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The fruit that fraud and greed obtain

Shall end in endless grief and pain.

Thirukkural (284)

WISDOM FROM EINSTEIN

"The problems that exist in the world today cannot be solved by the level of consciousness that created them."

"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."

"Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

-Albert Einstein

HOUSE OF MOTHERS AGENDA

LA DÉCOUVERTE DE L'ÂME

Et sa passion et sa naissance et sa vie et sa mort
 Et son retour à l'immortalité.
 Ils grimpaient à l'éternel et l'immuable
 À la pure existence partout pareille
 À la conscience entière et à la force absolue
 Et à la félicité inimaginable et sans forme,
 Au rire dans le Temps et au mystère hors du temps
 De l'être triple en un qui est tout et qui est un
 Et pourtant n'est personne sauf lui-même à part.
 Il n'y avait nul bruit des hommes qui respirent, nul son,
 Seule l'intimité vivante de l'âme.
 Et pourtant tous les mondes et Dieu lui-même était là,
 Car là, chaque symbole était une réalité
 Et apportait la Présence qui lui avait donné la vie.
 Savitri voyait tout cela et sentait intérieurement et savait
 Non pas par quelque pensée du mental, mais par le moi.
 Une lumière qui n'est point née du soleil ni de la lune ni du feu
 Une lumière qui demeurerait dedans et voyait dedans,
 Versant une visibilité intime
 Rendait le mystère plus révélateur que la parole :
 Notre vue et nos sens sont un regard et un toucher faillibles,
 Seule la vision de l'esprit est pleinement vraie.
 Ainsi Savitri est-elle passée en ce lieu mystérieux
 Traversant des chambres et des chambres,
 Des portes et d'autres portes taillées dans le roc
 Et à mesure, elle se sentait devenir une avec tout ce qu'elle voyait.
 Une identité scellée s'éveillait en elle :
 Elle se savait la Bien-aimée du Suprême,
 Ces Dieux et ces Déesses étaient lui et elle,
 Elle était la Mère de Beauté et de Délice
 Le Verbe dans la vaste embrasse créatrice de Brahma
 La Puissance cosmique sur les genoux tout-puissants de Shiva
 Le Maître et la Mère de tout ce qui vit
 Regardant les mondes que leur regard jumelé avait créés,
 Et Krishna et Radha à jamais enlacés dans la félicité,
 L'Adorant et l'Adorée perdus en eux-mêmes et un.
 Dans la dernière chambre, sur une assise d'or
 L'Un siégeait, que nulle vision ne peut décrire,
 On sentait seulement l'inaccessible source du monde,
 Une Puissance dont elle était une coulée de Force,
 Une invisible Beauté, but du désir du monde,
 Un Soleil dont toute connaissance est un rayon,
 Une Grandeur sans laquelle nulle vie ne pouvait être.
 De là, tout partait dans le moi de silence
 Et tout devenait sans forme et pur et nu.
 Puis, par un tunnel creusé dans le dernier roc
 Elle est sortie dans la splendeur d'un immortel soleil.
 Une demeure était là, faite entièrement de flamme et de lumière,
 Alors traversant un mur de feu vivant, sans porte
 Là, subitement, elle a rencontré son âme secrète.

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA*THE FINDING OF THE SOUL*

*And his passion and his birth and life and death
And his return to immortality.
To the abiding and eternal is their climb,
To the pure existence everywhere the same,
To the sheer consciousness and the absolute force
And the unimaginable and formless bliss,
To the mirth in Time and the timeless mystery
Of the triune being who is all and one
And yet is no one but himself apart.
There was no step of breathing men, no sound,
Only the living nearness of the soul.
Yet all the worlds and God himself were there,
For every symbol was a reality
And brought the presence which had given it life.
All this she saw and inly felt and knew
Not by some thought of mind but by the self.
A light not born of sun or moon or fire,
A light that dwelt within and saw within
Shedding an intimate visibility
Made secrecy more revealing than the word:
Our sight and sense are a fallible gaze and touch
And only the spirit's vision is wholly true.
As thus she passed in that mysterious place
Through room and room, through door and rock-hewn door,
She felt herself made one with all she saw.
A sealed identity within her woke;
She knew herself the Beloved of the Supreme:
These Gods and Goddesses were he and she:
The Mother was she of Beauty and Delight,
The Word in Brahma's vast creating clasp,
The World-Puissance on almighty Shiva's lap,—
The Master and the Mother of all lives
Watching the worlds their twin regard had made,
And Krishna and Radha for ever entwined in bliss,
The Adorer and Adored self-lost and one.
In the last chamber on a golden seat
One sat whose shape no vision could define;
Only one felt the world's unattainable fount,
A Power of which she was a straying Force,
An invisible Beauty, goal of the world's desire,
A Sun of which all knowledge is a beam,
A Greatness without whom no life could be.
Thence all departed into silent self,
And all became formless and pure and bare.
Then through a tunnel dug in the last rock
She came out where there shone a deathless sun.
A house was there all made of flame and light
And crossing a wall of doorless living fire
There suddenly she met her secret soul.*

Minutes of the Matrimandir Team 11 April, 2002

Present: Amrit, Arjun, Charu, Durrai, Aleksei (guest), Gagendran, Gudulal, Jithu, John, Kusumben, Lakshminarayan, Saravanan, Selvam, Somu, Ralph, Ramu, Vigyan, Vladimir, Walter ,

Chairman: Shiva

1) Ventillation/Air-conditioning in the Petals.

Vladimir proposed to make an experiment in one of the petals to provide ventilation and A.C. in the meditation room of the petal. The estimated cost of the experiment is Rs.1.2 lakhs. The meeting approved the proposal.

2) 100 % tax exemption: the renewal of the 100 % exemption has now been obtained for the period of 1-4-200 to 31-3-2003. The receipts for donations received under this section (35. i. ii.) will be signed by the representative of the Auroville Foundation , (Mr. Srinivasamurthy). These donations will be deposited in a new account which has been opened for this purpose.

3) Situation regarding the village interest in the peremboke land at the second banyan tree. The background to this topic is that a Central government grant has been given to the Collector to establish a " handicraft village" which would be comprised of a sales center surrounded by the manufacturing units. For this project, government land is normally to be used i.e. peremboke land. Thus pieces of peremboke land in the area are being considered as possible locations for the project.....for example in the Aurodam canyon near the Visitors Center and also the piece of land which is at the second banyan (the colam there). Finally, we have been informed that options are still being explored on the Kottakarai-Edyanchavadi road.

Comments:- deep concern was expressed that such a project could happen at the second banyan , so close to the center of Auroville. We all should know that the land where the first banyan stands , near the Matrimandir, is also peremboke land!

4) Saravanan again brought his need for a place to build his house. He wishes to build in the Nursery and has already the go-ahead from the Development Group. He was asked to meet the residents of the Nursery to see how they feel about

it.

5) Financial requests:

- a) Standing fan for the MM room at the Visitor's Center Rs. 2000.
- b) Replacement pump for the A.C. plant Rs. 6000

6) Sound system for the amphitheater: Soham sent a letter requesting that the Matrimandir contribute towards the purchase of a sound system for the programs of Savitri music that he is presenting weekly at the amphitheater. Soham is raising funds for this system and has already received some donations. It was clarified that this system would be a Matrimandir asset.

On that basis the meeting agreed that in principal it would be happy to contribute towards the system. It was suggested that Vladimir could see with Didier and

Soham to make sure that the system would be of a very high quality, suitable for long-term use at the amphitheater. By next week they were asked to have a price quotation for the system.

Minutes of the Matrimandir Team 18TH April 2002.

