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Courage

Courage is a sign of the soul's nobility.
But courage must be calm and master of itself, generous and benevolent.

In true courage there is no impatience and no harshness.

A noblest courage is to recognise one's faults.

There is no greater courage than to be always truthful.

- The Mother

Dogma 1

The problem starts at the secondary level, not with the originator or developer of the idea but with the people who are attracted by it, who adopt it, who cling to it until their last nail breaks and who invariably lack the overview, flexibility, Imagination, and most importantly, sense of humor to maintain it in the spirit in which it was hatched. Ideas are made by masters, dogma by disciples, and the Buddha is always killed on the road.

Tom Robbins – Still life with the woodpecker (1984)

**Auroville Bakery will be closed For Re-construction of an oven
from Wednesday (29th of May) till Saturday(1st of June).
Inconvenience is Regretted,**

AV Bakery Team.

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

RÉSUMÉ DES CONCLUSIONS

Brihaspati est le maître du Mot créatif. Si Agni est l'Angiras suprême, la flamme d'où naissent les Angiras, Brihaspati est l'Angiras unique, avec les sept bouches, les sept rayons de la pensée illuminative et les sept mots qui l'expriment, et ces voyants en sont les pouvoirs d'expression. C'est la pensée complète de la Vérité, à-tête-septuple, qui conquiert pour l'homme le quatrième ou divin monde, en conquérant pour lui la richesse spirituelle complète, objet du sacrifice. Par conséquent, Agni, Indra, Brihaspati, Soma sont tous décrits comme les conquérants des troupeaux du Soleil et les destructeurs des Dasyus qui les cachent et les retiennent loin de l'homme. Sarasvati, qui est le fleuve du Mot ou inspiration de la Vérité, est aussi une destructrice des Dasyus et conquérante des brillants troupeaux ; et ceux-ci sont découverts par Sarama, avant-coureuse d'Indra, qui est une déesse du Soleil ou de l'Aurore et semble symboliser le pouvoir intuitif de la Vérité. Usha, l'Aurore, est elle-même à la fois une artisane de la grande victoire et, à son plein avènement, son résultat lumineux.

Usha est l'Aurore divine, car le Soleil qui se lève avec sa venue est le Soleil de la Vérité superconsciente ; le jour qu'il amène est le jour de la vie vraie dans la connaissance vraie, la nuit qu'il dissipe, la nuit de l'ignorance qui jusqu'alors cache l'aurore en son sein. Usha elle-même est la Vérité, sunrita, et la mère des vérités. Ces vérités de l'Aurore divine sont appelées ses vaches, ses troupeaux brillants, alors que les forces de la Vérité qui les accompagnent et prennent possession de la Vie sont appelées ses chevaux. Une grande partie du symbolisme védique tourne autour de ce symbole des vaches et des chevaux ; car ceux-ci sont les éléments essentiels de la richesse recherchée par l'homme auprès des dieux. Les vaches de l'Aurore ont été volées et cachées par les démons, les seigneurs de l'obscurité, dans leur caverne infernale dans le secret du subconscient. Elles sont les illuminations de connaissance, les pensées de la Vérité, gavo matayah, qui doivent être délivrées de leur emprisonnement. Leur libération est le surgissement des pouvoirs de l'Aurore divine.

Elle est aussi le recouvrement du 'Soleil qui se trouvait dans l'obscurité' ; car il est dit que le Soleil, 'cette Vérité' (III-39-5), était la chose découverte par Indra et les Angiras dans la caverne des Panis. Cette caverne ayant sauté, les troupeaux de l'Aurore divine, qui sont les rayons du Soleil de Vérité, gravissent la montagne de l'être et le Soleil lui-même monte à l'Océan supérieur lumineux de l'existence divine, conduit par les penseurs dans sa traversée, tel un navire sur les eaux, jusqu'à ce qu'il atteigne l'autre rive (V-45-10).

Les Panis qui dérobent les troupeaux, les maîtres de la caverne infernale, sont une classe des Dasyus, qui dans le symbolisme védique sont mis en opposition aux dieux aryens et aux voyants et oeuvrants aryens. L'Aryen est celui qui accomplit l'action du sacrifice, trouve le Mot sacré de l'illumination, désire les (ou, aspire aux) dieux et les fait grandir et est grandi par eux dans toute l'étendue de l'existence vraie ; il est le soldat de la Lumière et le pèlerin de la Vérité. Le Dasyu est l'être non-divin qui n'accomplit pas le sacrifice ; qui amasse une richesse qu'il ne peut pas utiliser justement, car il ne peut dire le Mot ni mentaliser la Vérité superconsciente ; qui hait le Mot, les dieux et le sacrifice ; et qui ne donne rien de lui-même aux existences supérieures, mais ravit sa richesse à l'Aryen et ne la rend pas. Il est le voleur, l'ennemi, le loup, le dévoreur, le diviseur, l'obstructeur, le confineur. Les Dasyus sont les pouvoirs de l'Obscurité et de l'Ignorance qui s'opposent au chercheur de la Vérité et de l'Immortalité. Les dieux sont les pouvoirs de la Lumière, les enfants de l'Infini, formes et personnalités de la Divinité Une, qui par leur aide et leur croissance et leur action humaine en l'homme l'élèvent à la Vérité et à l'Immortalité.

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

Brihaspati is the Master of the creative Word. If Agni is the supreme Angiras, the flame from whom the Angirases are born, Brihaspati is the one Angiras with the seven mouths, the seven rays of the illuminative thought and the seven words which express it, of whom these seers are the powers of utterance. It is the complete thought of the Truth, the seven-headed, which wins the fourth or divine world for man by winning for him the complete spiritual wealth, object of the sacrifice. Therefore Agni, Indra, Brihaspati, Soma are all described as winners of the herds of the Sun and destroyers of the Dasyus who conceal and withhold them from man. Saraswati, who is the stream of the Word or inspiration of the Truth, is also a Dasyu-slayer and winner of the shining herds; and they are discovered by Sarama, forerunner of Indra, who is a solar or dawn goddess and seems to symbolise the intuitive power of the Truth. Usha, the Dawn, is at once herself a worker in the great victory and in her full advent its luminous result.

Usha is the divine Dawn, for the Sun that arises by her coming is the Sun of the superconscient Truth; the day he brings is the day of the true life in the true knowledge, the night he dispels is the night of the ignorance which yet conceals the dawn in its bosom. Usha herself is the Truth, sunrta, and the mother of Truths. These truths of the divine Dawn are called her cows, her shining herds; while the forces of the Truth that accompany them and occupy the Life are called her horses. Around this symbol of the cows and horses much of the Vedic symbolism turns; for these are the chief elements of the riches sought by man from the gods. The cows of the Dawn have been stolen and concealed by the demons, the lords of darkness in their nether cave of the secret subconscious. They are the illuminations of knowledge, the thoughts of the Truth, gavo matayah, which have to be delivered out of their imprisonment. Their release is the upsurging of the powers of the divine Dawn.

