

# Auroville News

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(Photo taken in the early 70's in Fertile Forest.)

## FAREWELL TO NAMAS

Aurovilian Namas (Dennis Bailey) has passed on to further regions on Monday morning 15/4 at 10 am U.K. time, at the age of 58 after struggling with a rare form of cancer from '99 onwards.

As Namas stayed in Auroville from 1970 up till 1988, most of the 'oldtimers' amongst you will remember him and love him dearly.

Namas' son Ritam was with him in the U.K. hospice during the time of transition, along with Ira.

During the weekend before his passing many of Namas' olden days brothers and sisters, within Auroville and abroad, have concentrated on him, holding him up to Mother's Light and Guidance.

He himself wrote several weeks ago to a friend in Auroville that he felt he "was in good hands, Her hands.."

*Our love and strength go out to Ritam & Ira; as well as to Aruna, Thera and to Penny, Namas' partner of these last years.*

**Go and Come, dear Namas..., with Her..**

## HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

*Tel était le jeu des splendides dieux de la Pensée.  
 Attirer dans le temps la Lumière hors du temps,  
 Emprisonner l'éternité dans les heures,  
 Tel était leur plan, prendre au piège les pieds de la Vérité  
 Dans le filet doré des concepts et des phrases  
 Et la garder captive pour la joie du penseur  
 Dans son petit monde bâti de rêves immortels :  
 Là, elle devait loger, claustrée dans le mental humain,  
 Impératrice prisonnière dans la maison de son sujet,  
 Adorée et pure et immobile sur le trône de son cœur,  
 Sa propriété splendide et chérie et à part  
 Dans les murs de silence de sa muse secrète,  
 Immaculée dans une blanche virginité,  
 Pareille à jamais, et à jamais une,  
 Sa Déesse adorée et immuable pour tous les temps.  
 Ou bien, fidèle épouse de son mental  
 Consentant à la nature et à la volonté de son penseur,  
 Elle consacre et inspire ses paroles et ses actes  
 Prolongeant leur résonance dans les oreilles qui écoutent,  
 Compagne et historienne de sa marche  
 Le long d'une brillante carrière de pensée et de vie  
 Découpée dans l'éternité du Temps.  
 Spectatrice de sa haute et triomphante étoile,  
 Divinité-servante de son Idée couronnée,  
 Par elle, il dominera un monde prosterné ;  
 Garante de ses prouesses et de ses croyances,  
 Elle atteste le droit divin de son époux à conduire et à régner.  
 Ou bien, comme l'amant enlace son unique bien-aimée,  
 Idole de son adoration et du désir de sa vie,  
 Icône de la seule idolâtrie de son cœur,  
 Elle est maintenant à lui, et pour lui seul doit vivre :  
 Elle l'a envahi d'un soudain bonheur,  
 Merveille inépuisable entre ses mains heureuses,  
 Enchantement et ravissant miracle attrapé.  
 Désormais il se l'approprie après une longue et ardente poursuite,  
 Seule et unique joie de son corps et de son âme :  
 Irrésistible est son attrait divin,  
 Immenses, ses possessions, impérissable fascination,  
 Une ivresse et une extase :  
 La passion de ses humeurs révélatrices spontanées,  
 Leur variété et leur auréole céleste  
 Rendent chaque fois nouveau son corps pour lui,  
 Ou répètent l'enchantement de la première trouvaille ;  
 Le lumineux délice de sa poitrine mystique,  
 La vibrante beauté de ses membres, sont le théâtre vivant  
 D'une palpitante découverte nouvelle sans fin.  
 Un nouveau commencement fleurit dans une parole ou un rire  
 Un nouveau charme rappelle le vieux délice extrême :  
 Il s'est perdu en elle, elle est son ciel ici.*

## HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

*This was the play of the bright gods of Thought.  
 Attracting into time the timeless Light,  
 Imprisoning eternity in the hours,  
 This they have planned, to snare the feet of Truth  
 In an aureate net of concept and of phrase  
 And keep her captive for the thinker's joy  
 In his little world built of immortal dreams:  
 There must she dwell mured in the human mind,  
 An empress prisoner in her subject's house,  
 Adored and pure and still on his heart's throne,  
 His splendid property cherished and apart  
 In the wall of silence of his secret muse,  
 Immaculate in white virginity,  
 The same for ever and for ever one,  
 His worshipped changeless Goddess through all time.  
 Or else, a faithful consort of his mind  
 Assenting to his nature and his will,  
 She sanctions and inspires his words and acts  
 Prolonging their resonance through the listening years,  
 Companion and recorder of his march  
 Crossing a brilliant tract of thought and life  
 Carved out of the eternity of Time.  
 A witness to his high triumphant star,  
 Her godhead servitor to a crowned Idea,  
 He shall dominate by her a prostrate world;  
 A warrant for his deeds and his beliefs,  
 She attests his right divine to lead and rule.  
 Or as a lover clasps his one beloved,  
 Godhead of his life's worship and desire,  
 Icon of his heart's sole idolatry,  
 She now is his and must live for him alone:  
 She has invaded him with her sudden bliss,  
 An exhaustless marvel in his happy grasp,  
 An allurement, a caught ravishing miracle.  
 Her now he claims after long rapt pursuit,  
 The one joy of his body and his soul:  
 Inescapable is her divine appeal,  
 Her immense possession an undying thrill,  
 An intoxication and an ecstasy:  
 The passion of her self-revealing moods,  
 A heavenly glory and variety,  
 Makes ever new her body to his eyes,  
 Or else repeats the first enchantment's touch,  
 The luminous rapture of her mystic breasts  
 And beautiful vibrant limbs a living field  
 Of throbbing new discovery without end.  
 A new beginning flowers in word and laugh,  
 A new charm brings back the old extreme delight:  
 He is lost in her, she is his heaven here.*

## **MATRIMANDIR TEAM MEETING OF 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2002**

**Present:** Amar, Arjun, Carlos, Charu, Divakar, Gilles, Gadge, Jithu, John, Jurgen, Kusumben, Lakshminarayan, Saravanan, Selvam, Shiva, Somu, Vladimir, Walter.

**Chairman:** Vladimir

### **1. Financial Requests:**

- a) 16 inch blade for cutting Granite Rs. 9,000.00
- b) Plywood and Foam for marble protection (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> levels) Rs. 21,180.00
- c) Cement for the Petals ( 100 bags) Rs. 14,500.00
- d) Motorbike for the workshop approx. Rs. 34,000.00

The meeting also agreed to an increase of Rs. 1 in the price being paid for milk. The new cost will be Rs. 11/ liter

- 2. Concerning the use of the Amphitheater:** The meeting will request the Matrimandir Access and Usage Group to make known their clear recommendations for the use of the Amphitheater as soon as possible so that we will be able to respond to the various requests that come to us.

- 3. Saravanan's house:** Gilles and John reported on their meeting with Meenakshi regarding the possibility of providing accommodation for Saravanan in the Ilangarkul complex in the Nursery. Meenakshi had explained to them that for the time being, until the next phases of the New Ilangarkul school are built (perhaps in 2 years) there is no space for anyone more at Ilangarkul. So, for the moment there is still no solution for Saravanan. When Amrit returns we will again discuss the possibility of him building temporarily in the Nursery.

### **4. Concerning the Meeting that was held on 1 April between the Design Study Group and the Working Committee:\***

- Gilles said that nothing clear has yet come from that meeting. He also remarked that the DSG has not yet found a way to bridge the communication gap between Roger and their group.
- The response was made that it was not the mandate of the DSG to find the solution to the whole

problem, but simply to study the various design problems and present a clear picture of the situation back to the community. And so far, the DSG has not got back to the community with its simple perceptions of the situation, rather it has recommended the formation of a new management group with full decision making powers for the Peace area.

- Some felt that we were still stuck on the site and had yet to build up the needed trust in each other to be able to move forward.
- Gilles said that he was very unhappy about the process of our meeting.
- Carlos said that we should welcome every one who wishes to work on the site....that this was very important for him.
- To this several people replied that new people were welcome but that they should present themselves to the meeting so that their work would be coordinated with all the rest and not run at cross-purposes.
- There were several remarks exchanged on this last point and eventually the air was cleared of some misunderstandings that had grown up over the last two weeks between us.
- Vladimir declared, semi humorously, that he was expecting now a dictator to appear on the scene to bring order into the whole functioning at Matrimandir!