Present: Arjun, Amar, Carlos (briefly), Durai, Gudula, John, Kusumben, Lakshminarayan, Luca, Manimaran, Ralph, Saravanan, Selvam, Shiva, Sido, Somu, Vladimir, Walter

Chairman : Luca

1. Sound System for the Amphitheater: Vladimir has investigated the cost of a sound system for the amphitheater. For small programs, a system costing Rs.50,000 would be suitable, but for larger gatherings a system costing Rs. 1.2 lakhs would be more suitable. It was expressed that an appeal should go out to Auroville to ask for contributions for the system.

As Soham was not present , we decided to wait until the next meeting before taking our final decision on purchasing the system.

2. Meeting of April 28th in Bharat Nivas - preparation:

- So far (18 th) , we do not know the proposed structure of the meeting, which is being called, but it is understood that the two garden proposals will be displayed. It is for this reason that the latest drawings by Paolo are being prepared for display. (as of 24 -4 it is still not clear if it is intended that the model and drawings will be displayed)

- It was mentioned that our perceptions concerning the issue of the Peace area have not been clearly understood by many in the community , and therefore we should make an effort to communicate more widely and effectively.

- It was proposed that the compilation of Mother's

conversations on Matrimandir be made available at the earliest on the AV net.

- We reviewed our general understanding of the nature of the vision that Mother had for the gardens, including the aspects of Japanese style, the abundance of the beauty of nature, the need for an isolating zone between Matrimandir and the city.

- We proposed to review, on the next day, the historical document which details the development of Mother's description of the area for the gardens, lake and park. (this review was carried out the next day)

- **Note:** As a follow-up to this meeting, 27 of the Aurovilians working at Matrimandir met again on Monday, 22 April to consider the upcoming meeting of the 28 th. The following points were strongly affirmed:

a) Our commitment to the execution of the Peace area according to Mothers recorded vision and conversations with several people.

b) The clear direction given by Her that the gardens be done in the Japanese way.

c) The need for a border of the Peace area consisting of tall trees to act as a buffer from the noise and sight of the city.

3) Financial Request: -for mounting and laminating of drawings Rs.15,000

4) Housing for Aurovilians working at the Matrimandir: Saravanan has now been joined in his quest for a residence by Manimaran, who informed the meeting of his need, and by Vladimir, who also needs a place to stay.

Now that we have three cases of this type it is clear that the MM Nursery is not the place for more residences. It was agreed that these three, and a few others of the Team would write to the I.D.C. requesting their assistance in trying to locate a plot where these people could start a new community. We will seek an appointment with the I.D.C. to discuss the requirements of these Aurovilians.

FAMC REPORT for March 2002

FAMC Regular Members: Adhara (Entry Group), Isha (Green Group), Otto (Central Fund), Ananda (ABC), Joster (ABC), Pala (Maintenance Fund), Dharmesh (IDC), Judith (Economy Group), Rathinam (AV Fund), Guy (LEM), Manou (ABC), Selvaraj (Working Committee), Inge (Housing), Minh (SAIER), Tency (CSR), Ulli (Working Committee),
Matrimandir currently sends no representative.

FAMC Permanent Invitees:

Secretary of the Auroville Foundation Mr. Srinivasamurthy,
Finance and Administration Officer, AV Foundation

1. Issues Related to Units & Services

- a. **Upasana** – appointment of Manoj as 2nd Executive was approved.
- b. **Health Centre** – appointment of Peter K. as additional Executive was approved.
- c. **Health Centre Pharmacy** – appointment of Albert and Peter K. as additional Executives was approved.
- d. **AuroAnnam:** The resignation of Margarita Corerra as Executive of the unit was approved.
- e. **ADPS Trust:** The letter from the Trust giving the details of the current leases was accepted.
- f. **New Engineering Trust:** The Special Audit of the Trust for the 00-01 financial year was received at the end of March. It was requested that the FAMC look into issues such as Aurovilians who run loss-making units within Auroville and profit-making units outside Auroville.
- g. **NET Land:** It was reported that a broker has been found who is ready to find customers for the land.
- h. **Altecs/ADPS:** The FAMC was informed that the State Bank of India would cancel the ADPS deposit if the interest on the loan taken by Altecs was not paid before the end of March 2002. It was proposed that the Auroville Maintenance Fund advance the amount to the Bank. This was approved.
- i. **Penta Services:** The current activities of Penta Services involve consultancy; there is no manufacturing or sales. The unit has enough assets to cover its liabilities. The resignation of Ela as executive was accepted. Auroma will take up the account work and a business plan will be drawn up for reimbursement of the amount outstanding to ADPS.
- j. **AquaDyn – end of Financial Year assessment:** The FAMC was presented with a written report on AquaDyn's financial situation. Based on AquaDyn's positive performance in March (an excess of Rs.1.35 lakhs income over expenditure) and some immediate sales opportunities in the coming months, the subgroup recommended that the present trial period be extended for three months from 1st April to 30th June, under the close supervision of the unit's finances and operations by the sub-group. The FAMC approved the recommendation, but reiterated the urgent need for another executive to manage the unit. With regard to the proposed collaboration between AquaDyn and an outside company, it was decided that there should be no explicit connection between Auroville and the company, which means that the

name and logo of Auroville should not be used in connection with their logo, neither on the label nor in their promotion material. For this purpose, an agreement should be signed between AquaDyn and the company that stipulates the following points:

- The company will either sell Auroville water with the present AquaDyn label without any modification or use their own label without any reference and use of the name and logo of Auroville. The proposed label where both are mixed is unacceptable.
- The company will not use the name and logo of Auroville in any of its sales promotion and advertising material.
- The company will submit through AquaDyn any new label or promotion material in which the Auroville water is mentioned for approval by the FAMC.

In case the company cannot agree with these conditions, the proposed association will have to be terminated and their advance immediately returned to them..

k. Auroville Transport Service Loan: The Transport (Taxi) Service proceeded to take a fresh loan from a finance company to buy a new vehicle, even though they had been requested to clarify some points in their balance sheet before borrowing more money.

The concern was raised that substantial loans are taken by Auroville units without going through any kind of assessment or monitoring process. A Unit should at least send a letter to the Trustees with a copy to FAMC informing them of the Unit's intent to borrow, and two weeks should be allowed for feedback before the action is taken. ABC will be reminded that the issue of loans should be included in the Financial Powers document being prepared. A proposal was made that an Executive can take a loan with the following permissions:

- up to 1 lakh — from the Financial Service
- 1 to 5 lakhs — from the Economy Group
- over 5 lakhs — from the FAMC.

It was also proposed that, before seeking a loan from outside Auroville, the Trustees indicate to the FAMC how the loan would be repaid. The table agreed that Auroville should try to provide loans to units with less interest, rather than allowing it to flow "outside".

l. New accounting method for units providing goods and services for Auroville A new accounting method for units that are providing goods and services for Auroville was presented by Olivier. Instead of billing for goods distributed within Auroville, a delivery note would be made and entered into the accounts as "transfer of goods". The Financial Service will transfer the funds from the relevant accounts and pass them to the unit in the form of a budget. Basically the unit doesn't make any sales within Auroville. This distribution system will be valid for those who use the Auroville Maintenance Fund. It was suggested that two or three units could try it for a year to see if it is workable. The F.O. had previously expressed support for this method, and it was felt that we should have his signed approval for the experiment. It was agreed that the proposed system could be initiated on a small scale with a few units as an experiment and that the creation of a Trust to hold them could come later.

