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INAUGURATION OF SRI ANNAI CRECHE

In a brotherly way, you are invited to support the beautiful project of Mangai, a Tamil teacher at Isai Ambalam School, by attending the inauguration of her "Sri Annai Crèche" at Nellikuppam, on 6 June 2002 from 9.00 am and all the Thursday morning, in presence of a French Consulate representative. The creche is on a cutting trek on the left side of the road from Cuddalore to Panrutti, one km after Nellikuppam township, same way as "Balavigar School". A coloured garland on the lane will indicate the way.

Michel Gignoux & "La Maison de Sagesse"

On behalf of 49 children from France who made the dream of Mangai come true.

From the Working Committee:

The Report published in the meeting page was submitted to the WC in late March, along with a recommendation to create a new Management Team at the Matrimandir. They were taken to the WC Support Group, and at that time, there was no sense that this recommendation represented a true solution to the blocked situation at Matrimandir, so we did not take it further. Other proposals followed, the latest being the City Centre Development Task Force which was presented to the community at a General Meeting on May 14th and is currently being further elaborated. It was brought to our attention at that meeting that we had neglected to publish this report, which is true. It was not deliberate (i.e. a conscious attempt to withhold information), we were just busy trying to find a way to move forward. However we apologize for the delayed release of this report.

Sincerely,

Isabelle, Jill, Kathryn, Selvaraj

for the Wording Committee

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

LA CONQUÊTE SUR LES DASYUS

Dans cet hymne de Hiranyastupa Angirasa, les dix premiers vers se réfèrent manifestement à la bataille pour les Vaches et donc aux Panis: "Venez, cherchant les Rayons des Vaches approchons-nous d'Indra, car c'est lui qui fait parfaitement progresser en avant notre pensée; il est invincible, ses félicités sont complètes et il délivre (sépare de l'obscurité) pour nous la vision-de-connaissance suprême des vaches de lumière; (on pourrait comprendre aussi: l'Invincible nous accordera-t-il ses richesses, la vision-de-connaissance...etc.?) Je vole vers l'inattaquable, le donneur de richesses, comme l'oiseau vers son nid bien-aimé, rendant hommage à Indra avec les mots suprêmes de lumière, lui que ses affirmateurs doivent invoquer dans leur voyage. En tête de toute son armée, il a sanglé son carquois ; il est le combattant (l'Aryen) qui amène les vaches à celui qu'il choisit. O Indra, ne retiens pas pour toi l'abondance de ton délice, ne deviens pas le Pani qui s'écarte de nous, ô toi qui as grandi (par notre mot) (riks I à 3). Cette dernière phrase est saisissante et, dans l'interprétation courante, sa force réelle est amoindrie par la traduction, « Ne deviens pas un avare pour nous ». Mais c'est là ignorer le fait que les Panis sont les reteneurs de la richesse, qui la gardent pour eux-mêmes et ne la donnent ni au dieu ni à l'homme. Le sens est manifestement, « Possédant ton délice dans une telle abondance, ne sois pas un Pani, celui qui garde ses possessions pour lui seul et en tient l'homme écarté ; n'éloigne pas de nous ce délice dans ton superconscient, comme le font les Panis dans le secret de leur subconscient.' [...]

L'idée védique était que l'obscurité subconsciente et la vie ordinaire de l'ignorance tenaient caché en elles tout ce qui appartient à la Vie divine, et que ces richesses secrètes devaient être recouvrées, d'abord en détruisant les pouvoirs impénitents de l'ignorance, puis en possédant la vie inférieure et la soumettant à la vie supérieure. D'Indra il a été dit, comme nous l'avons vu, qu'il tue ou vainc le Dasyu et transfère sa richesse à l'Aryen. De même, Sarama à son tour refuse de faire la paix et de s'allier aux Panis, mais suggère qu'ils se soumettent aux dieux et aux Aryens par la restitution et la montée des vaches emprisonnées et par leur propre départ de l'obscurité vers une meilleure place, variyah (X-108-9,10). Et c'est par le toucher énergique de l'aiguillon du voyant lumineux, Pushan, seigneur de la Vérité, l'aiguillon qui force l'entrée du cœur fermé et fait lever de ses profondeurs le mot sacré, c'est par cet aiguillon à pointe de lumière, qui parfait les vaches rayonnantes et accomplit les pensées lumineuses, qu'est effectuée la conversion du Pani ; alors, dans le cœur enténébré de celui-ci, le dieu-de-Vérité désire aussi ce que désire l'Aryen. C'est par conséquent par cette action pénétrante de la Lumière et de la Vérité, que les pouvoirs de l'activité ignorante ordinaire des sens deviennent soumis à l'Aryen.

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

THE CONQUEST OVER THE DASYUS

In this hymn of Hiranyastupa Angirasa the first ten verses clearly refer to the battle for the Cows and therefore to the Panis. "Come, let us go seeking the cows to Indra; for it is he that increases the thought in us; invincible is he and complete are his felicities, he releases for us (separates from the darkness) the supreme knowledge-vision of the luminous cows, *gavam ketam param avarjate nah*. I fly to the unassailable giver of riches like a bird to its beloved nest, bowing down to Indra with the supreme words of light, to him to whom his affirmers must call in their journey. He comes with all his armies and has fastened firmly his quivers; he is the fighter (the Aryan) who brings the cows to whomsoever he desires. O Indra who hast increased (by our word), hold not back for thyself thy much delight, become not in us the Pani, *coskuyamano bhuri vamam ma panir bhur asmad adhi pravrdha*." The last phrase is a striking one and in the current interpretation its real force is avoided by rendering "do not become a miser with regard to us." But this is to ignore the fact that the Panis are the withholders of the wealth who keep it for themselves and give it neither to god nor man. The sense obviously is "Having thy much wealth of the delight, do not be a Pani, one who holds his possessions only for himself and keeps them from man; do not hold the delight away from us in thy superconscient as the Panis do in their subconscious secrecy." [...]