\* **NOTE:** As a follow up to the meeting of April 1<sup>st</sup>, there was a second meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> which was attended by the W.C., WC support group, Design Study Group members and about a dozen members of the MM Team. A new proposal, for a "Matrimandir Advisory Group" was considered but was withdrawn at the end of the meeting as it did not find a strong support amongst those present.

Dear Aurovillians,

Please send us shorter articles (not more than a page) for the supplement and the articles should be sent to us strictly before Wednesday noon.

We also print any Voucher pads, bill books, receipts, payments, labels for jam bottles etc... if you have anything to be printed then pass by AVNews Office on Monday and Tuesday mornings

From 9 to 12.

Thank You, AVNews Team.

## **I.D.C. Meeting Report 26.03.02 and I.D.C. Meeting Report 29.03.02**

Present: Inge, Aurovici, Joseba, Jacques, Dharmesh, Dominic

Observer: Eugen, Peter A., Pino, Sonja (secretary)

### **I.D.C. Meeting Report 29.03.02**

Present: Joseba, Aurovici, Jill, Jacques, Dharmesh,

Observer: Eugen, Peter A., Sonja (secretary)

### **Carsten Building Application**

He also has to clarify where the access will be in relation with future radial and how is going to handle the waste water. Carsten will be informed regarding these points. Lalit will be contacted to get clarification regarding the specifics of how buildings should be laid out adjacent to the radial.

### **Acceptance Building Application**

An application to build in Acceptance has been received from a resident to transform a keet hut into a pukka house. As it is in the Green Belt we felt not appropriate to develop more houses there. Some members will go to meet the community and explain our concerns.

### **Building Application Klara / Emanuel Mayor**

The B.A. is accepted, but for the waste water treatment plant has to be received by the Waste Water Group.

### **Building Application Decauram workshop**

In principle the B. A. of the temporary storeroom is accepted. The point of the future development of this plot has to be reviewed.

### **Service Node**

A meeting will be called on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April at 3 pm to discuss the future of the Service Node. The community of Certitude, Evergreen, Green Group, Farm Group, Forest Group will also be invited.

### **Project of J. Benoit**

A long term friend of AV taking care of inadapted children in France sent a project proposal for receiving in Auroville 6 to 8 children for one school year. This children are more or less inadapted. The proposal is that they will be school at Jyce Francais Pondy, but stay in Auroville (maybe Last School campus, or beach area) to enable them to experience another type of life / culture etc...Every thing will be paid by the association and a donation for the fund will be made.

The Entry Group, SAIER should be contacted to study the possibility for this project.

### **Auro Future**

Pashi has come to clarify the fees to the Auroville survey data. People involved in the Master Plan and its execution will have free access to the data. The architects who work for free for the community will have free access to the data. Those architects who get paid for their work, will be asked to pay a nominal fee to cover the running costs.

### **Self Help Handicraft Project**

We are having problems finding a place acceptable to the project holders. They want to build it on peromboke land near the Information Centre.

### **Vikas Community**

Members of the Vikas community came to expose the water service proposal for the update of their waste water treatment. They will need funds from the community at large to spare. The I. D.C. may be able to donate some money for this project. It will also be brought up to the FAMC. The I.D.C. through Dharmesh will bring up the topic of Vikas waste water treatment.

### **Matrimandir Letter**

A polemique is going on about trees cutting in front of Town Hall annex. Work trees and two Neem Trees have been cut in front of the building to clear the view to the Matrimandir.

### **Inge & Dominic Letter**

The resignation of Inge & Dominic is putting a question mark even on the Reve II project. The fact that they resigned and sent a letter to the News without informing and talking the group brought an uneasiness Questions arised about Reve II. Can we continue to be project holder if the main actors step out of the group. An invitation to clarify the reasons of this withdrawal will be send to them.

### **FAMC ALTECS Issue**

I.D.C. has received the recommendations of the FAMC subgroup about repayment of the debts of Atecs and the future of Altecs building.

I.D.C. can not but disagree. Why to inflate the price of a building to pay the debts of an individual/Unit and reimburse the capital of Aurovillians who lend money to an Auroville Unit at an absurdly high rate.

Second point of I.D.C. is that there is a Master Plan with regulations and foster housing development. Industrial Zone is not in accordance with it. Staff quarter

can be acceptable an one or two floors for people working in Industrial Zone but unit / office should be the priority.

Building Applications waiting two weeks for feedback

Annadana / Stephane, AV Botanical Garden,  
Annadana Genetic Resource Centre  
Ries, Quiet, alternation/extension  
Multimedia, near Town Hall,

*There has been a mistake at the mentioned building application of Abri Transport Service. Abri Transport Service , area site extension reads as Transport Service site permission next to Reve Transformer in front of telephone exchange.*

### Working Committee Report

For those of you who may not know, since the 5<sup>th</sup> of March the new Working Committee consists of: Aurovici, Frederick, Isabelle, Jill, Kathryn, Selvaraj and Ulli. Ananda, Anna Maria, Carel and Paul V were asked to serve as adjunct members, with the majority of the remaining nominees agreeing to serve as a Support Circle for the WC. The members of the support team include: Adhara, Alain B.(TOS), Alan, Amrit (Verite), Aurosylle, Banumathi , Bindu, Claude A., Deepti, Janet, Jaya, Jurgen, Mary Babu, Mauna, Mita, Monique P., Paulette, Sanjeev, Santo, Serge, Suzie and Tency .

We tried to divide the work before us into several topics and each member would take a topic relative to his/her field of work or interest. Areas of interest included: Land disputes, Matrimandir, police matters, office and secretary, facilitating the new organization, conflict resolution, visa and related matters, hosting VIPs and the WC Report to the News.

**YOUTH APPRENTICES:** It was suggested that some AV Youth could act as apprentices and attend WC meetings. Jonah has been attending.

We decided at our first meeting that the new Interim Working Committee wanted to give a regular report to the community. After six weeks of intensive and pretty chaotic activity, here's the first one.

**Office and Secretary** - We have an office we can barely fit into (literally) for our meetings and no

secretary. This has made things extremely difficult. We'd like to reiterate that a full maintenance is available for any Aurovilian or Newcomer with good English and computer skills who would be willing to take up this work. In the meantime, the surest and fastest way to reach us is by email:

[workingcom@auroville.org.in](mailto:workingcom@auroville.org.in) . Our regular office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 9:30 -12:30. Our phone number is 622-143. .

The following are some of the issues that we have been working with over these last weeks:

**Matrimandir** – The Matrimandir Design Study Group presented the WC with its findings and recommendations. The WC invited the Support Group to hear and give feedback on these, as a first step before a larger community meeting. The first proposal was for a full new management team with decision-making power. This was felt to be too exclusive and authority-centered for the Auroville experiment. After another week of meetings, a second draft proposal was presented by Ulli. This one called for a mixed MM Advisory Group, made up of representatives of the Chief Architect, the ex-MCG, and others selected either from the MDSG or the community at large. This body was proposed to “assist the Residents Assembly, the MM-Team (MMT), the Architects Team (AT) to accelerate the completion of Matrimandir in a spirit of peace and collaboration.”

It was stipulated that this Advisory Group would not have powers to enforce or impose any specific decision, except that of a veto, when it comes to the conclusion, that agreed upon steps are not being respected.

This proposal was also seen by the various groups, including most of the WC Support Group, as unlikely to work, because it is clear that there is still no willingness on either side to let go and collaborate, which is essential is we are to be able to move forward. There will be a General Meeting on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, at 8:30 AM on the Matrimandir.

**Organization/Decision-Making** – There is a General Meeting scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April to present the work-to-date of an ad hoc group that formed to continue the process to find a formulation for a collective decision-making process and supporting organization for Auroville. The work began by

inviting all of those who had expressed interest or strong viewpoints during the meetings on the last proposal (Towards a Divine Anarchy), to come together and see if we could synthesize something together. This work is being coordinated by Kathryn for the WC and Peter T. Those who have been working together include Anna Maria, Bina, Claudine, Dominique, Isabelle, Janet, Jaya, Kathryn, Monique P., Paulette, Peter A., Peter T., Priya V., and Ulli. Others on the regular email list and/or occasionally providing inputs include: Alain B., Ananda, Bernard B., Bindu, Carel, Deepti, Gilles G., Guy, Lyle, Michael S., Paul P., Sanjeev, Serge, Sigrid, Suzie, Tency, Vidya, Yajna. If you'd like to be added to this list or want more information, contact Kathryn.