2. Auromodele House: A letter forwarded by the Working Committee from Igor was discussed. Rathinam, on behalf of the sub-group, said that the move to vacate the house completely was felt to be a positive one from Igor's side. . It was decided that Igor's request for a letter insuring him a residence of equal value or funds to create such would not be given. However an assurance that he would be provided with adequate housing, should the community decide in favour of his return, could be given. A letter to this effect was sent to Igor. In the meantime, the house has been vacated.

3. Creativity Request: Kathy presented a written report of the project's request for a bridging loan. Rs 61 lakhs of the Rs149.5 lakhs needed for the project have been secured. Rs75 lakhs can be recuperated from future residents, Rs16.5 lakhs from those currently committed. Rs10 lakhs have been requested from HUDCO for the wastewater treatment plant. SAIER's grant amount (Rs38 lakhs) is now in question, but may still come. End of 2002 is the anticipated date of completion. It was suggested by the table that the group should actively look for participants in the project and provide an intermediate financial report. Kathy assured the members that so far the construction was on budget. It was agreed that it is the responsibility of the community to stimulate housing, and this project provides reasonably affordable housing with generous collective facilities. The FAMC recommended that the Financial Service enter into discussion with the Creativity Project Group to ex

plore the feasibility of an interim financing solution for the project.

4. Water Quality Issues: The issue of the presence of E. coli bacteria in the Solar Kitchen well, affecting also the Kindergarten and Deepanam School, was brought to the attention of the FAMC by the Waste Water Management Group. The WWMG at first recommended the immediate closure of the Solar Kitchen and the schools, but that recommendation was later withdrawn. The FAMC formed a sub-group immediately to look into the technical and financial requirements to remedy the situation, consisting of: Dharmesh (IDC), Pala and Rathinam (Economy Group), Sanjeev (SAIIR), Gilles G. and Angelika (SK) and Margarita and Gilles B. WWMG.

5. Housing Policy: A subgroup to work out the implementation of the amendments published last month (*That it is illegal to rent out housing units not specified as guest houses or Newcomer houses, and that all contributions for accommodation from Newcomers must flow through the Housing Service.*) was identified. The Financial Service offered to work out the channelling of funds with the Housing Group.

A guesthouse sub-group needs to be convened now that the guest season is over. It was conveyed that one of the main purposes of the group was to recommend appropriate accommodation rates based on the type and quality of accommodation provided.

6. Allocation of collective spaces: Draft guidelines based on discussion with Economy Group members were adopted. These were published previously in the March 23rd edition of the *AV News*. A question of what exactly is a public space was raised. It was felt that we intuitively know what we mean by “public space” and since the FAMC is representative of all the relevant working groups we will be able to sort out any uncertainties quite easily. It was agreed to reinforce and highlight as a mandate that the group handling the allocation of the public spaces should keep in mind that: (i) the activity to which the space is allocated should also take care of the place. (ii) we need to stress the need for accessibility to our public facilities for disabled or physically challenged people.

The Economy Group offered to notify the community about the space that will become available when part of the Auroville Fund and Auroville Maintenance Fund moves to the Centre for Urban Research. A sub-group will assess the various proposals for the space and bring it back to the FAMC for the final decision. It was decided that the application deadline for this space would

be the end of April 2002, with a decision to be made no later than the 15th of June 2002.

7. Use of Auroville’s Name: A letter was received expressing concern about the inappropriate use of Auroville’s name by certain Aurovilians for their activities. It was agreed that there should be some procedure to “approve” the use of Auroville’s name. The table decided to refer this issue to the Working Committee.

8. Brihaspati – Change of Stewardship – Allocation and Finances: The members proposed that a sub-group be created to get more information. Facts should be brought together after doing a site visit. Selvaraj, Inge and Isha were requested to do the fact-finding and report back to the table.

Report of 23rd April General Meeting on Collective Decision-Making

The purpose of this General Meeting was to get feedback from the community on a set of underlying principles upon which to base a collective decision-making process for Auroville. These principles were published in last week’s News, and appear below in simplified format. There was unanimous consent among the approximately 60 Aurovilians who attended this General Meeting on all of the principles that appear below. Comments, suggestions, concerns that were expressed on each section appear after it.

We’re trying to take this process step-by-step, and the next step is to flesh out the details to make a full proposal for collective decision-making to present again to the community for its feedback and approval. What we need from you, the community, at this point is to know if there is anyone who does not agree with the principles listed below, and if so, the basis for that disagreement. We are aiming at a true synthesis-leading-to-consensus process here. We want to hear from you.

As the current Working Committee is only “in office” until the 10th September, we aim to have a fully articulated and adopted decision-making process and internal organization structure in place by then, therefore we will need to continue the process over the summer in order to arrive at this goal. These principles are the first step. We ask that, if you do not agree with them, you let us know within 2 weeks (by May 11th). Address feedback to: Kathryn (Verite), 622-871, Kathryn@, Ulli (Fraternity), 622-187, Ulli@, or Working Committee, 622-143, workingcom@auro...

**C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM
FRIDAY 3 MAY - 7.45 PM**

(Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

A special Children and General Audience's program
with: **"MALLI"**

Directed by Santosh SHIVAN, Tamil Nadu, India,
1998 - With: Janakraj, Parameshwaran, Baby
Amma, Priya

Storyline: Malli, a ten years old girl, tries her best to
help her parents by collecting firewood. Malli has
just two personal dreams: to own a new dress for
the festival, and to get the 'Blue Bead' which can
cure her friend's inborn deficiency, as Old Monu,
the village storyteller had mentioned in her tale of
"The Good Spirit" ...

Original Tamil version with English subtitles -

Duration: 1h.30', Colour - 35mm film

The film will be preceded by a short animation film
"MAHAKAPI", based on an ancient tale from
Buddhist Mythology "Jatak Katha", about a large
group of monkeys living on a mango tree on a
riverside and the arrival of a fisherman and finally the
King himself, who wants to take the delicious
fruits... (20 min. directed by Rani Day Burra, India,
1996, in Hindi with English subtitles)

VENDREDI 3 MAI - 19h.30' (le film commence à
19h.45' précises)

"MALLI"

Réalisé par Santosh SHIVAN, Tamil Nadu, Inde,
1998 - Avec: Janakraj, Parameshwaran, Baby
Amma, Priya - Synopsis : Malli, petite fille de dix
ans, aide de son mieux ses parents en ramassant du
bois mort pour le feu. Malli a simplement deux
rêves : avoir une nouvelle robe pour le festival et se
procurer la 'Perle Bleue' qui pourrait guérir sa petite
amie d'une maladie de naissance, comme l'a
mentionné la 'Vieille Monu', la conteuse du village
dans son conte du "Bon Esprit" ...

Version originale en Tamoul avec sous-titres en
Anglais - Durée : 1h30' - film 35mm, couleur Le film
sera précédé par un court dessin animé

"MAHAKAPI", tire d'un ancien conte de la
mythologie bouddhiste "Jatak Katha", sur un impor-
tant groupe de singes vivant dans un manguier au
bord de la rivière, et l'arrivée d'un pêcheur, puis du
Roi en personne pour s'emparer des délicieux
fruits... (20 min. Réalisé par Rani Day Burra, Inde,
1996, en Hindi avec sous-titres en Anglais)

MONDAY 29 APRIL

DARIO FO

Lezioni di Teatro

Selezione dalle "Lezioni di teatro"

tenute da Dario Fo al Teatro Argentina di Roma,
a partire dal 24 settembre 1984,
versione originale.

Visitor Centre, video room, 8.00 PM.

Selection from the theatre's lectures
that Dario Fo gave at Teatro Argentina in Roma
since 24 September 1984

original Italian version

German Movie @ Visitor Centre!