It is also the recovery of the Sun that was lying in the darkness; for it is said that the Sun, "that Truth", was the thing found by Indra and the Angirases in the cave of the Panis. By the rending of that cave the herds of the divine dawn which are the rays of the Sun of Truth ascend the hill of being and the Sun itself ascends to the luminous upper ocean of the divine existence, led over it by the thinkers like a ship over the waters, till it reaches its farther shore.

The Panis who conceal the herds, the masters of the nether cavern, are a class of Dasyus who are in the Vedic symbolism set in opposition to the Aryan gods and Aryan seers and workers. The Aryan is he who does the work of sacrifice, finds the sacred word of illumination, desires the Gods and increases them and is increased by them into the largeness of the true existence; he is the warrior of the light and the traveller to the Truth. The Dasyu is the undivine being who does no sacrifice, amasses a wealth he cannot rightly use because he cannot speak the word or mentalise the superconscient Truth, hates the Word, the gods and the sacrifice and gives nothing of himself to the higher existences but robs and withholds his wealth from the Aryan. He is the thief, the enemy, the wolf, the devourer, the divider, the obstructor, the confiner. The Dasyus are powers of darkness and ignorance who oppose the seeker of truth and immortality. The gods are the powers of Light, the children of Infinity, forms and personalities of the one Godhead who by their help and by their growth and human workings in man raise him to the truth and the immortality.

MEETING OF THE MATRIMANDIR TEAM 9TH AND 11TH MAY 2002

Present: Amar, Arjun, Charu, Durai, Gajendran, Igor, Jithu, John Jurgen, Kusumben, Lakshmi Narayan, Rakesh, Shiva, Somu, Sergei, Victor, Walter
- and on the 11th also Adhara, Manimaran, Saravanan, Selvam, AV Shankar,

Guests: The Working Committee—Ulli, Jill, Kathryn, Fred. Also Jacques (IDC), and the WC secretary, Mr. Deep.

Chair: Jurgen (9th) , John (11th)

1. Financial Requests :

- a.. Pvc pipe for drainage of the bottom tank
Rs. 10,500
- b . Nursery glass house finishing
Rs. 6,500

2. Meeting with the Working Committee (on the 9th) :
Ulli commented that the Working Committee was here to look at the work situation at Matrimandir, and to understand more deeply the views of the Matrimandir Team regarding the Peace area.

- It was explained to the Working Committee that all major works on the structure are moving ahead (except for the ramp work as the glass bending factory in Calcutta, which has the ramp glass, has been on strike for two years!)
- Members of the Matrimandir Team expressed their opposition to the proposal of the Working Committee regarding the formation of a small “discussion group” which, it had been understood, would have decision making powers for work in the Peace area.
- The Working Committee replied that their intention was not to form a decision – making group, but a discussion group.

At this point it was pointed out by members of the Matrimandir team that their REAL WISH for the meeting today was that the WC should take with them the tour of the Peace area so as to better understand the situation on the ground and our material concerns for the area.

In spite of the fact that it was almost noon, we then all embarked on the tour of the Peace area to see what we were actually talking about. (The Peace area is the 600 meter diameter circle of land which is centered, roughly, on the Banyan Tree).

- This tour took us one and one half hours, starting from the office gate, around to the steps of the new town hall, which are just 25 meters from the edge of the Peace area. From here one sees the one acre of land,

lying inside the Peace area, that was cleared of all trees by the Town Hall team.

- Then we proceeded into the MM site to see the experimental excavations for the lake that have been dug on the North and South-east borders of the Oval.
- On the South-east side (the Deepanam side), we moved out to the edge of the Peace area there, and standing on a hill we could get a good view of the whole sweep of the park, lake of 50 meters width, then the garden of Youth, the small petal, the petal and the Matrimandir itself.
- As we moved around to the South we saw the park-like area that has been created over the last 30 years by the plantation of the many flowering trees there. All were struck, including the members of the WC, by the vibrant natural atmosphere created by the plantation.
- On the South-West edge of the Peace area stands the Solar Plant which supplies the Matrimandir with power for much of its lighting. This plant actually straddles the boundary of the Peace area and was kept at that distance only after considerable pressure from the Matrimandir Forum a few years ago.
- The tour continued around to the West axis where the site for the future Reception pavilion was pointed out just beyond the rose garden.
- The whole exercise was appreciated by all. (and can be recommended to all Aurovilians)

1. Meeting with the Working Committee (on the 11th).
Only Ulli and Jill were present from the WC

a) Concerning the Architect's Communication Team:

It was explained for the first time that this new term refers to Anupama, Fred and Toine.

The WC had the intention that the MM Team should propose 3 to 5 people from their team who would meet with this proposed new group to try to find solutions to the difficulties regarding the work.

Various members of the team responded that again we are trying to place intermediaries between our team and the architect- Roger, who should himself have enough respect for this team to meet it himself when he is here. The need for Roger to dialogue with the Matrimandir Team is essential.

The WC was urged not to try to form new group after group, not to call general meeting after meeting, but to participate in the ongoing process at Matrimandir by speaking with the people who are actually doing the work!

The WC was asked why the Final Report of the Matrimandir Design Study Group, which has been given to them officially by the MMDSG for the community, has not been published. The reply was ambiguous, and

it was suggested that the MMDSG was not finally unanimous about making the report public.

The meeting requested the WC strongly to bring out that report, which will definitely help to clarify the present situation with regard to the works on the site.

b) Concerning the concept of the proposed City Center Development Task Force.

Ulli explained that the concept of this proposed group was to be a representative body who would see how to develop the Center and to harmonize it with Mother's vision.

A member of the team replied that this debate should be about the Master Plan itself, as this topic was wider than just the Peace area or even the area inside the Crown.

It was said that the proposed small group would probably be explosive, and that therefore it would be better to bring the discussion right here to the meetings of the MM team.

The present experiment of a collective management of the site by all who are working here was felt to be most essential at this point in time, and small groups which tend to get isolated, should be avoided.

The WC was concerned that to solve issues in such a large meeting as ours might prove difficult, that was why they were considering a smaller group for discussion only who would come back to our meeting for decisions.

The proposal was not accepted

FAMC REPORT for April 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) Bunty (SAIIR) Tency (CSR) Ulli (Working Committee)
Matrimandir currently sends no representative.