**New Years Eve** – This one continues to be a serious problem for Auroville at all levels. The non-Aurovilian accused in this case was subsequently involved in another act of violence outside Auroville, and is currently forbidden to be in Auroville (listed as “persona non grata”). The trial begins this week for the case filed against three Aurovilians and one guest. The Auroville youth have held a meeting at which they passed a Resolution committing to help each other and to actively discourage alcohol at Auroville events. The youth have called a General Meeting on this topic for the 26<sup>th</sup> April.

**Village Self-Help project** – A Government-sponsored handicrafts project is being sited close to Auroville. The original sites chosen by the project holders included puramboke land near the Second Banyan and the Aurodam watershed just behind the Visitor's Centre. After much negotiation, there appears to be a tentative agreement to locate this project near Siddhartha Farm.

**Land-related issues** – There was a demonstration organized by some disgruntled factions of several villages to express opposition to Auroville's land acquisition policies as well as a demand for an explanation of the Auroville Master Plan and how it would affect the local people. There's been quite a lot of press coverage on this issue, but none of it putting Auroville in a particularly bad light. Both the complaints of the villagers and the response to them will appear in the AV News. The LUC, in

cooperation with the Working Committee, LEM and other concerned Aurovilians, has been working since long to set up a Joint Development Council with several Panchayat leaders, including those from Irumbai and Boomiyapalayam villages. Other Panchayat leaders will be invited to join soon.

**Water Service Crisis** – The Water Service workers went on strike Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. There are problems at every level at this Service, due to a chronic lack of executive oversight. Talks are underway to rectify the situation, and an AV Public Utilities Service, combining all of the Abri services under one administrative umbrella, is being considered. Update to follow.

**FAMC** – Selvaraj and Ulli are the Working Committee representatives to the FAMC.

**Conflicts:** In the absence of an Executive Council or other community-accepted conflict resolution body, the WC is working with a number of different conflict situations in the community.

VIP Reception - We spent a day hosting the Additional Secretary of the Department of Space – Bangalore.

**New Deputy Superintendent of Police** – Kottakupam – His name is M. Radhakrishnan, and he pledged full support in helping us with our problems in the beach communities and elsewhere. One of his recommendations is that we initiate photo i.d. cards for all of our regular employees.

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### **New Lands Access Update**

**We would like to thank everybody for the generous contributions towards New Lands Access land purchase.**

**We have totally received 2.51 lakhs!**

**The plot in question is 5 acres, more help is needed.**

**Negotiations with the land owners are on.**

**Pour Tous No. 3581**

**Report from Eco-Service (SWM Group)**

This is to update all Aurovilians on the latest developments in the AVEco-Service:

(1) In response to the suggestions made last year by Sonia and Billy, visiting solid waste management (SWM) consultants from Australia, a SWM group was formed comprising of the following people: Amrit, Gillian, Govind, Lucas, Manfred, and Margarita. From January 2002 onwards Pratul joined as a coordinator of present and intended activities. Pratul's office is at CSR.

(2) During January 2002 Pratul visited many Auroville communities and assessed the ongoing collection service. Barrels for storage were purchased, advice was given as regards separation of organic and compostible waste, separate disposal of items of personal hygiene, separation of "sharps" etc. Some improvements were made as regards regularity of collection service and standardization of size of the waste bags.

(3) In February, the waste storage facility near Verite was cleaned, residual waste for land-filling was baled and taken away, and a new order for sorting and storing was installed in the storage facility. Gate, locks etc. are getting repaired and upgraded. - The residual waste was land-filled at the site near Cheese Farm, and the waste was covered with soil. This land-fill will serve Auroville for another few months only.

(4) An AV plot of land was identified for the creation of a new land-fill with a capacity for several years. This plot is unutilized wasteland located between AuroAnnam farm and Banyan Nursery. The next step will be the drafting of a project proposal (for fund-raising) for the infrastructure of this land-fill site, and for other improvements in infrastructure, equipment and services of AV SWM.

(5) In March improvements of the waste storage shed near Cheese Farm have been made and are ongoing. Unfortunately, some steps of improvement at the landfill have already been un-done, due to lack of understanding and information to known and unknown users. Please pass on your observations and collaborate.

(6) On Saturday 13th April, in conjunction with the inauguration of the Kuilapalayam Cultural Centre, the Kuilapalayam / Laxmipuram / Auroville Solid Waste Management Program was launched. Funding

for this venture has very kindly come from our local State Bank of India. This program is an extension of the Auroville Eco-Service. The program will do a door-to-door collection of all solid waste each day from 300 householders in Kuilapalayam / Laxmipuram. After one month free trial of the service there will be charge of Rs. 10 a month. Free dustbins,

a red one for organic waste and a green one for everything else, will be given to the householders after they have seen a slide show explaining why we are offering this service and how the waste will be handled afterwards, showing the recycling and composting techniques that will be used.

(7) SWM Group has taken over a service with a sustainable budget as regards bare running expenses, but with investment debts. Funds for further improvement are urgently required, and your donations to our acc. 0520 are most welcome. Constructive feedback is also welcome, and your collaboration is appreciated.

Pratul (coordinator)  
for SWM Group / Eco-Service

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TO ALL PARENTS CONCERNED

Regarding the recent admissions at the 2 creches (Deepanam and Kindergarten) there is a lot of frustration and worries amongst the parents.

We invite you to understand the situation. There are more and more children in Auroville. This is a new situation we have to face.

This year we receive 26 applications for the creches. It will be the same for the next two years.

It is not possible to accomodate all these 26 kids in one classroom as the buildings do not allow it.

A lot of parents have a preference for Kindergarten School. Both schools -Deepanam and Kindergarten are under SAIER, accommodates children of the same age group, both have good teachers and a lot of good will. It is very unpleasant for teachers in Deepanam who are working heartily to hear that parents do not want their children to go to Deepanam. Many people remain on the impression that Deepanam is like Mirramukhi, but it is another school and english is the medium used. We invite parents to visit the schools before judging them. Teachers of Transition, Deepanam and Kindergarten are meeting to find the best admission policy.

Sanjeev.



**C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM**

**FRIDAY 26 APRIL - 7.30 PM**

(Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

**THE CRANES ARE FLYING**

(LETIAT JOURAVLY)

Directed by Mikhail K. KALATOZOV - USSR, 1957  
With: Tatiana Samoilova, Alexei Batalov, Vassili Merkuriev

Synopsis: Moscow, 1941. Veronika and her lover Boris delay to part. Above them cranes are flying. War is declared. Against the advice of his family and to the despair of Veronika, Boris enrolls to the front as a volunteer... "Sublime, moving and beautifully filmed, this little gem was named Best Film at Cannes Film Festival."

English version - Duration: 1h34' - Black and white - 35mm film

**VENDREDI 26 AVRIL - 19h.30**

(le film commence à 19h.45 précises)

**QUAND PASSENT LES CIGOGNES**

Réalisé par Mikhail K. KALATOZOV - Russie, 1957

Avec : Tatiana Samoilova, Alexei Batalov, Vassili Merkuriev

Synopsis: Moscou, 1941. Veronika et son amoureux Boris tardent à se séparer. Au-dessus d'eux passé un vol de cigognes. La guerre est déclarée. Contre l'avis des siens et au grand déchirement de Veronika, Boris s'engage pour le front comme volontaire...

"Tourbillonnant, échevelé, pathétique et douloureux, "Quand passent les cigognes" est peut-être le film le plus romantique jamais tourné."

Version Anglaise - Noir et blanc - 1h.34' - film 35mm

**GERMAN VIDEO**

Mittwoch, 24. April 8pm

Visitors Center

**DER PARTYSCHRECK**

mit Peter Sellers

Dieser alte Kultklassiker ist ein Frontalangriff auf die Lachmuskeln.

Sellers als trotteler, indischer Schauspieler, der auf eine snobistische

englische Party gerät und und diese natürlich total auf den Kopf

stellt. Alles, was schiefgehen kannn, geht auch schief.....Murphy's Law,

sozusagen!