Mittwoch, 1. Mai, 20:00 Uhr

Jean d' Arc - die Frau des Jahrtausends (2 Teile)

USA '99 ca. 120 min. (1. Teil) Lelee Sobieski,
Jacqueline Bisset, Chad Willett, Maximilian Schell,
Peter O'Toole

Der Film spielt im fruehen Mittelalter. Die historische
Begebenheit wurde von Merlin prophezeit. Die
Jungfrau, Johanna von Orleans hat schon in ihrer
Kindheit vorausgesehen, dass sie eines Tages
Frankreich befreien wird, aber es glaubte ihr niemand.
Spaeter fuehrte sie Kriege gegen England und da sie
glaubte, dass Gott in ihr kaempft, wurde sie wegen
Gotteslaesterung hingerichtet.
7 Jahre nach ihrem Tod wurde das Urteil rehabilitiert
und 500 Jahre spaeter wurde sie sogar heilig
gesprochen. Ein spannender, ergreifender Film.

Interested in the foundations of Indian Culture?

If you would like to go for the Nainital Van Niwas
study camp on the Foundations of Indian culture
(given by Prema Nandakumar) conducted by the
Delhi Sri Aurobindo Ashram from 26.5.02 to 2.6.02,
you can take my place and go as my substitute.
If you are interested please email me soon to
vijayak@auroville.org.in and collect the Ashram's
acceptance letter. Thank you.

Literary summer

The AVToday team have already received a
number of offerings for the literary double issue
this summer. However if you have something—
poetry or prose—which you would like to contrib-
ute but you haven't yet pulled it out of the drawer
and dusted it off, there is still time to get it to
us...just. Rush your contribution to the AVToday
office or give it to one of the editors before the
beginning of May

Alan, Bindu, Carel, Roger, Tineke

MAY- VIDEO IN FRENCH

19 h 30 au « Visitor's Center »

JEUDI 2 19H30 - 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.

JEUDI 9

19H30 – Nacho Duato : Por Vos Muero

Le Ballet national espagnol présente une nouvelle chorégraphie de son directeur artistique Nacho Duato, sur des musiques espagnoles des XVe et XVIe siècles. Durée 27 mn.

20H00 – La Belle Verte. Une comédie de Coline Serreau (1996). Avec C. Serreau et Vincent Lindon. Durée : 1 h 40.

Soit une planète, 'la Belle Verte', peuplée d'humains parvenus à un stade avancé de développement : la preuve, ils ont tourné le dos à la civilisation industrielle et ont pu développer un art de vivre bucolique ainsi que des capacités télépathiques. Les hasards de la biologie vont amener C. Serreau en personne à débarquer en plein désastre urbain et pollué du Paris d'aujourd'hui, tandis que ses deux fils se retrouveront au contact d'humains les plus heureux et évolués de la planète, en Australie, parmi les aborigènes.

Super School – News, April 2002

We have some happy news to share: Auroville, in its chequered history of educational experimentation has reached a small but not insignificant moment.

At the end of this school year, Auroville can welcome into its larger life and action two 'graduates' of the Auroville many-coloured system of education. What is particularly significant about them is that they have both been 'educated' in and through the Free Progress method – the approach Mother wanted implemented in the Ashram and Auroville.

Anandamayi and Shakti, are now 21 years old. And while they may continue to attend a course or two in school, they have reached that stage where they are ready to enter into the adult world. In their educational journeys they have variously passed through the different Auroville schools: Kindergarden, Miramukhi, Transition, Last School and Super School. What is significant is that in all their years of schooling, although they had to face up several exam situation, they have never appeared for any certificate examination. They are both charming, well educated, talented young adults. Many of you must already be familiar with them for they have varied interests and since some years, have already involved themselves in work and activities around Auroville.

We are glad to share this milestone with you because, from one point of view, they are path breakers.

The Last School/Super School Team – April 2002

Dear Community,

July admissions for students entering Transition School are officially closed.

Love, The Transition Team

Dear Aurovilians, Newcomers and Friends,

As many of you know, in March 2000 the construction of phase one of a Secondary School Campus was begun. A library, computer lab and various science labs are the central facilities crucial for a further development of secondary education so these facilities were given a priority in this first phase.

The building is now coming close to the finishing stage. Right now the final grills are being put on the windows, and then we will be able to put the flooring. Those of you who saw the original plans will notice some changes and adaptation of space.

A core group of people has been meeting regularly to not only follow the construction of the campus, but also discuss the type of education we would like to offer the Aurovilian young people and share ideas on how to implement these ideas.

We would now like to share some of our ideas with you and we invite your feedback. We are also in the process of trying to find a name for the school; we will let you know when the right one comes.

If anyone would like any more information, or would like to visit the campus, please feel free to contact any one of us.

Love,

Chali, Anton, Sergei, Bunty, Lyle, Sanjeev, Mary

AMPHITHEATER

Every Thursday at 6 p.m. all Aurovilians are invited to listen together to the marvellous music of Sunil : Savitri has come to Earth to defeat Death thus allowing the advent of a New Creation based on Light, Truth and Love.

For Thursday 2.5. at 6 p.m. The Book of Love Canto I and II are planned.

Till a proper soundsystem is in place a hired system from Pondy will be used, which cost 3.500 Rs per evening. Donations to cover the costs are welcome on PT account 0360.

Thanks you, The organisers Soham and Sigrid. Come and enjoy a radiant moment together in our center.

Connections

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 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 or call Connections at 62-3440.

❖ Au Pair in Germany

Through an old-time Aurovilian, we have learned that there may be opportunities for young girls to work for one year in Germany as *au pair*. The nature of the work (perhaps helping with children and light household work) and working conditions are to be discussed. If you are interested in such a commitment, please contact Jaya. (622074; nicojaya@auroville.org.in)

The Connections team

Paulien, Jaya, Don

SAWCHU Building,

Open: Mo-Fr, from 9:00 a.m. to noon

Ph:62-3440, Email: connections@auroville.org.in

PERSONAL REQUEST FOR LILA

I 'll be leaving for France at the end of May to continue my studies in Art for at least a year. I have been studying at the Pyramids Visual Art School for the past two years and I wish to complete my development in the domain of stain glasswork.

I cannot expect any financial support from my family so I will be very grateful if I could receive from Auroville the help I need to cover the cost of my one way ticket. I already received half of it and if more it would also help me to begin my adventure in France.

Gratefully from Lila

To contact me: mail, rlila@auroville.org.in

Phone, 623 399 or 622 162

Ac.Lila ticket No :251119

MESSAGE FROM ECO-SERVICE

We have a big problem with the battery and we do not have any permanent solution for its safe disposal. Temporarily we are storing them in a concrete ring just outside the Verite Eco-Service store room. Therefore, we would like to suggest to all the Auroville communities to reduce the use of ordinary battery as much as possible and instead promote the rechargeable battery which has much longer life and which is also environmental friendly to some extent. We want to mention this time of the year because now lot of people do go abroad and where it is easy to buy good quality rechargeable battery as well as rechargeable battery which runs on 12 volts and which is also cheap.

Regards,

Pratul, For SWM Group

SELLING (for health reasons): Blue TVS Super Excel, only 11 months old & still under warranty, with basket same colour. Entirely checked and serviced. Available immediately. Price negotiable. Call before 8 AM & after 8 PM 623 428.

For Sale TVS-Super XL(black colour) very new PY-01 S Registration Rs.16000/
Contact – Uta, Menaig guest house,
Ph: 622867 between 8 am to 9am.

