil – Pune 411 001 – India akjalia@vsnl.com	Student Architecture Theory and practice of AVD 30 th Aug. to 11 th September 2003 Email 11-11-2004 8:30
Dear Sir, Thank you for the wonderful course conducted by you at Auroville. It was a great learning experience for me and I shall cherish it for a long time to come. Yours sincerely, Aftab Jalia	
Mr. Mukesh Butail mukesh.butail@chifon.propagation.net	Student of architecture from India Visited once the Auroville Earth Institute Email 11-5-2004 4:47
Auroville is one of the most wonderful places I have ever visited in my entire life till now. I enjoyed the knowledge sharing by Satprem Maïni at the Auroville Earth Institute. Mukesh Butail	
Mr. Hahn Gi Lee 608-101 Byulyang-dong, Kwachun, Kyounggi-do – South Korea Email: hglee@daelim.ac.kr	Architect Theory and masonry of AVD – Production and use of CSEB 30 th Aug. to 25 th September 2004 Email 26-10-2004 20:13
Dear Satprem, How are you? I arrived well in Korea on 17 th . But I miss Auroville already. Even though I was not in good health there, it was very interesting experience with your sincere teaching. My friends, who are interested in sustainable architecture, are proceeding to establish architectural studio and research institute with me. I believe your knowledge and experience will be very helpful for us. Thanks again for your teaching. With Peace, Hahngi	