**TRANSITION SCHOOL**

Dear Friends,

This summer we must renovate classroom space at Transition School to accommodate the growing group sizes. We expect that the work will cost about Rs 3,00,000 and will result in two classrooms (for the 10-12 year old children).

We would greatly appreciate your financial contributions. If you are able to help, you can put money in our Pour Tous account #230330 or to SAIER (specified for Transition School).

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to any one of us.

Love,

Transition Team

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**Urgent request for re-use of water bottles:**

AuroAnnam has been supplying EM Extended in discarded and re-used (mineral) water bottles. These bottles are difficult to find - clean and intact bottles with goods lids in large amounts - and expensive to purchase. Purchase of new bottles would necessitate an increase in price. Hence we request you to bring us - on your way to Pour Tous, Financial Service, Bakery or State Bank - mineral water bottles of 1 liter, 1.5 liter and 2 liter volume for re-use as EM bottles, and drop them at Mawite's place at Acceptance.

(If it is more convenient, you may also leave them with Lucas at Grace.)

This will be a temporary arrangement. If and when we find a better packaging solution for EM Extended solution sold at Pour Tous, we shall inform you.

Thank you,

AuroAnnam team

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**Transfer of audio cassettes onto CDs.**

Who in Auroville has the equipment and is transferring audio cassettes onto CDs? What is the rate per CD, if any, when I provide the CDs myself? Kindly answer to

[walterwagner@auroville.org.in](mailto:walterwagner@auroville.org.in) . Thank you.

**A General meeting**  
**will happen in SAWCHU**  
**the 26th of april at 17 h (5pm).**  
**Topic: New year eve incident.**  
**(follow up)**

**Music - Dance - Art**

Bharat Nivas  
 Tuesday April 23rd, 7.30 pm  
 Pushkar piano  
 Jutta dance  
 Contemporary Dance & Martial Art  
 Short pieces from Satie, Scriabin and Bach.

### **Dear Community,**

The performance of Jazz Quartet (Matthew-sax, Julien-guitar, Matthia-drums, Rolf-bass) scheduled for Saturday 20th at Pizzeria, is shifted for the same day, Saturday, **20th April at 8 o'clock at the Coffee Shop.**

Reflexology or Metamorphosis massage for appointment you may contact Gustaaf again. phone 655 148 between 7.30 - 8.30 a.m. only.

### **Silence et Regard dans un monde émerveille**

Repeat Slide Show by Carlos  
 Wednesday, 24 April 2002

**7:30 pm**

**At the House of Michael and Mauricette**

**Petite Ferme — Auromodele**

**Everyone is very welcome!**

### **NOTE FROM AV OUTREACH**

The coming week, from Saturday April 20th onwards, Mr. Euntack Hong, staff reporter of the Korean Dong-a daily newspaper, will be in Auroville for a reportage on our township in his paper, one of the oldest and largest papers printed in Korea with a 2 million circulation and 82 years history. Hyun Sook (Sangha) will be the contact person for this venture.

Requesting your kind collaboration in case you're approached,  
 AV Outreach team Email: outreach@auroville.org.in

### **Dear Aurovillians,**

As you are aware, a number of villagers from surrounding villages have held two meetings on successive Sundays at the eucalyptus tope to discuss grievances mostly related to land purchase and management issues.

On Thursday they organized a procession from Kuilapalayam to Bharat Nivas to present a list of their grievances to the office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, which attracted press coverage and necessitated a police presence.

The Working Committee and concerned working groups have already met the Tahsildhar, Vanur about this and are preparing replies to the points raised and necessary explanations. We will be continuing our efforts to resolve the situation by trying to engage all parties in a constructive dialogue involving the Panchayats and local authorities.

*As soon as things get a bit clearer, more information will be given.*

For further information please feel free to contact members of the WC or relevant working groups.

*Working Committee*

### **KINDERGARTEN MURKY ADMISSION PROCESS**

I would like to make myself clear to all concerned, especially the Kindergarten team that they have a responsibility to explain to the Auroville community, well-wishers and to the parents of their murky admission process. The Kindergarten have neither clarified nor initiated any process to do so. This is an ample example of their arrogance and total disrespect. Further, I would like to state that they are solely responsible and culpable for the ever-increasing situation of Auroville children being sent to schools outside to be educated with their values system. This is my last reminder to the Kindergarten team. If no steps are taken to clarify - mend the murky admission process, I will formally request the working committee and the acting secretary of the Auroville Foundation to take necessary steps to do the needful.  
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### Connections

All these activities urgently need the help of talented and imaginative people:

#### ❖ **Aurovilian or Newcomer with administrative and communication skills for the AV Health Service**

Full time administrative and communication work for Aurovilian or newcomer. It is important that you have a vehicle. The service is located in the Aurelec Building.

The work includes correspondence, networking, record keeping, statistics, managing the accounting and supervising the office. Skills needed: Excellent knowledge of English, both speaking and writing. Needs to be able to work by him/herself responsibly, and show initiative.

For more info contact Dr. Beena at the MP Health Centre at Bharat Nivas -Mo, We, Fri 9.00 –13.00pm, or Auroville Health Services, Aurelec.

Ph: 62-2425; email: avhs@auroville.org.in

#### ❖ **English Tutor for children**

Next school year Transition School will be welcoming several new students who do not read/write and/or speak English. The ages of the students range from 6-13. The children have different levels of ability, so individualised programs would have to be made. We need someone to help the integration of these students into Auroville be smooth and joyful. If you would like to help, please contact:

Transitionschool@auroville.org.in or Mary@auroville.org.in  
Ph. 62-2145 or 62-2151

#### ❖ **Salesmanship Trainer(s) cum Personality Developer**

The Lively Boutique (opp. Ganesh Bakery) is a part of the Life Education Centre (LEC), an AVAG project. There, the students (female youth from the surrounding villages) of LEC get practice in salesmanship of the products they themselves make, (garments, cushions, etc.). At the same time, the trainer would interact with these students to help them mature into young women. The person(s) should love to work with the girls as they take care of customers. So the Trainer will help by both explanation and role-playing. The Trainer should have a feeling of responsibility for running the boutique as well as creativity in human development. Besides Aurovilians and Newcomers, Long-term guests (6 months +) are welcome. Timings are very flexible so that 2-3 trainers taking shifts is not only possible, but desirable as it will give the young women a variety of trainers to interact with.

Please contact Karin at LEC 622 589

#### ❖ **Eatery Manager**

A personable, energetic and well-organised person is needed to manage a restaurant. Responsibilities are to maintain a warm and welcoming atmosphere, especially the physical environment; maintain good relations with and among the personnel; organise and oversee the tasks needed to run the entire restaurant with special concern for strict hygiene; supervise the purchasing, deliveries and billing of the goods.

This is a job for someone who really likes to run their own show. There would also be the pleasure of creating a most pleasant eating place. If this is the kind of person you are, please contact Connections (62-3440)

#### ❖ **Solar Kitchen Technician**

Solar Kitchen is looking for a competent technician to operate and maintain, with the help of two assistants, its technical installations: solar bowl, diesel-fired boiler, diesel generators, LPG burners, various kitchen equipment & machinery, electrical and water systems. Sense of responsibility and team spirit are indispensable.

Please contact: Angelika, Valery and Gilles G. at Solar Kitchen  
Ph: 62-2197 of mail to: solarkitchen@auroville.org.in

#### ❖ **Working Committee Secretary Needed**

The Interim Working Committee needs a Secretary with a good command of English and basic computer skills. Working times: Mo - Fr, 9:00 - 4:30 and Saturday 9:00 - 12:00. Preference is for an Aurovilian. The duties of the Secretary are: taking minutes of the meetings; writing and receiving emails and other written correspondence; answering the phone and taking messages; overseeing every day work flow; keeping track of the working committee agenda.

For further information, contact Jill at 622-840, [jillswar@auroville.org.in](mailto:jillswar@auroville.org.in) or the Working Committee office Monday and Wednesday morning 10-12 Ph: 62-2143.