“VIEWS & EXPRESSIONS”

An exhibition of oil paintings
by Sivakumar (New Creation)
at Pitanga from May 2 to 31, 2002
Mon to Sat 8.00 am to 5.30 pm

We invite you heartily to his inaugural function
on Wednesday May 1st, 7 pm at Pitanga Hall.

“Muse in Music”

Vocal & Instrumental Improvisation

presented by Kirupa - Violin & Vocal
Suvadeep - Vocal & Percussions
Sendhil - Clarinet

A vandi full of Thanks !

To all those with goodwill in the community, to those who have signed the petition and to all the others, who by simply sharing our concern built a virtual network of support and protection for the library.

As the IWC has relented, there is no longer a need for a general meeting on the physical plane to happen.

Thanks again, The Library Team

Technical note for white LED “AUROLI “ torchlight users

Dear friends , their is is the possibility ,while plugging in for charging ,to make a shortcut. To avoid this, better connect first the torch with the cable and after that with the grid. You should also unplug during powercuts -otherwise the torch can discharge- to avoid this it's possible to upgrade the charger with an additional electronic circuit or better charge with DC - Solarpower - no powercuts at all.

Love and aurolight

Hans

Innovation unlimited, ph: 622779

To All The Aurovilians

from Aurosoya

**We inform you that AUROSOYA will be closed
for the month of MAY due to summer holidays.**

For Aurosoya.

Fred and Catia.

Correction to new E-mail Directory

Kindly note that Marc and Matilde's e-mail address is not mmandm@... but mandm@...

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY CORRECTION

When we mentioned that Frederic & Catia have taken over Jean Claude's number in Vikas (see p.53), we failed to mention that the number should be 622273, and not 622243 as listed! Please correct accordingly.

VERY IMPORTANT!!!

If you haven't already corrected The Travel Shop telephone number for "Reconfirmation, tours & hotels" on p.30 to 623030 (not 622030), please do so NOW!! The error is causing a LOT of inconvenience to the holder of the other number.

Thank you.

AVTS

Tone Dialing

If you have equipment which supports only Tone Dialing or require the Tone Dialing facility on your line for other important reasons, please inform us at our service desk under 622364 or email: telephoneservice@...

Telephone Service

Greetings from Pour Tous

We would like to remind you, when you bring fruits or vegetables to Pour Tous. Please inform us in advance, so that we don't have to make other arrangements to purchase from the outside market.

Thanking you in advance,
The Pourtous team.

TEACHERS NEEDED FOR CFL!!!

CFL WILL NEED A BIOLOGY/SCIENCE TEACHER, A TAMIL TEACHER AND SOMEONE TO TEACH COMPUTER STUDIES (SOFTWARE, HARDWARE, BASIC PROGRAMMING) FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE HELP! CONTACT CHALI BY EMAIL: CHALI@AUROVILLE.ORG.IN FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Dear Unit members,

Kindly note that the email address of NATURALLY AUROVILLE BOUTIQUE given in the Telephone Directory is incorrect. The CORRECT address is as follows **naturalyaurovil@vsnl.net**

Love , Jean Francois

Entry Group Announcement

Newcomers

We would like to announce the following persons to the community as Newcomers and shall wait for your feedback for two weeks before confirming their status:-

- **K. Venkateshwaran** (Indian) : He is originally from Pondicherry. He stays at Forecomers and works at Auroville Water Service. Contact Person : Lourdes
- **Narendra Rana** (Indian) : He is originally from Delhi. He stays at Atithi Griha guest house and works at Savitri Bhavan. Contact Person : Patrick
- **Margaret Bailitis** (Australian) : She stays at Halcyon community and works at Life Education center. She is a registered nurse and a teacher. Contact person : Namrita
- **Nicolas Blier** (French) : He stays and works at Eternity doing green work. Contact person : Jean Francois
- **S. Malar** (Indian) : She is originally from Alankuppam. She stays at Herbal forest, a new community near Discipline and works at Isaiambalam school. Contact person : Marika

Returned Aurovilians

We would like to announce the following person to the community as returned Aurovilian and shall wait for your feedback for two weeks before confirming her status:-

- **Loretta Sue Shartsis** (American) : She was in Auroville from March 1972 to June 1975. She has been visiting Auroville after that for short periods. She came back to stay permanently in Auroville in October 2001. She stays at Certitude and works at Matrimandir.

Long Term Guests

We would like to announce the following person to the community as a Long Term Guest and shall wait for your feedback for two weeks before confirming his status :-

- **Matthias Niegel** (German): He stays at Gokulam and works for Village action.

Newcomer period suspended

The newcomer period of the following persons is being suspended until further notice :-

- Nikita Mascarenhas
- Benaissa Asma Layla
- Michele Ranieri

New Contact Persons

The following persons have agreed to be contact persons for the Entry Group. They have read the current Entry documents and agree with the principles expressed therein. When called upon to offer advice to Newcomers it will be in the light of these principles. Contact persons are not members of the Entry Group, and therefore do not need formal community approval. However if anyone wishes to give feedback, we will be pleased to consider it.

ANGAD (India) (Kottakarai) has been living in Auroville since 1979. He is the executive of a unit called Mantra,

which makes handmade pottery, tiles and other architectural accessories. About why he would like to be a contact person, he says "I feel happy to be of some assistance to people who join Auroville. I think the function a contact person performs can be useful to the newcomer and for me it is a good way to get in touch with new people."

BHAGA (Martinique/France) (Repos) came to Auroville in August 1972. In 1985 she started the Laboratory of Evolution and the Centre for Human Unity, which she still manages. She says "I was one of the persons who suggested that contact persons should be volunteers from the whole community and not just from the Entry Group. So when I was asked to be a contact person, I couldn't say no, although it would add one more thing to my already too full plate. I do care a lot for the Newcomers in general and try to be helpful to them in anyway I can, so this is certainly a way too. I think the kind of work I do, and generally the work done at the LOE-CHU, with its very wide focus and its more scientific approach, could be of great help for a number of Newcomers, and others who have a hard time figuring out what the Integral Yoga, or even just Evolution, is actually about, and how they could integrate this into their daily lives. The Entry Group should perhaps make our activities more known to Newcomers and encourage them to visit our place and participate in those activities.

BORIS (Russia) (Aspiration) came to Auroville in 1991 from Itkutsu City, Siberia. He is a zoologist and entomologist (specialist in insects) and works in Palmyra. He feels that it is important to be able to help the Newcomers and that every Aurovilian should be ready to help.

JEAN-FRANCOIS (France) (Sharnaga) came to Auroville in 1998. He was trained as a social worker in France and is presently working at Kailash, and the Centre for Further Learning (CFL) and coordinates the Counseling Service. He says "I think it is good to welcome newcomers and facilitate their entry into the sometimes very closed Auroville".

JUERGEN HOLST (Germany) (Quiet) came to Auroville in 1989. He now lives and works at the Quiet Healing Centre where he takes care of technical matters and gives watsu (underwater massage). He does coconut shell carvings and magic shows as well. He would like to also do a different kind of service to Auroville, so becoming a contact person for the Entry Group because seems right.

NAMRITA (Kanpur, UP) (Auromodele) came to Auroville 12 years ago from Delhi where she worked as a designer and quality controller for a Dutch company. She worked for two years at Auromode and then decided to follow her dream and develop things for children. She started Aditi, where she still works along with a team of Aurovilians. She does the design and product development. She would like to be a contact person because she likes meeting new people. She says "I had such a warm welcome and introduction to Auroville which was so wonderful thanks to all the people who helped me to discover Auroville that I would like to be able to do the same for someone, who is

new to our community.”