FAMC Permanent Invitee: Mr. Srinivasamurthy,
Acting-Secretary of the Auroville Foundation

1. Issues Related to Units & Services

Guru Amplifiers: It was decided that the unit should be treated as dormant from the beginning of the last financial year, as there has been no transactions at all other than two loans taken by the unit. Auroma was requested to follow up on the implementation of this decision with ADPS Trust. Although, a unit having no transactions over one financial year should normally

be closed, we agreed to leave this particular unit dormant, as it has a Rs. 3 lakhs loan.

Water Service: Regarding the problems at the Water Service, the FAMC recommended:

To strengthen and sanction the group that has been working on this issue.

That a call be sent to the community for all those people who could help in restructuring the management.

That a public utility service with the Transport Service, Electrical Service, and Water Service and the Telephone Service should be established as one integrated unit for a more harmonious functioning.

A sub-group was proposed and approved with Tency, Jill, Gilles B., Dharmesh, Manou, Maurice, Rama, Ponnuswamy, Rathinam and Hari to look into the matter.

The sub-group recommended the closure of the unit and this was approved. No closure settlement has been reached. It was agreed to form a wider group for the restructuring of the Service.

NET - report and special audit: With regard to the report on ARC the two main concerns are that the realisable stock value does not correspond to the figure shown in the balance sheet and that there are too many sales that have not yet been billed.

The report on Atmarati Architects shows a shortage of cash flow, which makes it difficult for the unit to meet its liabilities in the short term.

The Trust has no immovable assets except the land, which anyway belongs to the Foundation.

It was proposed and agreed that the sub-group of Divya, Otto, Joster and Guy would meet with Pierre.

It was recommended that the finances of ARC and Atmarati Architects would be channelled in such a way that it could be monitored and overseen by the group.

The sub-group presented a report on their meeting with Pierre. Pierre had been asked to settle all current liabilities immediately. Pierre confirmed that the liabilities of Satsanga towards NET have been settled and he undertook not to create any such liabilities in the future. A member, foreseeing continuing problems, suggested the total closure of the Trust. It was pointed out that the Trust has significant liabilities, which makes closing it difficult. It was also mentioned that Atmarati Architects has been functioning for 30 years and has made significant contributions to other activities in Auroville, including the ARC unit under NET Trust. Unfortunately, ARC attracted a major part of the liabilities under the Trust.

Banyan Nursery: A letter from the executives of Banyan Nursery accepting the liabilities towards

Altecs Trust was received. However the executives wish to have the question of the location of the unit finalised before paying for assets at their present site. The sub-group previously set up to negotiate this issue has not been convened. It was proposed that another strategy should be taken to deal with the issue and that the executives of Banyan Nursery should be invited to the FAMC. It was reiterated that L.E.M is only asking for Banyan Nursery to confine itself to the part of the land agreed upon and make the remainder available for exchange for crucial roadside land in the township area. The proposal to shift the Banyan Nursery to another location came from the FAMC, which created a sub-group to help the Nursery to shift to land near the Visitors Centre.

The Altecs building: The sub-group presented a proposal for the utilization of the Altecs building in Auroshilpam, worked out in order to give the unit the possibility to pay back its outstanding debts. The proposal included transferring Matthias and Dodo's 157 sq. metre top floor flat to another occupant for Rs 15 lakhs, making 5 Newcomer flats out of the 199 sq. m. middle floor for Rs. 3 lakhs each; and utilizing the ground floor and basement either for (a) handicraft unit(s) or additional Newcomer flats - either way against a contribution of Rs15 lakhs. The subgroup made it clear that no commercial unit can afford to take over the whole building.

The debts of the unit are in the range of Rs. 50 lakhs, and include:

State Bank of India: Rs. 6.57 lakhs

Financial Service: Rs. 5.18 lakhs

Outside creditors: Rs. 5.17 lakhs

Loans from Aurovilians: Rs. 36.59 lakhs (currently at 0% interest)

Several members felt that having a housing colony in the Industrial Zone cannot be a permanent solution. Residents are likely to be disturbed when production units run overtime.

Some members felt that Auroville as a whole should now take the responsibility for this debt from Matthias' shoulders. Others felt that, while we should do everything possible to help, he shouldn't be absolved of all responsibility. All agreed to help Matthias in every possible way on a humanitarian basis, but also to initiate some preventive measures for the future so that similar situations can be avoided. The Acting Secretary again suggested that we do internal audits. Units that are not healthy should be monitored by the ABC and, if necessary, put on the FAMC agenda and discussed. After an extensive discussion it was decided that:

* Matthias's co-responsibility should only be between

him and the FAMC.

* The sub-group would write a letter to all Aurovilians who have lent money to Altecs, and call for a meeting to discuss the situation and should not contact Matthias directly about repayment of loans.

* Outside debts must be paid first. Internal debts to individuals need to be prioritized.

* It was proposed that the sub-group should get a clear report on when the loans were given and the amounts already received as interest.

* SBI Loan should be paid off immediately from the Auroville Maintenance Fund.

* The activities of the unit should be minimized and moved to ADPS.

* All financial transactions should be done through Auroville Maintenance Fund

* A proper business plan should be made for the future operation of Altecs.

* Auroma should monitor the unit's accounts.

* Residential use of the building should be avoided, or at least be stipulated as temporary. Any possibility to use part of the building as collective office space should be explored.

It was proposed and agreed that the sub-group looking into the matter should be expanded with the members from the IDC, the Housing Service and a member from the industrial zone-monitoring group. The sub-group would be: Joster, Ulli, Guy, Inge (HS) and a member from the IDC.

Matthias requested something in writing from the FAMC to present to the people to whom Altecs owes money, to the effect that he does not have to deal directly with Aurovilian creditors and that FAMC has taken over the responsibility of the liabilities and is working out a solution. The sub-group was asked to draft the letter requested by Matthias.

La Boutique d'Auroville (Auroville) - appointment of second executive: The appointment of Olivier Caracostea Balan (Subir), as the second executive was approved.

Solar Kitchen - Resignation of executive: The resignation of Claudine was approved.

Auroville Printers - request for change of executives: The request for the appointment of A. Rina as the additional executive of Auroville Printers was discussed. It was agreed that the unit should be informed that the request should wait until the proposed executive acquires the status of an Aurovilian.

Resignation of Margarita from Solid Waste task Force

and Wastewater Mgt. Group: It was explained that it would be a real loss if Margarita resigns from the above-mentioned groups. So, it was requested that the acceptance of her resignation should be postponed until there is a meeting to look into the issues. It was subsequently reported that Margarita has decided to withdraw her resignation from the W.W.M after meeting with a member of the FAMC.

2 Land and Land Use Issues

Land for a Village Self Help Project sponsored by the Govt.: The Acting Secretary reported on a proposal from a local NGO to set up a Government sponsored village industrial project for training women of this area, which will provide employment for up to 1000 people, to be located on peramboke land next to the Visitors Centre.