*Now here are some activities for mature farmers. Let's work for Auroville's self-sustainability.*

#### ❖ **Inspiring Coordinator for AV's Farm Group**

A major aim of the farming activities in Auroville is to reach a level on which we will be able to feed ourselves with AV-grown products. The Farm Group meets regularly to discuss topics concerning this aim and share essential information on all aspects of food production with the farmers. To lift AV's farming activities to the next higher level, the Farm Group is searching for a strong-willed and inspiring person who is willing and capable of leading and facilitating this process. In order to be able to take up this responsibility, it is important that you have strong affinity with (organic) farming and food-production, have experience with fundraising and have the capability of formulating and implementing inspiring and realistic guidelines for progress. In doing so you will be able to pull together a group of hard working but very individualized farmers and contribute to Auroville's aim of self-sufficiency in food production.

Contact Jeff: [jeff@auroville.org.in](mailto:jeff@auroville.org.in) or Connections

#### ❖ **Supervisor of the employees at Annapurna Farm**

Annapurna Farm is searching for someone who can start tomorrow. In this demanding job you will be in charge of the daily work at the farm. You will manage and motivate a group of farm employees, make sure communication between farm managers and employees goes well and keep written track of the production.

This job involves you into crop production, earthwork and construction activities. You speak Tamil and English fluently and have a practical understanding of agriculture. You would be the perfect candidate if you have studied agriculture. Are you interested? Please call Brookes at: 984 234 3001.

The Connections team, Paulien, Jaya, Don and Hans  
SAWCHU Building, Open: Mo-Fr, from 9:00 a.m. to noon  
Email: [connections@auroville.org.in](mailto:connections@auroville.org.in) Ph-623 440.

**JEUDI 25 AVRIL 19h30 –**

**La Montagne secrète de Bouddha.** Un documentaire de Tina Radke-Gerlach (1999). Durée 53 minutes. Voyage dans la vallée du Spiti, au Tibet, à la recherche des origines du Bouddhisme Tibétain.

**20h30 – 7 ans au Tibet.** Un film américain de Jean-Jacques Annaud (1997) avec Brad Pitt. En VF. Durée 2 h 15. Tiré d'une histoire vraie.

En 1939, laissant derrière lui sa femme enceinte, Heinrich Harrer (Brad Pitt), un jeune alpiniste autrichien, se lance, accompagné de Peter Aufschnaiter, dans la conquête des monts himalayens. Au cours de ce périple qui mène les deux hommes aux frontières de l'Inde, Harrer croise le chemin d'une patrouille anglaise. Hélas pour lui, la guerre vient tout juste d'être déclarée entre le Reich et l'Angleterre, et les troupes de Sa Gracieuse Majesté l'arrêtent. Parvenant à prendre la fuite, Harrer s'enfuit et arrive, au terme d'un long périple, aux portes d'un monastère tibétain. Hébergé par les moines, Heinrich Harrer découvre alors une autre vie. Pendant sept ans, il va devenir le maître d'école, le précepteur d'un jeune garçon. Le futur Dalaï-Lama.

**Does anyone have a secondhand ladies cycle to sell or give away ?**

**Nevi, Ph. 622451**

**FORSALE:**

TVSChamp, 1998, running condition, Rs3500.

Contact Glenn or Sophie,#623054

Dear Friends,

Whoever is in possession of my grey camping tent please return it as soon as possible.

thanking you,

francis, ph-622 360

**Annual Day Celebration**

**Students and staff of Udavi School** cordially invite all friends and well-wishers of the school for their annual day celebrations. The programme consists of songs, dances and dramas prepared by the students. The program is on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April between 5.00 p.m to 6.30 p.m. Please come.

**COLLECTIVE TRANSPORT FROM THE AIRPORT.**

It turns out that quite a number of Aurovilians are returning with Kuwait Airlines on June 11th. If you want, we could organize a van to pick us all up. If you are interested, please contact me.

Tineke (622.708/622.155)

**Amphitheater**

The series of Sunil's music at the Amphitheater Matrimandir continues this week

**Thursday 25.4 at 6 p.m.**

All are welcome. Children are specially welcome to tune in.

We will be able to listen to "Savitri".

Savitri has come to Earth to defeat Death thus allowing the advent of a New Creation based on Light, Truth and Love.

Further sessions every Thursday at 6 p.m. are planned:

**25.4. The Book of Love Canto I and II**

**2.5. The Book of Love Canto III**

**9.5. The Book of Fate Canto I**

**16.5. The Book of Fate Canto I (contd) and II**

The realisation of this and future audiovisual presentation at the Amphitheater depend on the installation of a soundsystem - which costs 50.000 Rs. Any donation small or big is welcome on Pour Tous account 0360 Amphitheater. For more information contact Sigrid or Soham.

**VOCAL QUARTET**



Eliane  
Tina  
Gundolf  
Martin

*Accompaniment:*  
Holger

**ACOUSTIC POP**

Saturday, 27th of April 2002  
at 8.00 pm

Pitanga Hall, Samasti

**FOR SALE:**

**Kashmir painted wooden lamp high (without shade) cm 94. Rs. 700.**

**Phone: 622138 (Paola)**



### Invitation to rock climbing at La Ferme

We are glad to announce that the climbing wall - built in La Ferme Canyon - has come to completion. Funded by Denis, Francine and Mumu of AVI France/Alsace, we want to express our gratitude to them for having made this activity possible. The wall in question is a semi-artificial structure of ten meters high, made of natural rocks built in the special and beautiful environment of the canyon.

We are also glad to announce that there is a student from France, Julien an experienced rock climber. He is willing to initiate and coach people in rock climbing techniques.

We can supply those willing to give this fascinating sport a try with the necessary equipment. All it takes is that you bring some supple, old type tennis shoes with thin soles. This sport can be practised by people of all ages, but is especially joyful for children.

Rock climbing is a thrilling sport that develops the muscle system of the entire body and builds up stamina, endurance in challenging situations, agility and the mastering of one's fears.

**Those who want to get a sportive "grip" on the wall can call:**

**Olivier: 622212**

**Olivier@auroville.org.in.**

Dear friends,

As per the advice of the "secretary in charge" and the working committee, we have temporarily closed down the petrol distribution for official reasons. Sorry for the inconveniences.

Truly

Auroville Transport Service

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SALLAKI

I will be out of station from end of May till mid August. If you do not have enough supply of Sallaki tablets for this time, please come and take them now. Dorothee (622 238)

House sitter,

Cat loving and reliable, for pukka house in Certitude wanted. Time: End of May till mid August. Phone 622 238 or e-mail [Dorothee@auroville.org.in](mailto:Dorothee@auroville.org.in)

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House in a spacious, quiet corner of Sve-dame available for keeping, from 22 May

till 20 July. You can contact me by phone 623-565 or in solar kitchen, Dariya

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### Aurelec Canteen

Tiffin for Dinner

You can take away also a tiffin, lunch or dinner for Rs.40/-

Contact Aurelec Canteen 622 293  
Sundays and Second Saturdays closed  
All are Welcome!

### A new house for Armugam, Usha and Aditya

The family lives in an old small keet house in Protection. After a long search to find a place to build they finally decided to rebuild their house in Protection. Both of them are working in Auroville services. Armugam runs with his brother Kanyappan the puncture service in Abri and Usha works for the ABC. They do not have the funds to build a new home without help from friends and the community. A PT account has been opened for this purpose – **the account number is 251218.**

**Donations in building materials are equally welcome.**

Kindly phone 622 741

Thanks for all support.

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### World Renewable Energy Conference

Would there be someone interested and appropriate to present my *accepted article "Building Integrated Active Solar Energy Structures"* at the World Renewable Energy Conference in **Cologne Germany 29 June - 5 July, 2002**? It includes solar bowl studies, with reference to the Auroville Solar Bowl; and other studies for future projects in Auroville, for sites in the tropics, and for developing countries. This conference is related to developing countries. The presenter could only attend for the presentation day, if that would be preferred.

They have *waived conference registration fee* for me, and I could request that the waived fee be transferred to the person presenting for me.

It would be a series of slides with very brief comments. The slides could be emailed, or sent on disk. Would something like this be possible?