OLIVIER: (France) (La Ferme) came to Auroville 14 years ago. He has been in charge of La Ferme Cheese since its inception in 1988. In 1995 he started the Mahasaraswati Free Store / Exchange Store, which tries to re-circulate all used items except clothes. He is also involved in different experiments and studies for a complementary economy. He says “I think it is important to welcome new people in a warm and personal way in order to facilitate their process of settling as much as possible. It is also a way to meet new people and learn from their experience and newcomer process.”

OTTO (Austria) (Samasti) came to Auroville 21 years ago. He works in the Financial Service and is a member of the Economy Group. He is also a member of the Auroville Choir and the theatre group. On being a contact person he says “On one hand I feel it is important for newcomers to have an initial contact with Auroville not only on the bureaucratic level through the Entry Group, Housing Service and Financial Service but also to have a more personal exchange. On the other hand it is an opportunity for old timers to stay in touch with people who are coming in new.”

PETER HOLL (Germany) (Sukhavati) has been in Auroville since 1974 with a few years of absence in the late seventies and eighties. His main job is Homoeopathy and he divides the rest of his time between music and sports. He says “I think a nice way for a newcomer to come in is through a contact person who has gone through some hot summers in AV.”

PREMA: (Argentina) (Auromode) came to Auroville 22 years ago and started Auromode in 1986. Besides her work one of her main activities is sports and now she feels called to help Newcomers with the Entry process.

RITA CHTCHERBITSKAIA (Latvia) (Ekte, Auromodele) came to Auroville in 1992. She does body work and is mainly a massage therapist. She works at Quiet Healing Centre. She would like to be a contact person to be able to help Newcomers understand Auroville.

SERGEI TRETIKOV (Russia) came to Auroville in 1998. For a while he worked in the Solar Kitchen, now he teaches science at CFL. He says “I would like to be of help to some kind of newcomers... especially those interested in fundamental science, literature and deeper aspects of Auroville.”

SHIVARAJ (Kottakarai) (Isaiambalam 2 Herbal Forest) came to Auroville in 1982 and works in Matrimandir Nursery. He says it would give him great pleasure to be able to help with the process of integrating Newcomers into Auroville.

SOHAM (France) (Transformation)

-came from Heaven -quite some time-space

-seeker of Truth -to teach Brahman-Vidya

Om bhur bhuvah svah! Tat savitur varenyam Bhargo devasya dhimahi Dhiyo yo nah prachodayat. (Soham)

A Cute kitten, male, white with blue eyes in looking for a home. Call Doris – 623 083.

Dear Sanjeev and the Kindergarten admission team,

Your note in response to Banu's grievance letter and to her reminder about the unfair admission practice in Kindergarten is very cleverly put. Bravo, a very good ploy indeed! I do not intend to be a nuisance, if I am, please excuse me for that is not my intention.

Honestly, you have completely evaded all the specific points she has accused you of mal practice. Further, you in your own words – for she has not mentioned anything of that sort in her letter – exposed your personal view of Deepanam school as a sub standard one and say others view it that way. If it is so, is it not your duty to bring it up to standard? Any way this is not why I am writing. I am writing to ask you **not to gutter the efforts of a Tamil mothers care to educate her child in an Auroville school.**

Thank you for your efforts.

Jothi.

Star watching

“...Neither Christian, Jew, Zoroastrian or Muslim am I; I am not an Easterner or a Westener... I have put away duality... I see one...”
(Persian poet Rumi or Jalal ad-Din ar-Rumi, 1207-1273).

An Eskimo as well as an Australian Aboriginal see the different constellations, but for both the Lord shows one Universe. This grandiose picture is full of Cosmic Beauty.

Through my experience I noticed that the best place in Auroville for starwatching are Aranya, Repos and Quiet. Not long ago, some Aurovilians swam in Quiet under the stars. On one side the Polar Star shone, one the opposite part of the horizon - the Southern Cross. The sea had its own light, a fluorescence – it was magic.

The planets Jupiter and Saturn were high in the sky. According to legend, Saturn (Cronus) was Jupiter's father. The Parent had a very bad custom, which has to eat his own children. His wife Rhea gave him a stone instead of Jupiter. Thank you, dear Rhea, now Jupiter is nice in the sky together with Saturn-Cronus. Boris.

French Classes – New Session at Centre Field

Starting 12th May for two months,

Twice a week from 5 to 6pm.

For beginners 12th May and advance 14th May.

All interested please call Tapas – 622575

All student who have French materials

(books,cd's,video,audio tapes) please bring them back to Centre field any day between 10am – 4pm.

An experimental Children's Dance Theatre

"We are the Stars"

"For we sing with our light
For we are voices of fire

For we spread our wings over the sky,

Our light is a voice

We cut a road for the soul
For its journey through death"

Sunday, 28th April 2002, 7pm
Sri Aurobindo Auditorium
Duration: 50 minutes

Dear Aurovilians, New Comers, Guests and Friends,

We are very happy to inform you that AERC - Auroville Educational Resource Centre (a unit of SAIER) is organizing Meditation and Consecration Camps for the students. Students above 11 years old can attend these camps. The Camp will be held in New Creation School. 1st Camp : 3.5.2002 to 5.5.2002 and 2nd Camp : 7.5.2002 to 9.5.2002. Students will stay in New Creation School for 3 nights. About 30 students from Auroville and 30 students from Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry will be attending these camps. Resource Persons of the Camps are: Mr. Varadarajan, Meenakshi, Subash, Auroyogi, Selvi, Ramalingam etc.

Objectives of the Consecration Camps are : To know 1) how to bring the Mother's force into our body, 2) how to improve our Memory Power, 3) how to relax our body and mind, 4) how to improve the concentration power, 5) some Consecration Methods and Techniques, 6) about the Divine Mother, 7) how to remember the Divine Mother and offer our actions to Her. 8) Inspiring stories on the Mother, 9) about Auroville Charter. 10) how to overcome the obstacles felt by them in their studies by practising Consecration. 11) Various kinds of Meditation 12) how to bring out the inner vision 13) what is Psychic education etc.,

Who ever interested to attend these camp can give their names to Auroyogi (623258) or Subash (623350)

Joy, Peace and Love,
Camp Organizers, AERC.

South Indian Breakfast Available at the Cafeteria Visitors Centre From 8am.

Idly, Medhu Vada, Dosas, Omlette, Bread & jam etc..
We start to serve Again dosas(organic, masala, garlic bread etc..) For Lunch our usual items.

ALL AUROVILIANS AND FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE ARE INVITED TO THE**BEST PRACTICES EXPOSITION -**
CHENNAI, MAY 3-6 2002**ON THE THEME****CITY NETWORKING FOR
SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT
AND HUMAN UNITY**

This exposition is about City Networking for Sustainable Development and Human Unity organised by Auroville Universal Township and SUSTAIN under the Asia-Urbs Programme of the European Commission. The City of Venice and the Province of Treviso, Italy and City of Paris (APUR) France are also partners in this event.

This Exposition is being held between 3 and 6 May 2002 from 10.30 to 6.00 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Convent School premises, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600 006.

Different presentations and demonstrations will be given during the three days. For detailed program, please see in AuroNet or contact Auroville's Future.

Aurovilians, units or services that may have contacts in Chennai are encouraged to invite them to this exhibition. We can also send invitations from Auroville's Future if we get the addresses.

BASKETBALL AUROVILLE LEAGUE 2002

Happening after the league matches... we move on to the Knock-outs!

Four teams from each league will qualify for the next round:

A1 with B1 ; A2 with B2

A3 with B3 ; A4 with B4

The finals will be played on the 1st May 2002 at 16h30! ALL ARE WELCOME...