The issue was brought to the FAMC for information. The Acting Secretary and the Working Committee requested the FAMC to give approval in principle for them to go ahead with the necessary steps needed to handle the present crisis.

The table approved that a group with members from the IDC, the Working Committee and some members of the Farm Group, who have already been involved, be allowed to take the required decisions.

The Green Group representative abstained from the approval as she felt that issues relating to the integrated green work concept were not being given sufficient consideration or priority.

Brihaspati- change of stewardship- allocation and finances: The group of people presently occupying the 26-acre community Brihaspati, (of which 6 acres is irrigated farmland), want to leave and transfer it to a group of young Aurovilians, with whom they have been working. The group is asking Auroville to provide about Rs. 6 lakhs for repatriation expenses, as they do not have any personal resources. This amount includes: Rs. 2.7 lakhs for 11 flight tickets; Rs. 1.6 lakh for a container to ship larger personal possessions; and Rs. 1.5 lakhs in hand for travel and resettlement expenses. There are two issues: stewardship (who decides and on what basis) and financing the group's resettlement. The Brihaspati group's financial request was discussed in the Economy Group, and it was proposed to provide them with a 3-months maintenance through the Bridging Fund (a little over Rs. 1 lakh) plus Rs. 1.6 lakhs from the Repatriation Fund (which will put the Repatriation Fund in minus by approx Rs. 6 lakhs). Another Rs 1 lakh can be given for the solar pump and generator, which can be reimbursed by whoever takes over the place, giving a total of Rs.3.7 lakhs.

This was approved by the FAMC as a special case, as the Brihaspati residents have been here for a long time, gave everything they had to Auroville, and always worked hard for the community. However there was no agreement on the remainder of their monetary request. It was reiterated that no further selling of assets should be done so as to leave the farm in a workable condition. It was agreed that the Financial Service could advance the money requested for the tickets.

The stewardship issue needs more exploration.

It was agreed that:

- * the Housing Service, IDC and Farm Group come together to decide on the allocation of the land.
- * to postpone the proposal for a caretaker and watchman, as the group will not leave all together at once.
- * fixed assets, including solar panels, pipes and generator, should not be touched. A loan of Rs 1 lakh will be paid against the following assets: the generator, solar pump and pipes, which will become the liability of the people who take over the place. Inge agreed to guarantee the loan.

The sub-group reported that a proposal, to share the land between RERS/ Pony Farm and the young Aurovilians who wish to take up farming there, is not feasible. A choice has to be made between the farm and the riding school. The Farm Group supports the proposal of the riding school, as they do not believe the farm can support the four families who wish to take up farming there. The advantage of moving RERS and the Pony Farm there is that land will become free in the Industrial Zone. Among the group of Aurovilians wanting to farm the land only one person is in urgent need of a house. RERS and the Pony Farm would need to be compensated for the assets they would leave behind in the Industrial Zone. It needs to be seen which assets were created by the R.E.R.S and what already existed there. They could only be reimbursed for the assets they have created. According to the IDC and the Cultural Zone Group the proposal to move the riding schools is really desirable. There might be some units who might be interested to move in the plots vacated by the Pony Farm and the R.E.R.S and would be ready to contribute to compensating them. IDC, Farm Group and the Housing Service recommended R.E.R.S and the Pony Farm to move to Brihaspati.

It was proposed that many more families could use the houses without doing farming and could share with R.E.R.S, as out of the 15 houses, Pony Farm would need two houses and R.E.R.S, six houses. It was decided that the sub-group would look into the financial details with Otto; and R.E.R.S would be seen as a

possibility. Subsequently two of the young people who have shown an interest, Kalya and Jayavel, came to the FAMC to express their dissatisfaction about the process and the decision. They informed that they had already been giving some energy into Brihaspati and they want to move there and that they are ready to share. They do not want to go against the decision of the FAMC. They have been informed that R.E.R.S and the Pony Farm need the whole place, which is not acceptable to them. Initially the Pony Farm and the R.E.R.S wanted 7 acres but now they want the full area. The FAMC recommended that the possibility of sharing be further looked into. It was decided to create a new sub-group with Inge, a member of IDC, Rathinam, a member of the Farm Group and an Aurovilian whom the young people propose. The sub-group should come back with a proposal of how the land can be shared. Discussions are still going on and no decision on the allocation of the stewardship of the land has been taken.

Land Exchange and Purchase: Two requests from LEM for exchange of land outside the Green Belt limit for land inside the City Area were approved. The purchase of 1.12 acres land (Irumbai RS No. 231/3 OS No. 228) was approved.

A question was raised regarding the Land Fund being in deficit. It was clarified that, on the basis of an FAMC agreement of September 2001, the Land Fund has a credit line of Rs 1 crore and that the actual overdraft has been fluctuating so far between Rs. 24 lakhs to Rs. 36 lakhs. It was explained that the line of credit had been sanctioned on the basis of realistic expectations of funds coming in. Last financial year, Rs 1.20 crore was raised and, at present, there is an amount of US\$123,000 pledged for the Land Fund in USA.

NET Land: The members proposed and agreed that the selling of the land should be taken up seriously, so a sub-group with Peter, Ulli, Guy and Joster would meet to take the necessary steps.. Pierre has been asked again to take an active role in finding a buyer. Several agents in Pondicherry and Chennai should be approached.

3. Issues related to Housing

Additional loan request-Bobby Patel: Bobby Patel's request for an additional loan for the construction of a house-cum-office/workshop was discussed. As Bobby is proposing to repay the loan from the profits of the unit Mira, it was proposed and agreed that the balance sheet of last year and a business plan should be presented, so that the unit's potential to pay back the

loan can be assessed. It was decided that a total loan of Rs 6 lakhs should be given with a repayment of Rs.10,000 per month over 5 years and the rest of the amount should be found somewhere else by Bobby himself. It was proposed that the housing contribution would be waived but the inflation of 5 % should be paid. As Rs 4 lakhs is the baseline to waive the housing contribution it was also suggested that the contribution to the Housing Fund should be specified from the unit's profit contribution once the loan has been repaid. The Housing Service representative said that it is their internal policy to give loans for not more than two years.. It was agreed that the Housing Group should deal with housing loans, and bring any loan request above Rs 5 lakhs to the FAMC for final approval.

Igor's House: Igor had come to move his things out of the house on the 18th of April 2002. Many interested Aurovilians have already started to contact the sub-group with the request to occupy the house. It was decided that the keys of the house would be handed over to the Housing Service and any requests to occupy the house should be made in writing to the FAMC and the Housing Service, which should bring its recommendation to the FAMC.

Quiet Residence: The Chairperson proposed that such individual cases should not be dealt with by the FAMC, but by the relevant group, unless some policy needs to be changed. Therefore it was agreed that the issue belongs to the Housing Service.