Sincerely,

Joel H. Goodman

104 Main Circle #123, Dodgeville,  
Wisconsin 53533 - ph: 608.935-5483

[Email: joelgoodman@hotmail.com](mailto:joelgoodman@hotmail.com)

You may be interested to see:

<http://friends.globalview-intl.com/joel> AND  
<http://khm.de/~SolArt/archiGoodman.html>

**The Working Committee announces a  
General Meeting  
on  
a Collective Decision Making Process  
for Auroville**

**Tuesday, 23rd April, 5 PM  
SAWCHU building**

**A document prepared by an ad hoc group that  
will form the basis for the discussion  
appears elsewhere in this AV News**

*For further information: **contact Kathryn (Verite)  
or Peter T. (Adventure)***

**Making Collective Decisions in Auroville**

**Preamble**

The intention behind this document is to begin a process which will enable the Residents Assembly of Auroville to play a more effective role in making decisions in Auroville. To reach this goal we will have to listen to each other's ideas, visions and needs, so as to speak with a stronger collective voice – one that tries to integrate all of our various expressions.

This document is not meant to be a proposal, it is a statement of *principles* with which those of us who wrote it all agree. If agreement with these principles is found to be widespread in Auroville, then the principles will be used as a foundation for drafting a detailed proposal.

Transparency and community participation throughout this process is essential. There is plenty of room here to incorporate voices we haven't heard yet. Our work is offered in the spirit of experimentation, collaboration, trust and the will to progress collectively and we hope it is received in that spirit.

Anna Maria, Claudine, Kathryn, Janet, Jaya, Lyle, Mikael S, Monique, Paulette, Peter T, Ulli,

**Agreements in Principle**

**Authority:**

- Within Auroville, the Residents Assembly has the final authority for all decisions that affect the entire community. The Residents Assembly is all Aurovilians over 18 whose names appear on the Register of Residents.

**What constitutes agreement?**

- Consensus among all parties, especially those directly impacted and those knowledgeable on an issue, is an ideal that we strive for in making collective decisions.
- The process to reach agreement must take into

account as wide a range of viewpoints as possible.

- If, and only if, a sincere process has been tried and we have failed to reach consensus, then the Residents Assembly should see whether a decision by consent is possible - whether those who do not agree with a proposed decision are willing to step aside in order to allow the community to move forward.
- If neither consensus nor consent can be achieved, then the Residents will be asked to vote to resolve issues or make decisions.
- Different levels of approval may constitute acceptance for different types of decisions.

*The following two points our group thought were in the right direction, but we were not unanimous. Further discussion will have to take place with the community before a proposal can be formulated.*

- As a general rule, any decision with irreversible impacts should carry a high requirement for approval (say 75%), while two-thirds might be considered adequate for other decisions. (Others thought a simple majority would suffice, but we couldn't find a satisfactory answer to the question of how to implement a decision in Auroville with which nearly half the community disapproves)
- A quorum of at least 20% of the those eligible to vote and in station at the time of the vote is necessary.

**Which decisions?**

- Decisions should in general be made at the most decentralized level possible. Thus working groups should continue to make decisions in areas of their direct responsibility. Usually only issues or policies that are broader than the functional responsibility of any single working group, or decisions on which there is substantial objection to a working group decision or policy, should come to the Residents Assembly for resolution. The Residents Assembly will approve Auroville-wide policies, procedures for the formation of all major Working Groups, and the delegated responsibilities for those groups. The Residents Assembly will also approve medium and long-term development plans and the [community budget](#). The RA may also decide on other specific proposals that from time-to-time may be brought before it.
- Any Working Group whose delegated responsibilities and procedure for membership have been accepted by the Residents Assembly may make

the necessary operational decisions to carry out that responsibility on behalf of the community.

#### **Residents Assembly for decision:**

- The preparation of proposals for community-wide decision is a significant work.
- A group (we call it the Council for clarity in this document) will need to be formed to serve the RA in this process.
- The Council may make proposals on behalf of the RA but they must always be subject to the review of the RA.
- Proposals to establish or amend policy may arise from individuals and ad hoc groups of Residents as well as from the Council, working groups or established activities. Regardless of where a proposal for decision originates, the RA must be provided with adequate and timely information to enable it to make an informed decision.

#### **General Recommendations:**

- There should be regular open meetings of the Residents, the Council and working groups to discuss current issues.
- All feedback to proposals presented to the RA must be transparent and made readily available to anyone interested.
- Education will be needed for Council members and members of other working groups to learn how to work together better (e.g. respectful communication, group dynamics, etc.).
- There needs to be a single location where people can go to get information on township issues, to meet with the council, Working Committee, etc. (Town Hall?)
- Any decision-making process has to be flexible enough to be transformed as we evolve and understand how to work together better in the future.
- The RA has the right to include other members of the Auroville community (e.g. youth, workers, friends of Auroville, etc.) in its decision making process when appropriate.

**Since about 2 weeks the new interim WC is trying to occupy the rooms where we have set up against all odds the data entry section.**

**As we don't want to bear their power games and insults any longer, I ask for a general meeting on this issue at the earliest.**

**In the library there is a list to sign a petition for a general meeting. Please come and sign.**

**The Library Team**

#### **NANDINI OPENINGS FOR MAY & JUNE**

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY  
9h to 12h30                      3h to 5h

#### **TAILORING SECTION OF NANDINI :**

No orders will be taken for tailoring works from 1st May to 15th June.

(Exception for people traveling )

By reducing individual orders, Nandini is hoping to be able to prepare a production of cloths offering a larger choice of ready made garments to the Aurovilians.

Nandini team: Ane, Diana, Kelsang, Vidya

#### **Puls@**

Results for the question:

**Should we use advertisements to finance or subsidise publications such as AVNews, the new Telephone directory, etc?**

Yes : 28% (20)

No : 66% (47)

I don't know : 6% (4)

Total number of votes : 71

Total number of comments: 15

Results have been sent to WC, AVnews, Tim & Prisma.

***The next question is posted in the context of the General Meeting on Matrimandir & Gardens scheduled on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup>***

**Should Roger Anger have the final say in all matters regarding the MM building and MM Gardens?**

Thank you,

Pulse team, pulse@auroville.org.in

Olivier est un jeune Newcomer qui vit à Auroville – son nouveau prénom est BHISHMA.

*BHISHMA, 8<sup>ÈME</sup> fils du Roi SANTANU et de la déesse GANGA, représente dans le Mahabharata la SAGESSE. Il est le GOUROU des Kauravas et Pandavas.*

*Avec amour, Gangalakshmi.*

*Olivier is a young newcomer living at Auroville. His new first name is BHISHMA.*

*BHISMA is the 8<sup>th</sup> son of king SANTANU and goddess GANGA. He represents WISDOM in the Mahabharata and is the Guru of the Kauravas and Pandavas.*

*With Love, Gangalakshmi.*

### **Public Space Available**

We have already published this announcement once in the AVNews and it has been posted on the AVNet but for those of you who may have missed it, or if you have a special interest you may like to know that sometime later this year, perhaps as early as June or July, part of the team of Auroville Fund and Auroville Maintenance Fund will move to space made available by the completion of the Auroville Centre for Urban Research, formerly known as the Town Hall Annex. This means that some of the space in the offices in Aspiration next to the Pour Tous compound will become free for other users. As an experiment in forming a new policy and guidelines for the use of public spaces in Auroville the FAMC has been requested to formulate an open, yet formal community process for allocating such public spaces which you may read on the AVNet or in a back issue of the AVNews.

Please send all requests for use of this particular space by e-mail to [FAMC@auroville.org.in](mailto:FAMC@auroville.org.in) or hard copy to FAMC c/o Auroville Fund before 30 April 2002. After that date, all requests will be reviewed by the FAMC and a recommendation will be made for the best use of the space, all factors considered. Questions or requests for a copy of the Guidelines for Allocation of Public Spaces in Auroville may also be sent to the same address.

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### **Community Ecology**

"...population ecology has developed to a greater extent on the land animal side, and community ecology to a greater degree on the terrestrial plant..." (E.P.Odum's Fundamentals of Ecology. Made in USA, 1959, page 197).

One day, Mani (a botonist of the Ashram) invited me to Merveille (Ashram Land) to see a rare plant. It is the liana *Derris ovalifolia*. During April this liana gets covered by white fragrant flowers. A lot of Indian bees (*Apis Indica*), cuckoo wasps (*Chrysidiidae*), ants (*Formicidae*) pollinate its flowers. But the leather winged beetles (*Cantharididae* or *Meloidae*) eat the flowers with a great appetite.