The Correct Ac.no for Bala and Iyanar's legal expenses is **0187** and not 0969 as previously published. I would like to remind everybody that they are completely innocent of the charges they have been accused of. Anybody who wants to know more about the situation can contact me anytime. Santo.

MR. FORTSCH DIETER

Please pass by the Guest Service, on top of the Solar Kitchen, in the morning. There is a letter for you.

AUROVILLE WATER SERVICE

For the last two years since Maurice left, the Water Service has been without any proper management. Tom came now and then for a short time each day, which isn't enough for managing the Service. Therefore, everything was left to the Aurovilians working there. During this period it was becoming very difficult to handle the workers without any strong management, as we were always stuck in the middle without any help from a management. So month by month the situation got worse as Tom didn't have the time to deal with the problems that kept coming up each week.

In the last six months the situation has got even worse as Tom has been mostly out of the country and Gilles, who was supposed to be doing his work as the Executive, was also coming only for a short visit each day. We have been, without any help from our executives, have been trying hard to tighten up and clear up all the problems in the work and also trying to discipline the workers, we took this up as we felt that the management were not able to do it. Naturally, the workers became unhappy with us as they didn't like us making them work properly. Finally, the workers have gone on strike the month and went to the Working Committee with their complaints, including our removal from the Service. The workers demanded to be able to run the Water Service on their own without Aurovilians.

The FAMC started having meetings to clear up the problem. However, they never called us to explain the situation or ask for our suggestions. They only spoke to the executives, who we believe are not really able to solve the problem. Without our acceptance the FAMC have closed down the Water Service from April 20th. They plan to make all the paid workers redundant with settlement and also send us on long leaves. How many lakhs of rupees will this cost and how many Aurovilians will have to suffer with their broken pipes and pumps with no Water Service? We feel that this decision is not correct. The correct action would have been to reopen the Service along with the paid workers who have shown their willingness to stop striking and restart working. With this small beginning, we could slowly break the strike and finally clear up the Service. This method would be much cheaper and far more convenient to Auroville.

We are still willing to go back to work and restart

the Service on these terms, but the FAMC have decided differently. However, we want to give the community our view of the present problem.

Babu, Jayamurthy, Nagappan and Shanmugam.

City Study Circle.

At the session on the 19th of April we inquired into what could be the role of the study circle in the times to come.

To sum up briefly the essence of our previous sessions one could say that we have been trying to evaluate various urban structures and their effect on the everyday life of people - in what way and for what purpose they condition the movement of people, sustainably or not, how they encourage or discourage encounters and associations between people and what creates variation or monotony in the built form and open spaces. Furthermore, what constitutes the unifying character of the city when it creates a *living wholeness* where a diversity of uses and architectural expressions can interact and support each other. A wholeness in strong contrast to the dispersed and fragmented development that in its structure lack conditions for interrelationships.

In our discussion today we found that in order to improve Auroville's possibilities to face the challenges of development in the future the role of the study circle would inevitably be to help in formulating proposals for the reviewing of the Land Use Plan / Master Plan primarily within the following areas:

- . Mixed land uses
- . Mobility
- . Public Spaces
- . Phasing of development

In the years to come proposals could be worked out in these different fields. However, that would demand commitment by the participants and more interaction with the community at large and a more efficient organization. Otherwise it is simply not possible to manage this work of remoulding the Master Plan to answer closer to a new time-spirit.

We also spoke of the possibility of the study circle finding a function within the ongoing work on the Master plan and whether the Planning group could accept such a critical and analyzing function within the working order of the Master plan. That is still left to be seen.

The study circle will now meet once every second week.

**Next session Friday 3 May at 5 Pm Sawchu building
All are welcome!**

Felix

For the study circle team

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

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 with out 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.

AURIGINAL NEWS

Auriginal will close for the summer, from Monday 29th April 2002. We will open again on WED MAY 29th. The world cup Football tournament will be transmitted "live" at the Pizzeria from it's starting.

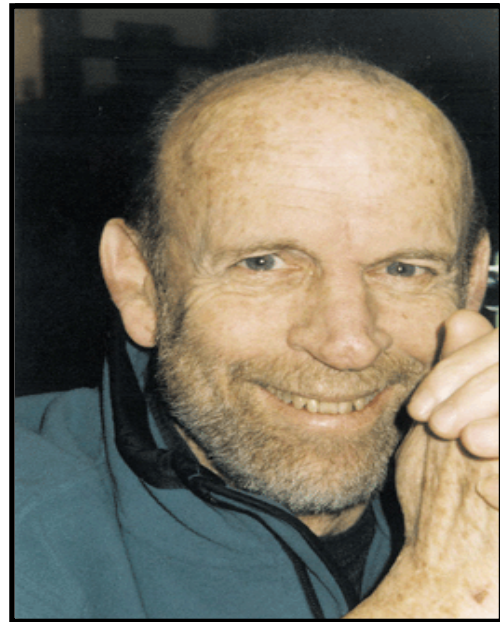
Happy Holidays!!!!

The Auriginal Team

House Sitting

I'm an Aurovilian since 1 year and am presently staying in a New Comer house. The 2 year lease I have with Housing Service to stay in the house has just expired. Probably in year in would be able to build something in Verite. Til then, i would do house sitting in Auroville. So, if any one needs a house sitter for 4 to 6 months or more, you can contact me at vigyanagni@auroville.org.in or 622 045.

Thanks, Agni



MEMORIAL - NAMAS

On behalf of Ritam and myself , I want to heartfully thank Arjun for his strong and sweet support and everybody else participating in the beautifully lit atmosphere under the Banyan tree, on Tuesday 23rd.

Much love, Aruna

REMEMBERING NAMAS

Via the compat forum.

"pour tous" and "courage"

— I know Namas and Aruna and Ritam from my time in the Center of Auroville. They lived there too and I would see them in the Center Kitchen, and occasionally in meetings. Trying to see the image of Namas, two significant qualities come to mind. Two qualities I would attribute to a true Aurovilian: "pour tous" and "courage." Namas was someone who would have the courage to think and speak for-all. His orientation in Auroville was one of working for all, and in meetings he would come out and express the needs and the true development of the larger collective. I think these two qualities are important in Auroville, not to loose the sight of the overall collective and having the courage to speak out when and where it counts.

Of course, Namas reminds me of his and Aruna's son Ritam, then a little child who was raised in the Auroville spirit and today a full-grown Aurovilian. Wishing Aruna and Ritam well and much courage in their own lives.

In Their Love,

August - august.t@bu.ac.th

A Tribute to Namas (Dennis Bailey)

Sometime in 1994, in response to a request for an article on Auroville from a Gujarati periodical, I was looking for appropriate quotes that could be included in the article while explaining the land-reclamation work of Auroville. It was then that I came across an essay by Dennis Bailey in a book **The Golden Bridge** published in Auroville in 1978. The essay titled **We Live with The Trees** is, in a way, a spectacular testimony of the dedication to land reclamation and afforestation work by the early settlers in Auroville. Besides, it also introduces us to Namas (the name Dennis adopted latter on) as a thinker, as a green-worker of Aurovilian, as a nature-lover, and of course, as a first rate environmentalist. Finally, in context of the ongoing work of safeguarding the land to ensure the complete and harmonious development of Auroville, Namas' essay also make us feel how important it is to succeed in it so that labour of individuals like him and others during the early years does not go astray.

Below are presented a few gems from Namas' essay. With love to Ritam, his son. (A few years ago, I was happily surprised when, in course of a brief conversation, Ritam told me that he has read Aldous Huxley's book *Brave New World*. Now I understand it better. I didn't know at that time that Namas was his father!)
Aryadeep.