Vikas: Vani and Gilles B. came to report about the deteriorating condition of the wastewater treatment system in Vikas, which is currently polluting the groundwater and potentially the wells in the whole area by direct filtration of wastewater into the soil, and also causing a substantial mosquito-breeding nuisance. The Vikas system was theoretically designed for 80 people, but only worked adequately up to 20. Currently there are 45 people residing in Vikas. An emergency request was made for Rs. 65,000 (for sealing off the wastewater treatment plant) + Rs.55,000 (for re-casing the well). In total: Rs. 1.2 lakh. Gilles B. also informed that the Solar Kitchen and Aspiration are facing similar problems.

It was then proposed that for the urgent need of Rs. 65,000 for the W.W.T. at Vikas, the Auroville Maintenance Fund could advance the necessary funds on the condition that it was clear how the amount would be refunded. (Subsequently, it has been arranged that Rs 25,000 will come from the CF plus Rs 25,000 from the IDC budget plus Rs 15,000 from the Vikas residents

themselves.) It was also noted for future action that it is important to ask a contribution for the existing infrastructure when a housing transfer is being done.

Sve Dam: Jacques from the IDC brought to the notice of the FAMC a series of irregularities at Sve Dam, which include building without permission, breaking agreements with the IDC and building on the future radial road.

The proposals of the IDC with regard to the different cases of Sve Dam were discussed. It was noted that IDC proposed that there should be no further extension to the house of Chandrasekar but that Dariya has already done this, with the permission of the Housing Service and with funds passed officially through Auroville Fund. It was remarked that it was clear that a better level of communication between the working groups was necessary. It was expressed that IDC is frustrated because the community of Sve Dam is interfering directly with the Master Plan and is disregarding every agreement. It was proposed that the plan of the road should be confirmed and it was asked whether IDC wants to open the road now?

Newcomers Bruno and Estelle's case is a breach of regulations and it was proposed that this house could be taken down as the first step. The Entry Group member however informed that the house is a simple keet structure and they are aware that they have to move. It was decided that Bruno should be asked by the Entry Group to give a clear picture about their future plans to move. Those houses, which are not on the proposed road, could apply for electrical connections but the temporary structures that are on the proposed road should not be upgraded and should be dismantled gradually. It was decided that a letter to that effect should be drafted and sent to the residents of Sve Dam from FAMC. The FAMC gave its support to the Housing Service to sort the matter out.

4. **Udavi School:** SAIIR's continued collaboration in the development of Udavi School was approved.

5. **Income Tax Research Exemption Receipts:** The Finance Officer informed the FAMC that donations for research are 100% tax exempted under two categories: Scientific Research (CSR, Matrimandir, and Health Centre) and Social Research (SAIIR and Land Fund). He proposed a new system of issuing tax-exempt receipts as the Income Tax Department is currently reviewing these exemptions, for which he has to be answerable, in detail. The proposal entails the following steps:

(1) The respective units will issue the 100% tax-exempt

receipts in 3 copies;

(2) The receipts will be signed by the F.O. or any of the signatories appointed in the Secretary's Office;

(3) One copy of the receipt will be kept in the Secretary's Office, so that at any point in time up-to-date information is available in the Secretary's Office. On this basis, the F.O. can assure the Income Tax Dept. that he has an overview of the incoming donations. The respective unit will send the original copy with an acknowledgment letter to the donor, and the other copy will remain with the unit.

(4) All donations will be deposited on a separate bank account, kept by the unit for this purpose in the name of Auroville Foundation.

(5) Statements of research expenditure will have to be given to the Secretary's Office on a quarterly basis.

(6) The Auroville Foundation will take care of the annual consolidation of income and expenditure of the various units.

The FAMC proposed that Land Fund, SAIIR, AV Fund and CSR would meet with Mr. Srinivasamurthy to work out the details. It was agreed that any solution agreed to by these representatives would be accepted by the FAMC.

If you have any questions or would like further information please contact famc@auroville.org.in

Minutes of the International Zone Meeting

May 16, 2002

Present: Helmut, Tine, Sergei, Tekeste, Jaya, Jill

Guest: David N.

David N. came with several questions about the new walking path from the Visitor's Centre to Matrimandir. It seems to David that it crosses the African area in the IZ. David asked what is the relationship of that path to the African area. Helmut explained that the path is part of Mahaswari Park and the African area is closer to the existing road. This brought us into a more general discussion of traffic. How do we use the traffic which will go past the different public buildings on the Crown? Helmut suggested that we ask at the AVI Conference for some information or advice about crowd management. Can we use the pedestrian traffic so that we create an "exchange of energy" between people and places and so that the traffic is not seen as an intrusion, especially with day tourists. Can it be interactive? How?

There are 4 Traffic Nodes planned. There is no major distributor on the Crown. This is where we

can start our public transport system. Helmut writes: "The International Zone is conceived as a pedestrian area with restricted access for motor vehicles. Guests and visitors arriving in Auroville's International Zone in buses, cars or two-wheelers will be received at a transport mode exchange area, located between the canyon and Outer Ring Road. Here parking facilities for buses, cars and two-wheelers are offered and guests and visitors will be distributed to pedestrian boulevards, cycle paths or Auroville's public transport system, consisting of non-polluting shuttle buses. Also cycles for rent can be obtained at this point. One arrives at the Visitor's Reception Centre after crossing the canyon, either along the radial, or on a separate pedestrian crossing (may be along one of the check dams, if this is not harmful to the environment); from here the different continental areas can be reached via shaded alleyways in a few minutes walking. There will be four transport exchange nodes in Auroville (corresponding to the four zones of Auroville), the major ones to be expected at the International Zone and the Residential Zone (near Certitude). Delivery and Removal traffic will have access to the area from the Outer Ring Road (may be at restricted times) and has to return to the Outer Ring Road without utilising the Crown road (there will be barriers). In this way (without through-traffic) the Crown road will not grow into the major traffic distributor, and has the chance rather to become a lively public space based on slow movement of pedestrians and public transport."

We would like to invite Nicole and Gillian from the Visitor's Centre to our next meeting.

David gave us an update on the water situation for the US Student Guest House. He is digging an open well - 8 x 10 m. above Solitude. So far, it is a Rs. 6,000 hole and it has been giving water at 6 meters. It will eventually be enough to serve the US area and others. At the beginning, there will be intensive watering to create our ecological landscaping design which will insure proper rooting of trees and other plants. Right now, we are using 2-3,000 liters/day for 100 trees.

Sergei reported on the progress of the Russian Pavilion group. They are organizing the work now and have almost finished the "brief" which they will present for the architect competition inside Russia. They were asked to present this information also to the International Zone when it is ready. Jill asked if they could formulate the mission of the Pavilion and present it to the IDC and the IZ.