I unsuccessfully searched for information about *D.ovalifolia* in different botanical books. Afterwards, Walter gave me copy of a scientific article (1997) which was written in Shakti, with the Title "A complete Description of rare and Endemic *Derris ovalifolia*... (Fabaceae), Rediscovered from Pondicherry, South India". The authors (N.Balachandran and W.F.Gastmans) described community of the liana which consists of *Albizia amara*, *Atalantia monophylla* etc.

Boris

### **Dear Aurovilians and Newcomers,**

Invitation to join the Collective Health Fund. The Auroville Health Fund is an experiment with a collective co-operative insurance system. The insurance started on 1st of February 2002. Contribution for each Aurovilian and Newcomer of 18 years and older is 200 Rs per month, and the contribution for each Aurovilian and Newcomer below the age of 18 is 100 Rs per month.

Recently a number of Aurovilians had big medical expenses due to illnesses or because they were involved in a serious accident. We would like to make it clear that Auroville cannot take responsibility to automatically cover the costs of medical expenses of those who do not participate in the collective Auroville Health Fund. The Auroville Health Fund will only cover the health expenses of those who choose to participate. People who do not join the Auroville Health Fund would be expected to cover their own health expenses. Up to now about 800 people are participating in the Collective Auroville Health Fund. This includes those who are being maintained by the Auroville Central Fund. To get full information about the insurance policy, please contact Samya at the Auroville Health Centre on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9 am and 12 noon.

(Email: [avhealth@auroville.org.in](mailto:avhealth@auroville.org.in)).

With a wish for good health to all.  
The Auroville Health Care Group and the Economy Group.

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### **LAST-SCHOOL/SUPER-SCHOOL/ THE PYRAMIDS**

To organize the next school year, students from 14 (in special cases younger) to 21 years and above who would like to be part of our programme are invited to get in touch with us, any morning from 9 :00 to 12 :00 am. PHONE : 622 195

The school is based on Free Progress. Free Progress is described by Mother as : *a progress guided by the soul and not subject to habits, conventions or preconceived ideas.*

- LAST-SCHOOL TEAM

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We found a cloth bag with clothes on the road a couple of weeks ago. Call 622-108.

Sorry for the delay!



## **Here's an invitation for the young adults of Auroville from the Blue Mountains (Nilgiris) in south India.**

### **LEADERSHIP AND VALUES IN LIFE (A camp for the young adults)**

#### **A CONCEPT NOTE**

This Camp is an attempt at bringing some of the deeper and more fundamental values of life to high school children and young adults.

It is at this point that they need most to question their own values of life, work and relationships - to investigate deeply what kind of life they would want for themselves: What kind of goals would they have? What would be their priorities and aspirations?

Few children learn how to cope effectively with the hard realities of everyday life: ranging from competition and consumerism to violence, hypocrisy and cynicism. Yet, it is vitally important that children understand their social and cultural realities and learn to create meaningful alternatives. This cannot be done unless children learn to look within themselves and challenge their own assumptions, beliefs and conditionings. It is only then that anything new can be brought forth.

#### **CONTENT OF THE COURSE**

The Course will consist primarily of two components: self awareness and leadership. Self awareness is always the first step towards psychological integration which, in turn, leads to self mastery and true leadership. Post-Camp support will be given to participants seriously wanting to deepen these processes of awareness and mastery.

The Camp will be focused entirely on experiences. In such matters, theories do not work. The stress will be on assimilation through personal experience. The experience would involve dialogue, introspection and group discussions; dance and movement; art through music; creative drama; treks and walks to enable assimilation in more dynamic ways. Guided meditation will be an integral part of the Camp experience.

#### **DURATION OF THE COURSE**

The Course for students is designed for six working days and should be completely residential.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Ø For students between the ages of 14 and 18.
- Ø The Camp will use English as the medium of instruction.

#### **THE CAMP VENUE**

This Camp will be conducted at the Blue Mountains School in Ooty. A beautiful and picturesque location in

the Nilgiris, just outside the main town of Ooty. The venue is a school located in a heritage building that once belonged to the Maharani of Vijayanagaram. A group of Auroville children from Deepanam school had come here for a 5 day holiday in October 2001. The 'adult children' with them were Aryamani, Sharanam and Mary.

**THE TEAM:** The workshop team consists presently of five members, all of whom are involved intensively in the work of human values education with children and teachers.

ARYAMANI, PARTHO, RADHIKA, SHANU, VIJAY BHARTI.

#### **PRACTICAL DETAILS**

Course Dates:

<u>Camp 01</u>	<u>May 4 to 10, 2002</u>
<u>Camp 02</u>	<u>May 13 to 18, 2002</u>
<u>Camp 03</u>	<u>May 20 to 25, 2002</u>
<u>Camp 04</u>	<u>May 27 to June 1, 2002</u>

**For Further Information, contact:**

**Aryamani, Deepanam school  
Auroville - Ph.- 622450**

EDUCATION IN HUMAN VALUES,  
SAFIER, OOTY

Sri Aurobindo Foundation for Integral Education and Research, a unit of the SAS, Pondicherry

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#### **New Telephone Billing Policy**

The BSNL Telephone Department is introducing a new billing policy as of April 2002, i.e. for the billing period of March. According to that policy, bills will be issued monthly instead of bimonthly whenever the number of metered units exceeds 1000 within the first month (equivalent to 1240 Rupees billing amount). These bills have now been received and processed by us for the first time.

As usual, we will deduct the amount from the PT account, so please check your PT balance if that seems advisable. The distribution of those in-between bills will be clubbed with the bimonthly bills. We request those who wish to have them immediately to collect them at our office or call us for an alternative arrangement.

Telephone Service

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For sale

One Kinetic honda scooter Marvel. (1998)

Price:13,000 rs

Contact: Natasha 623 407

## **EXTRA NOTE FROM THE WC**

The authorities of Pondicherry have brought to our notice several recent incidents of pedophilia in the Pondy area. The community of Auroville has been asked to be aware of these problems and possibly provide support in the investigation of the same.

We have therefore called for a sub-group and found the following longtime Aurovilians willing to look into this sensitive issue:

Amrit (Verite, tel. 62.2046, [amrit@auroville.org.in](mailto:amrit@auroville.org.in)),  
Janet (tel. 62.2165, [janet@auroville.org.in](mailto:janet@auroville.org.in)),  
Mauna (tel. 62.2323, [mauna@auroville.org.in](mailto:mauna@auroville.org.in)),  
Rathinam (tel. 62.2322, [rathinam@auroville.org.in](mailto:rathinam@auroville.org.in)),  
Suriyagandi (tel. 62.2602, Djaima).  
More members may be invited.

If you have any information that would help tackle these most unwelcome developments, kindly get in touch with one of the above mentioned Aurovilians. Needless to say that information received will be treated with the utmost discretion. Trusting that collaboration will be given by all,

## **Working Committee.**

### **Latest news from the Travel Shop**

For people who fly regular it may sound like a joke but unfortunately it isn't. At least once in a month one of us forgets to take the residential permit / visa paper to the airport. With this result, they are refusing boarding. Here as a reminder again:

Clear well in advance with the Visa Service and RRO your residential permit, visa and announce your departure properly.

Take to the airport together with your flight ticket, passport (eventually expired passport if a relevant visa / arrival stamp is in there) and all relevant visa / residential permit papers.

Reconfirm your return flight as soon as possible but definitely not later than a week before flight. On arrival don't forget to fill out the arrival forms etc with the Visa Service

For Indians: If your passport does not have a permanent stamp "No Immigration Required" you have to get the same for each and every travel abroad. Have a good flight!!

### **BIG LG-COLOR-TV for Sale**

Bought in september 1999 for 15,800,rs it s in a perfect condition, all papers available contact Geo or Myriam in Repos, Tel- 622848

## **THIS WEDNESDAY, 24th April, 4.30 to 6 pm**

*EXCEPTIONALLY AT THE VISITORS' CENTER  
(VIDEO ROOM UPSTAIRS)*

[Practice of the Integral Yoga Study-Circle, open to all]

**"INTEGRAL EVOLUTION AND CELLULAR CONSCIOUSNESS"**

Drawing to a close the series of sessions which have been taking place since December 2001, Bhaga will now bring in the aspect of the Integral Yoga which concerns our body-cells and the consciousness secretly present in them.