Extracts from *We Live with The Trees* by Dennis Bailey (Namas)

"Planetary city or Village of the Future, what we will become we will become. What we are now is at least an open space, where various possibilities for life on earth can be tried.

"Ecology" and "Economy" turn out rather to be coterminous: two ways of describing the same house kept in order. Saving the environment and saving ourselves amounts to precisely the same thing: conscious and kindly and entirely fruitful use of land and resources."

The tree are in any case going to be here (in Auroville). We have planted, are planting, will continue to plant as many trees as possible. (...) So we are learning to pay attention to the economics of afforestation, to let the forest become again what it has been throughout most of human experience: home, hearth, larder, teacher, friend to human beings. The potential for this in India is enormous: literally everything seems to grow on trees. Food,

fodder, fuel, shelter, clothing, cleanings agents, medicines, craft materials, almost any human need can be met by a consciously developed forest in this climate. More than a hundred tree species have been planted and are prospering in Auroville, and hundreds more remain to be tried. Trees give much more than they bear. The environment created by the presence of trees is of much practical value as their fruits. It is an environment in which symbiotic, self-sustaining, and regenerative opportunities proliferate. Auroville is not a virgin land. It has been used, overused, misused, abused, neglected, wasted. For thousands of years. Too many people are trying to live off it, few are concerned with its restoration and development. (...) There are farmers who sell organic compost to Auroville, then use the cash to buy chemicals for their own fields. Given the state of the whole earth now, nothing can be offered as the exclusive answer, nothing can be rejected which may hold - even temporarily - hope.

Submitted by Aryadeep.

A beautiful meditation I would like to share, for the 24th of April, through the imagination of the Poet Sri Aurobindo expressed in this poetry as – Rose Of God.

Rose Of God

Rose of God, vermilion stain on the sapphires of heaven,
Rose of Bliss, fire-sweet, seven-tinged with the ecstasies seven!
Leap up in our heart of humanhood, O miracle, O flame,
Passion-flower of the Nameless, bud of the mystical Name.

Rose of God, great wisdom bloom on the summits of being,
Rose of Light, immaculate core of the ultimate seeing!
Live in the mind of our earthhood; O golden Mystery, flower,
Sun on the head of the Timeless, guest of the marvellous Hour.

Rose of God, damask force of infinity, red icon of might,
Rose of Power with thy diamond halo piercing the night!
Ablaze in the will of the mortal, design the wonder of thy plan,
Image of Immortality, outbreak of the Godhead in man.

Rose of God, smitten purple with the incarnate divine Desire,
Rose of Life, crowded with petals, colour's lyre!
Transform the body of the mortal like a sweet and magical rhyme;
Bridge our earthhood and heavenhood, make deathless the children of Time.

Rose of God, like a blush of rapture on Eternity's face,
Rose of Love, ruby depth of all being, fire-passion of Grace!
Arise from the heart of the yearning that sobs in Nature's abyss:
Make earth the home of the Wonderful and life beatitude's kiss.

Submitted by Dr.Beena

Dear Community,

The articles which are not published in the news are posted in intranet.

With Regards, AVNews.

A Report On An Event At SAWCHU On April 4, 2002 ~ The Two Who Are One .

Professor Aster Patel writes, “ April 4th, 2002, the day of Sri Aurobindo’s arrival in Pondicherry.. This year, the day of the Mother’s first arrival at Pondicherry, 29th of March was merged with that of the Lord’s by our simple offering at Bharat Nivas – with a theme that resounded for days in our hearts as ~ The Two Who Are One ...

*There are Two who are One and play in many worlds;
In Knowledge and Ignorance they have spoken and met
And light and darkness are their eyes’ interchange...*

Thus, the evening of the 4th gave us the moment to invoke THEIR Presence and the Power of Their Action. We met, Aurovilians and friends from Pondicherry. We had requested Shri Nirodbaran from the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, to be present in our midst, who arrived radiant and very happy to be here..

*“ This is the knot that ties together the stars:
The Two who are one are the secret of all power
The Two who are one are the might and right in things..”*

We listened in moments of deep meditation in an atmosphere surcharged with a tangible physical vibration of Their PRESENCE a few recordings in the Mother’s voice. The first was from Her recording of the Organ Music with the message.. “ Sri Aurobindo represents a mighty action direct from the Supreme..” The second was from the Mother’s Agenda recordings telling us of Her first vision of Him whom She called Krishna, and then continuing to tell us of Her first visit with Him in Pondicherry - the voice like liquid gold pouring into us a special thrill.

*His soul, silent, supports the world and her,
His acts are her commandment’s registers.*

Nanditadi and her group, Joy, Srimoyi and Smita offered a heartfelt Sanskrit invocation, a hymn to the Purusha and Prakriti.

As long as Nature lasts, he too is there, For this is sure that he and she are one.

Varadrajan and friends offered a Tamil rendering of the letter written by Sri Aurobindo declaring the Mother as the Universal Mother.

Last but not the least, Shri Nirodbaran was felicitated by Tapas and Aster, who in turn expressed in a spontaneous joyous way his happiness to be there with us that afternoon. He said in words to the effect that he has come to this place (Bharat Nivas) for the first time and he was very happy to see the building, the trees, the beautiful plants, the children (present at the event from Meenakshi’s school and Arul Vazhi) in this special atmosphere on that very significant day.. “ The day of the Lord’s arrival ..” Further he expressed the hope by addressing the young that he felt a certitude that they would be instrumental in fulfilling his vision for the humanity here in Auroville. Meenakshi immediately conveyed this to the children who burst in joyous applause. The event was concluded with a meditation with a collection of Shlokas from Sunilda’s recordings.

*“The incarnate dual Power shall open God’s door,
Eternal supermind touch earthly time...”*

Lines in italic from Sri Aurobindo’s Savitri [p.60, p.705 etc.]

About EM•X**What is EM•X?**

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What are antioxidants?

Antioxidants, a term often used nowadays, mean the substances which prevent or slow oxidation. Breathing is a type of oxidation process: Oxygen taken into the lungs is sent to all the cells in a body. Then the oxygen dissolves nutrients to obtain energy. Oxidation is a vital process to sustain human life; however, the same process brings harmful effects when it becomes overactive in the human body. Activated oxygen is the cause of harmful effects. Oxygen is generally stable, but loses its stability in the human body and becomes highly active. When such highly activated oxygen becomes over-abundant, it oxidizes and destroys everything that comes into its way.

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The smallest unit of the human body is a cell. It is covered with membrane that contains unsaturated fatty acid which is similar to the major component of salad oil. Activated oxygen oxidizes unsaturated fatty

acid to lipid peroxide, which causes malfunctioning of the cell membrane and in turn brings harmful effects to human body. Oxidation is a process in which a molecule gives up electrons and becomes unstable. When activated oxygen becomes excessive, unsaturated fatty acid in cell membrane gives up its electrons. Antioxidants, if available, will provide electrons to the activated oxygen or to unsaturated fatty acid under oxidation and will restore them to a stable condition. Therefore, oxidation will not proceed if abundant antioxidants exist.

Antioxidants provide electrons to activated oxygen and other molecules which have lost electrons and been unstable. Thus, antioxidants restore them to a stable condition. This is how antioxidants work to maintain a healthy body. **In modern living, the number of oxidants is increasing. Therefore, antioxidants are and will be more important. The major antioxidants in EM•X are a-toco-pherol, flavonoid, g-oryzanol, ubiquinone, and lycopene. In addition to such antioxidants, EM•X contains different bio-active substances and minerals.**

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