

The International Zone

This zone is located to the west of the Peace Area and bounded by the residential zone in the south and the industrial zone in the north.

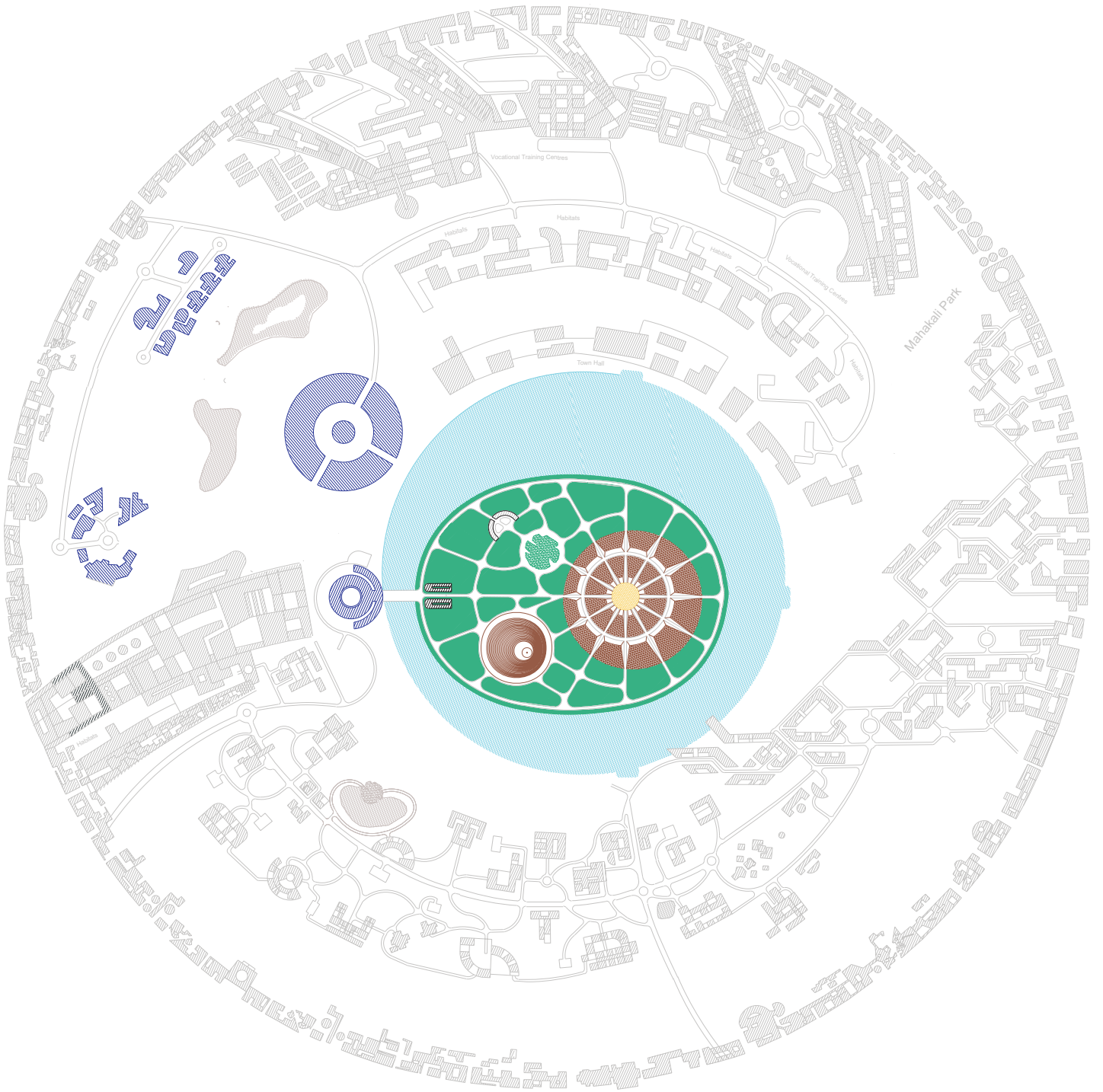
In this zone is the important building of CIRHU (Centre of International Research on Human Unity) pivotal for representing Auroville for communication to the rest of the world. Extensive educational research on human unity will be the prime area of study here.

This zone will also be the primary zone for the reception of visitors whether in the pavilions or at the new Visitor's Centre near the lake for those on their way to Matrimandir.

Also proposed is a 'viewing mound' created from the earth of the Matrimandir lake for visitor's unable to go to the Matrimandir.

In the crown building part of the international zone is the Unity Pavilion representing all the pavilions in the zone.

Savitri Bhavan, part of this zone, in the crown has completed its first phase of construction and has already started functioning, presently catering to activities of studies on the works of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, lectures, seminars etc.



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The IZ inside the city centre is 27.15 hectares of built-up area, located to the north of the Matrimandir and bounded by Mahasaraswati and Mahakali Parks on the west and east respectively. Access to the IZ will be provided by the Crown road for traffic coming from the outside of the city centre. Other service accesses are presently under study.

The major part of this part of the IZ located in the city centre is devoted towards a holistic vocational training school cum industry where students and teachers would live and work together in an uplifting environment as in the earlier days of education in India. Thus it will not be a dead zone in the evenings as in the case of some cities where such zones are strictly unipurpose. The residences and other services and activities will give life to this part even after its actual active hours.

The development policy includes:

- Establishing only clean industries. There is a special emphasis on environmental guidelines concerning pollution, noise, traffic etc. which has to be agreed upon by users in this zone.
- Establishing only very small-scale industries.
- Training youth in entrepreneurship and vocational trades.