As an introduction to this topic, she will show the excellent SCIENTIFIC VIDEO FILM (both very informative and amusing) which she now always shows during the workshops she offers on this topic of Cellular Consciousness: "THE CELLS: DEATH BY DESIGN" [Les cellules: une mort programmée], WITH FRENCH SUBTITLES.

## **JEUDI 25 AVRIL, UNE DERNIERE SESSION AVEC CHRISTIAN:**

Son invitation:

Voici mes propositions pour le prochain atelier de recherche et de partage  
"AVANCEES DE LA SCIENCE A PROPOS DE LA CONSCIENCE"

au Laboratoire de l'Evolution :

date : jeudi 25 avril, de 16h30 a 18h00

theme de depart :

Nous continuerons a decliner les differentes applications de la conscience creatrice, à partir des bases presentees par Vahe Zartarian et Martine Castello dans leur livre "Nos pensees creent le monde", et Leon Raoul et Frank Hatem dans leur livre "La fin de l'inconnaissable".

(Ce sera le dernier atelier avant notre depart [Christian et Fabienne] pour la France, le 29 avril).

## **Cycles for Sale.**

10 New Cycles around 8 months old for Rs.1000/ each. For details contact:(US Pav.) Jill, ph- 622840 or Dhananjayan.

For Sale

Chevrolet Car 1952 model in good working condition. Please contact: AV Water Service, Naidu House, Kottakarai, Auroville – 605101

Phone: 622333/ 622687

For Sale

Badminton set, 1Diabolo(new) and an Indian cycle for sale. Contact: Solange – 622328 (Bhaga house) email: hammexican@yahoo.com

THE WORKING COMMITTEE INVITES THE  
COMMUNITY TO  
**A GENERAL MEETING**  
**ON THE MATRIMANDIR**  
**AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH**  
**THE CITY CENTRE**  
BHARAT NIVAS KALA KENDRA BUILDING  
(old restaurant)  
**SUNDAY, 28th APRIL, 2002**  
**8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m..**  
BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED  
PROPOSED AGENDA:  
PRESENTATIONS BY:  
Matrimandir Design/Study Group  
Access/Usage Group  
Architect's Team  
Matrimandir Workers' Team  
TEA BREAK 10:30-10:45 a.m.  
PRESENTATION OF A PROPOSAL FOR  
A CITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE  
TIME FOR COMMUNITY FEEDBACK  
*ALL ARE WELCOME*

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***FROM THE WORKING COMMITTEE:***

To all:

As you are aware, a number of villagers from surrounding villages have held two meetings on successive Sundays at the eucalyptus tope to discuss grievances mostly related to land purchase and management issues.

On Thursday they organised a procession from Kulapalayam to Bharat Niwas to present a list of their grievances to the office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, which attracted press coverage and necessitated a police presence.

The Working Committee and concerned working groups have already met the Tahsildhar, Vanur about this and are preparing replies to the points raised and necessary explanations. We will be continuing our efforts to resolve the situation by trying to engage all parties in a constructive dialogue involving the panchayats and local authorities.

Further information regarding the procession and issues raised by villagers.

The main points in the list of grievances submitted by the group of villagers who have been organising meetings and the procession on 11.4.02 were:

Newspaper advertisement by LEM advising potential buyers of land in the Auroville area of the status of the Auroville Foundation.

Site selection for a Handicraft Village project

Auroville Master Plan

Lease and use of puramboke lands

At this point it is important to say that a process of information and dialogue had already been started in February with the elected panchayat representatives from Iumbai and Bommayapalayam panchayats (which include Edayanchavadi, Kottakarai and Kulapalayam) and has continued with follow up meetings aimed at forming a Joint Development Council. The process is to be expanded to include representatives from other surrounding villages also at the next meeting.

These meetings have provided a forum where all issues concerning the development of Auroville and the surrounding villages can be raised and discussed round the table in a spirit of cooperation and collaboration. The acknowledged aim is to facilitate the development of the Auroville project along the lines of the Master Plan while actively addressing the development requirements of the local villages through relevant Government schemes, joint projects and common initiatives. It is also to promote a better mutual understanding on all levels of life, and specifically to sponsor projects and programmes which will help to improve attitudes and mutual appreciation on all sides.

However since this list of grievances has been submitted by villagers not presently involved in this process the following replies have been prepared for communication to them in consultation with the Tahsildhar and with the panchayat representatives in the Joint Development Council.

Newspaper advertisement

The advertisement referred to simply advises prospective buyers to be careful before entering into any transactions with real estate agents for purchase of land in the Auroville area. It informs them of the status of the Auroville Foundation which holds land in the area for the Auroville Universal Township project. It further advises them to consult the Land and Estate Management, Auroville for further information. It does not tell them not to purchase land in the Auroville area. Since this advertisement has been widely disseminated and served its purpose for the time being, we will consider suspending it after consultation with panchayat representatives.

- Site Selection for Handicraft Village project.

Auroville has been holding intensive consultations with the Collector, DRDA and other officials to find the best suitable location for the self-help handicraft project. Auroville fully supports the development of local handicraft activities which provide much-needed employment opportunities especially to women, and is willing to provide further support and services as far as possible.

- Auroville Master Plan.

The Auroville Foundation is statutorily obliged to draw up a Master Plan for the development of the Auroville Universal Township project for submission to the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The objective of the Master Plan is to provide for the dynamic and harmonious development of both Auroville and the surrounding villages and bioregion. The Master Plan has been presented and explained to the elected panchayats of Irbumbai and Bommayapalayam villages and to the Collector, Villupuram District. A translation in Tamil language is being prepared: meanwhile full copies in English can be provided as necessary.

- Lease and Use of Puramboke lands

The lands concerned are currently not producing any revenue for the panchayats: income from the lease would provide additional revenue for local development works. The proposal will be submitted to the panchayats for their feedback.

In many puramboke lands, especially odai canyon or ravines, adjacent to Auroville lands, soil and water conservation works have been undertaken. These works have actually improved the grazing and availability of fodder. Wherever this has reduced access, alternative ways have been provided on patta land belonging to Auroville so that the agricultural activities of neighbouring land-owners can be carried on without any hindrance.

The other points raised in the list (there were 10 in the original list and subsequent additions) are being addressed in the same way. They included concerns about employment conditions in Auroville, traffic regulation, siting of Adventure cremation/burial ground, and prejudice to local culture caused by the use of alcohol and illegal drugs by Aurovilians.

For further information please feel free to contact members of the WC or relevant working groups.

### **Interested in Tamil Literature?**

Prof. Mr. Rama. Ramanathan, a scholar in Sangam Tamil Literature (Specialist in *Silapathigaram*), from Alagappa University has consented stay in Auroville from 18th till 20th of April in Athithi Griha guesthouse. Interested persons can have an informal get together and share his rich experience in Tamil Literature.

Timings: 10 to 11 a.m (Tuesday to Saturday)

Place : Athithi Griha

Contact: 622253 -Pushparaj

- Meenakshi

### **BASKETBALL AUROVILLE LEAGUE**

WE WOULD LIKE TO PRINT T-SHIRTS FOR EVERYONE!

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BASKETBALL AUROVILLE LEAGUE ARE MOST WELCOME...ANY KIND...

"NOTHING IS TOO SALTY OR TOO SWEET"

(....UHM...NOT FROM THE MOTHER)

### **THE FINANCIAL HELP CAN BE PUT IN PT AC. NO. 0579**

SO FAR SO GOOD...

IN ADVANCE, ORGANISERS...

FOR THE **PLAYERS**...FORGET NOT THAT IT IS OUR ANNUAL BASKETBALL GAMES WHICH IS FULL OF FUN(yoU know...giving more passes to the more beginners...and...)

*(Continuation from last meeting page)*

### **Auroville Schools**

Regarding the present situation, we are happy that Auroville Schools are able to accommodate these 26 kids, though some parents are happy with the decision made for them.

The admission process is going to be worked out.

Since one year already for a better service, admissions are centralized by SAIER and the coordinator is Aurora. She is coordinating the admission process, she is not deciding which kids goes to which school.

- Sanjeev

### **Memorial Namas Tuesday 7.30 pm**

Namas' body will be buried in Cambridge U.K. on **Tuesday April 23rd** at 3 pm U.K. time.

Friends who want to be with him at that moment may gather at the Matrimandir Banyan tree at **7.30 pm Indian time** of the same day.