We have decided to change our regular meeting times to Tuesday afternoon at 5:00 p.m., as Thursday morning seems difficult for several people.

Jill for the IZ

IDC Meeting Report 23.04.02

Present: Jacques, Joseba, Jill, Dharmesh, Peter A., Secretary: Sonja

Observer/Guests: Luigi, Frederic, Isabelle, Jayavel

Frederic and Luigi came to present a concept for the City Centre Development Task Force. It can be a unifying concept, linking the Matrimandir with the rest of the City Centre which surrounds it.

Some of the points mentioned were:

1. An atmosphere of peace and concentration at the City Centre needs to be created.
2. Using the water body around Matrimandir will already create a sense of isolation.
3. Sound isolation has to be created
4. Eventually it will be a pedestrian area (emergency vehicles excepted)
5. Create the atmosphere of a Park (what kind of park?) with the Matrimandir at the centre.

The question was asked: Will this group be under the organization of the IDC?

Certainly, accountability and responsibility must be defined. Perhaps it would be best if the CCDTF were integrated into the IDC, or at least related to it, like the other zone groups. At any rate, the relationship has to be clear.

How can this group be constituted? With whom? It was suggested that the group consist of:

1. MM – 2 members
2. IDC – 2 members
3. WC – 1 member
4. Resident's Assembly – 3 members
5. Co-opted members – (members nominated by the group of 9) - 3 members

The mandate of the CCDTF would include responsibility for day to day work.

What can we try to manifest through this group? The creation of:

1. Green area
2. Non polluting traffic

Identify people who are dynamic forces in:

1. MM
2. Admin. Area

These people can help to create the CCDTF.

Waves :Future

Andres / Tanya

We asked Andres and Tanya to take the opportunity to develop Waves by allowing residences to be built. This will strengthen the sense of the community and its presence there. Tanya and Andres have agreed and will see w/Housing Service.

Prevention is better than cure

Monitoring the quality of water, food and soil is the best way to prevent any health problem related to them.

Since last month and thanks to the contribution received by Auroville's Future from the Asia Urbs programme, the Water Service and the Environmental Monitoring Services of Auroville (located in Aurobrindavan) have a state-of-the art equipment for accurate and fast laboratory tests. Already the Wastewater Board is using this facility to test the wastewater treatment units in Auroville.

EMS, Water Service, AVFuture and IDC are designing a programme that envisages during a one-year period a monthly monitoring of bore wells supplying water to seventy settlements and thirty schools, and the water and food in the solar kitchen and Pour Tous. The analysis will detect the presence of harmful micro organisms, pesticides, ph and heavy metals among other parameters. The results of this programme will give us the necessary insight into possible sources of pollution in order to study and implement solutions.

Unfortunately, at present there is no budget available to carry out the tests, therefore it looks like for the moment there is no other way than to ask the users to bear the cost of this service. Each sampling costs Rs. 300. Therefore it is proposed that this amount be collected directly from the communities, services or individuals covered by the programme.

A detailed schedule of tests and locations will be published shortly and the residents will be informed of the results of the study while it is ongoing.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. For any question, please contact us,

Interim Development Council
Auroville's Future
Water Service
Environmental Monitoring Services

Clean Drinking Water

The IDC can now avail itself of a modern laboratory under a Memorandum of understanding with Auroville Water Service and Environment Monitoring Service, which can undertake analysis of water, food samples. This facility is already utilized by the Wastewater Board to test wastewater treatment facilities in Auroville.

Monitoring is a good tool for prevention of possible dysfunction of these facilities.

Similarly some recent incidents have convinced us to take a hard look at the quality of our drinking water.

A study is being designed that envisages, during a one-year period, a monthly monitoring of bore wells serving seventy large or medium settlements, thirteen schools, the Solar Kitchen and Pour Tous.

The analysis will cover the presence of harmful microorganisms, ph, presence of pesticides, and heavy metals among many other parameters. If harmful microorganisms are found we will continue the tests and recommendations until the water is clean.

This study will give us the necessary insight into possible sources of pollution and recommendations help to implement the necessary remedies.

IDC has been investigating for a while now into possibilities to finance this study. It looks like for the moment there is no other way than to ask the users to bear the cost of this work. Each monthly sampling costs Rs. 300 (Three hundred only).

Therefore it is proposed that this amount be collected directly from the accounts at the Financial Service of communities, service or individuals covered under the program.

A detailed schedule will be published shortly and the residents will be informed of the results of the study while it is ongoing.

For further information please contact EMS Igor at Aurobrindavanm, 677 044 or IDC at Bharat Nivas, 622 056.

The IDC is thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM
FRIDAY 31 MAY - 7.30 PM

(The film show starts at 7.45 sharp)

SMILES OF A SUMMER NIGHT
 (SOMMARNATTENS LEENDE)

Directed by Ingmar BERGMAN - Sweden, 1955

With: Ulla Jacobson, Eva Dahlbeck, Margit

Carlquist, Harriet Andersson, Gunnar Björnstrand

Setting: A comedy set in 19th Century. Within the intricate plot, Bergman explores diverse attitudes towards love using each character, each pairing, to comment on, and illuminate the others...

Original Swedish version, with English subtitles -

Duration: 1h38' - Black and white - 35mm film

TO BE CONFIRMED - Please check on the posters a few days before the show...

VENDREDI 31 MAI - 19h.30'

(le film commence à 19h.45' précises)

"SOURIRES D'UNE NUIT D'ETE"

Réalisé par Ingmar BERGMAN Suède, 1955

Synopsis: Comédie située dans la Suède du 19e

siècle. Par une intrigue très élaborée, Bergman explore différentes attitudes amoureuses, utilisant chaque personnage, chaque couple, pour les commenter et les illuminer les uns par rapport aux autres...

Version originale en Suédois, sous-titres en Anglais -

Durée: 1h38' - Noir & blanc- film 35mm

A CONFIRMER - Veuillez vérifier sur les affiches quelques jours avant la séance...

From THE HINDU, 21.5.2002

In Tamil Nadu, 48 people were reported to have died of pesticide poisoning in 2000-01.

The figure was five during 1999-2000. Nine States have reported 1,638 deaths in 2000-01 due to pesticide poisoning, according to a PIB release.

I am looking for a person who can do some research for me from some old journals for locating relevant articles for a seminar we are doing. the journals are in pondy, not av. but s/he can do this in her/his own time though during office hours. please send me an email on unity@auroville.org.in or preferably call me on 622746.
 kosha

Video in English at Visitor's Centre

Saturday, 25.05.2002 8pm

"The Lord of the Rings"

With Elijah Wood/Jan McKellen

Dir. Peter Jackson 2001/3h

Invitation to the Amphitheater

The Amphitheater is meant for a collective aspiration; just as the Inner Chamber is meant for individual concentration.

From the beginning people gather here in an intense aspiration for a New Consciousness. Activities which carry this spirit are invited to take place here.

As Sri Aurobindo said .. :

"And Beauty will vanquish the resistance of the world."

Carlos Joy Sigrid Soham Srimoyi

SPACE AVAILABLE

'Progress', the first phase of the Line of Force, next to Prarthana, is now completed and we are happily starting our life there.

During the construction, we have been using a built up space as storeroom, but now we do not need it anymore and the space of 70 sqm is available. The construction is the same good quality but needs finishings. It could be arranged as a residence, but it is ideal for offices, artist studio or small workshop.

If you are interested, please contact us:

Joseba-Anandi (622308)

Vidya (622786)

Michel-Veronique (623009)

Pitanga homeopathic Service

Dear Friends,

Our service will be closed in June: For emergencies, phone Marike's house 622 281 between 8 and 9 morning or evening.

see u on Monday 1st July.

Love

Marike and Sumita

Lovely 3/4 bedrooomed apartment in Prarthna for exchange. If interested, contact us on 623439.

Thanks. Jackie.

Dried Lemon Grass in bulk

available in 100g, 200g,500g - to make refreshing syrup for example. phone 623 038

TRASH ! - A Message from Eco-Service

Last week a big pile of garbage was seen on the road near the water tank between Invocation and Prayatna. It did not take too much of detective work to find out where it came from. And it proved again that you better cooperate with Auroville Eco-Service to avoid such events in the future.

The garbage had been thrown there by the owner of the cashew grove, justifiably. The garbage had been dumped onto his cashew land - in spite of his protests - by one of the private waste pickers who go around in Auroville, are interested in the recyclable valuable waste only, and dump all the other waste which is economically of no interest to them, wherever it is convenient for them. In this case the waste picker was said to be a certain Ramu from Bommaiypalayam - but he is not the only one. In this case the waste came from Prayatna, but possibly not exclusively from Prayatna. This time Eco-Service took care of it and removed it, but we do not see that this is appreciated.

Over the past three years, we have published a few times that this - wild dumping - is the fate of waste which is not collected by AV Eco-Service. And we have communicated it many times in individual encounters. Either people do not believe us or they do not care. This is not just a problem of this particular Ramu and of Prayatna. This refers to several other places, too.

Wildly dumped waste is an open invitation for anybody else to dump their waste on the same spot. If it happens again, we shall feel shame and anger again and remove it. Because someone somewhere is not ready to pay a few rupees per month to take care of their garbage in a better manner. Do you regard it as appropriate that next time we shall cart the garbage to the community where it comes from and dump it into their compound?

Is it too much to ask: Please cooperate?

SWM Group and Pratul

Discover this...

The second number listed under DISCOVERY in the new Auroville Telephone Directory namely 622396 is NOT Discovery's number, but my number. Please scratch it out.

Have a nice day,
Claudio

FOR ASPIRATION KIDS

Our aspiration community has a good number of children now (12). Since there is no kindergarden during the Saturdays as well as all the parents are working during the Saturday, we are exploring the possible avenue of keeping all the childrens within our community for constructive learning.

The noble idea props up are the setting up of aspiration kindergarden during the Saturdays but then we don't have kindergarden materials such as childrens story books, puzzles, legos and play things. If any of you having "used up" and disposal old legos and toys we warmly appreciate for your contribution.

Please contact aspiration mess phone 622283 and kindly leave your message to any of the community members and I will come to pick up the things.

Thanking you in advance on behalf of aspiration kids.

Yours sincerely

DOLMA (co-ordinator)

For sale:

2 single cane beds, along with their mattresses
Rs.1500

Contact: 623427

Patrick@auroville.org.in

Announcement - Change of house/phone #

Kathryn (Working Committee) has moved to Madhuca (Lisbeth's house). My new phone number is 622-985.

Casuarinas for sale,

a lot of dry casuarinas for construction and firewood available . Please call me if you like some because I am leaving soon.

Innovation unlimited

Hans ,Silence 622779

For Sale an Antiques-

100 year old Dumpy Level with tripod stand. Interested can contact 622102.

Dear Friends,

1) I have a beautiful, black kitten, around a year old (female) with a very lovely temperament & two younger grey ones , 5 months old need to be taken care of , the female will be soon castrated.

2) I am interested in buying a key board & a guitar; classical or Rock; if you have one please, contact: email: angelavassiliades@yahoo.com

Some observations and thoughts regarding Entry to Auroville

After 9 months working in the Entry group we see that very few young people come to join the community. The reason is that not many people in the twenties and early thirties have the funds to sustain themselves for the first year at least and to build/ purchase a house/ flat. We have to send back people who come with empty pockets but with lots of energy and goodwill telling them that they should come in a few years when they have saved up enough to build and be with us. We have young qualified people writing us that they would like to come and give their work to the project in exchange for lodging and food for a year or two. But also those we have to refuse although what the community needs most is skilled and qualified people to work with us in the administration, in construction work, improving services and in the schools. There are only a few places, mostly connected to a certain work, which can be given to a new person for free. The same for food, only a few activities can provide meals. This is an impossible situation. We must find ways to invite young energy into Auroville. We need to create simple accommodation in hostels, dormitories and similar. Lunch and dinner in the Solar Kitchen must be provided for those who work full time for the community. We need young energetic enthusiastic idealistic people and we have to build up the necessary facilities. All ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Shivaya (member of the Entry Group)

About Lights

The information about lamps and lights from AuroRe last news was very useful, but unfortunately they forgot the most exiting development in lighting, what we have in this century — the ultrabright LED lights—which already took over the place in torch-traffic-car-emergency and outdoor lighting. The lifetime of the mentionend lamps mostly depend on how often you switch it on/off and from the quality of the grid. With a voltage range from 130 V -300 V what we have in India the lifetime of those common lamps are additional limited. The CFL lights are harmful for the environment.

Hans, Silence 622 779 - Innovation unlimited

Today, advanced high-brightness LEDs are the next generation of lighting technology and are currently being installed in a variety of lighting applications. As a result of breakthroughs in material efficiencies and optoelectronic packaging design, LEDs are no longer used in just indicator lamps. They are used as a light source for illumination for monochromatic applications such as traffic signal, brake light, flash light and commercial sign age.

What's next? White light LED technology will change the lighting landscape as we know it. With further improvements in color quality and performance, white light LED technology has potential to be a dominant force in the general illumination market. The future will be exciting with this disruptive technology.

General Electric
submitted by Hans

Flower 's Daughter

“katefugetsu” (Japanese): flowers, birds, wind, moon - it means especially beautiful things of nature. The Japanese language includes a lot of Chinese words. Japanese word for flower is hana, flower's daughter –hanako. In Japan, Hanako is a common name of girls and women.

One of the national symbols of Japan is chrysanthemum. The mother named this flower “specialized detailed energy”. In April the Ashram organized a wonderful exhibition “The mother in Japan”. Masaki san, a guest from Japan, lived in Aspiration for some months. His name means “double sun and tree”, in numerology his name means “double sun and tree “, in numerology his number is four (“manifestation”). By his words, India has more flowers than Japan. In the Aspiration he made the nice Ikebanas with high pieces of bamboo trunk and with shallow dishes. He used hibiscus, rosa, lily, plumeria etc.

Boris

UPS for Sale

Contact Guiseppe 623 102

Special Offer

Dear customers,

In celebration of our second anniversary we offer a special discount of 20% only for three days from june 5,6,7-

We render our Hearty thanks to all.

D.Arumugam

M.M.Mother Ph- 622 489, 623 208

Entry Group Announcement

Aurovilians

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

- **Rachana Pratap Chatterjee (Indian)** : She stays in Prarthna and works at Deepanam school.
Contact person : Auralee
- **S. Sankaran (Indian)** : He stays in Verite and teaches English and Tamil. He is also working for Tamil housing fund.
Contact person : K. Sundar
- **Rakesh Tiwari (Indian)** : He stays in Verite and works at Matrimandir gardens. He also works in Verite where he is involved with construction and architectural work.
Contact person : Franz.
- **Sheril Castelino (Indian)** : She stays at Transformation. She is an architect and works for Auroville's Future.
Contact person : Swadha

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:-

- **Nikkadass – Kumar – (Indian)** : He stays and works at Udavi School.
Contact person : Friederike
- **Pierre Constantin (French)** : He stays in Surrender and is a mountain / nature guide by profession.
Contact person : Jai Singh
- **Doris Van Kalker (German)** : She stays at Sailam and works for Auroville Today.
Contact person : Renate
- **Robbie Lindsay Lloyd (Australian)** : He stays at Halcyon and intends to work for Tamil cultural development and for environmental restoration and organic farming in the villages around Auroville.
Contact person : Olivier
- **Pierangela Raccagni Martens (Italian)** : She stays at Certitude and is interested in educational and social work.
Contact person : Friederike

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 her status :-

- **Faye Marie Tiernan (British)** : She stays and works at the Botanical garden.

Left Auroville

The following newcomers have left Auroville :-

- Shiraz Panthaky (Indian)
- Angelo Slompo (Italian)
- Anja Van Sande (Belgian)

Thanks to the kind support from:

F.W.E., Flame, Auroville Boutique (AV) and to the contribution of its first new members

The Music Library will be reopening on July 1st

News from Auriginal Pizzeria

The Pizzeria will be opening on the 31st of May with a live coverage of Football World cup 2002.

All matches can be seen live at the Pizzeria.

See you soon.

The Auriginal Team.

Plumbing Work

Dear Friends, franklin has worked with water service for 12 years. I think its good we have private trained people to do our work also. Can you help him,
Contact Phone 622 918

Thanks Gillian

*Don't know where to go for dinner these days?
Why not try something different?*

OASIS JUICE BAR

will now serve a light, healthy 4 course dinner.
From next week onwards we will serve dinner (soup, salad, light main dish + desert, Rs 80)
on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6.p.m.

Please call 623 045 and reserve your meal in advance.
The weekly menu can be found on all relevant noteboards in Auroville.

Oasis Juice Bar,
AV Road towards Beach (600m from Travel Shop)

Automatic Telephone Bill Reminders

Many of us were recently reminded by an automated phone call that the payment of the telephone bill is due for payment. This is a newly implemented policy by the Telephone Department, aiming to create an awareness of the bill status on the subscriber side.

Previously, only one such reminder was issued just before disconnecting the line altogether. Now, two additional reminders are implemented at earlier stages:

The first one is issued only one week after the creation of the bill. Its purpose is, basically, to inform the subscriber that he should have received a bill by now. This one is unavoidable and can calmly be ignored by all those who pay their phone bill automatically through PT account.

The second one follows about 2 weeks later. Its purpose is to inform that further delay of the payment will cause a surcharge (depending on the billing amount, see backside of the bill). This one would, in fact, indicate some irregularity and needs to be followed up.

The last one, as mentioned, precedes the actual disconnection. Once disconnected, an additional re-connection charge of 100 Rupees becomes due. The re-connection, per se, does not constitute a problem as soon as the bill (and its surcharges) is paid.

Telephone Service

Dear Community,

After the tornado/storm/high speed winds on the 10th of May 2002, quite a few houses that have tile roofs have suffered damage. Those of you who need some double groove deluxe roof tiles from Feroke India company in Kerala, please let me know if you would like to order some tiles to replace the damaged and broken ones. Also, it is good to have a personal stock for emergencies. The tiles are about Rs. 10.00-10.50 including transport (approx). About 3000 tiles fit in a lorry. If I have enough orders then I would organize it.

I need a clear order that states the number of tiles with name and address with PT number, so that when they arrive I can withdraw the money and make the payment.

Please send the orders by email

thanks Suhasini - email: suhasini@auroville.org.in



Question withdrawn.

John from the Matrimandir requested the Working Committee to ask the Pulse panel to take out the previous Pulse question regarding Divakar. As a result the Working Committee asked the Pulse panel to remove the question. The Working Committee has not given us any clear reason for their request except that they have come to a consensus on the issue, based on the opinions of WC and support group members.

We do not agree with the intervention of the WC into the functioning of the Pulse panel, but we know it is important to respect the request of the WC for the sake of our organisational and collective discipline. We have therefore complied with their request and withdrawn the question.

Before publishing the question, we were well aware of its seriousness. We had given a lot of thought and engaged in considerable discussion amongst ourselves about the rightness of this question. Eventually we came to the conclusion that we should check this out. We were not totally unanimous, but felt that even if it was going to be unpleasant we should at least try the question out. We considered the issue involved to be extremely important for the health of the community as a whole. One way or the other we have to face the issue.

In order to be a member of the WC, approval from the community is necessary. But this is not the case with many working groups. Approval from the community is considered irrelevant in the case of various working groups, such as the Matrimandir team.

What should be done if a member of a working group loses the approval from the community but refuses to leave his or her position?

We would like to hear from you.

Sincerely,

For Pulse Panel - Mauna and Priya (Ulli is out of station)
Pulse coordinator – Manoj

pulse@auroville.org.in

Roma's Kitchen

Will be closed for the summer
From Monday the 27nd of May
and
re-opens on Friday the 5th of July.