The Vedic idea was that the subconscious darkness and the ordinary life of ignorance held concealed in it all that belongs to the divine life and that these secret riches must be recovered first by destroying the impenitent powers of ignorance and then by possessing the lower life subjected to the higher. Of Indra it has been said, as we have seen, that he either slays or conquers the Dasyu and transfers his wealth to the Aryan. So also Sarama refuses peace with alliance to the Panis, but suggests their submission to the gods and the Aryans by the surrender and ascent of the imprisoned cows and their own departure from the darkness to a better place (a variyah). And it is by the strenuous touch of the goad of the luminous seer, Pushan, lord of the Truth, the goad that drives open the closed heart and makes the sacred word to arise from its depths, it is by this luminous-pointed goad which perfects the radiant cows, accomplishes the luminous thoughts, that the conversion of the Pani is effected; then the Truth-god in his darkened heart also desires that which the Aryan desires. Therefore by this penetrating action of the Light and the Truth the powers of the ordinary ignorant sense-activity become subject to the Aryan.

**Notes of the May 14th General Meeting on
“Matrimandir and its Relation
to the City Centre”**

This was the follow-up of the General Meeting held on Sunday, the 28th of April.

The meeting was chaired by Jill from the WC.

The Agenda as per the announcement circulated was:

- Present in more detail the proposal for a City Center Development Task Force, including membership and mandate and receive feedback
- Discussion on Sigrid's Amphitheatre Proposal
- Update on Discussions between MMWT and WC
- Feedback on Work proposed. Refer to reports from Michael Bonke and Architects Communication Team as published in last week's News

Introducing the topic, Jill asked all to speak to the proposals rather than giving a personal opinion of the situation at Matrimandir.

Ulli started with an apology for the few errors that were there in the notes of the previous GM that was published in the News and said that the second printing of the notes was not by the consent of the WC. People were welcome to send in emails if they thought important points were not reflected in the minutes.

Ulli said that when he was part of the MMSG, it took them a long time to understand where the problem actually lay. They were focussed mostly on the technical issues. But now, it was clear that the problem lay in the way people understood Mother's vision: one group felt that there should be a protective “forest” around the MM, the other felt that there should be a big lake and that the MM should be visible from everywhere. He said that there is an ongoing historical dialogue to put these two views in perspective. It seemed doubtful, however, that either group would completely move over to the other view. The DSG could not unlock the situation, as it had no decision-making authority and its mandate was primarily technical. Hence it was thought that another group that could actually consult with the community and take decisions should be put in place. The WC felt, as others did too, that unless we go beyond the present polarization and the organizational setup that supports it, we cannot create a harmonious solution. The CCTF is aimed at resolving this deadlock.

The disputed area starts from the inner edge of the lake outwards – what size the lake will be and what purposes it will serve, the outer gardens (if there are any) and how the Peace Area interfaces with the rest of the City. The WC felt that these questions concern the whole community. The proposal for a CCTF creates a group that attempts to look at the issues from all angles: including water acquisition, town planning etc. The CCTF could be comprised of the following representatives from the community:

2 (MM Team) + 2(IDC) + 1(WC) + 4 (appointed by community) + 3 (co-opted by the previous 9 members) = Total of 12

This group would work with Aurovilians, technical advisors (e.g. on the lake/water issue), and the architect and to try to come to an agreement about the completion of the Soul and its relationship to the Body of Auroville.

With that introduction, the proposal was open for debate.

Debate on the CCTF proposal follows:

Anne Gilbert was the first to speak. She liked the proposal but felt that the most critical issue was the water. This lake, she said, was to be the supplier of water to Auroville. But there seemed to be some doubts regarding the feasibility of the lake – whether it would be sustainable and would it serve the purpose of water supply when we grow in numbers. We need to consult experts from all around the world and ask for their suggestion as to whether Harald Kraft's proposals are workable, she said.

Responding to this, Ulli said that Gilles G. had spoken with Pondicherry authorities about the idea of drawing water from the waste water plant of Pondicherry which was hardly five kilometres away. There are of course questions, like what would be the difficulties of cleaning this water. He agreed that the feasibility of the lake was one of the most important issues to resolve.

Jean P. said that when the idea of the lake arose first, it seemed like a fanciful vision of the Mother because no one knew where the water would come from – that's why then a small lake was decided upon and trees were planted in those “outer” regions. But now with Harald Kraft's proposal, things could change. It would be good to consult many experts (not just one) for their views on this. He said that it's useless to discuss the technical aspects of the lake in this meeting, we just don't have the information.

Gilles G. said that since there is a disagreement about what could be done in the Oval, we could at least come to an agreement about the outer gardens. He

said that the area that the CCTF would have to look into (out to the Crown Rd) would be pretty large including the Solar Kitchen, Unity Pavilion, it would go to the edge of the Sve Dam. He felt that it would not be advisable to load all these problems on the shoulders of this group – the Oval itself is enough of an area to try to resolve.

Joseba said that there should not be an isolation of the people dealing with MM issues. There are many problems but little communication. He said that the isolation of the MM would have many implications. He said that the proposal makes sense and it is good that the people working at the MM are also included since that would avoid the problem of permanent isolation and lack of understanding. He was surprised that the MM Workers had refused this proposal, and asked why.

Amar said that MM is special and the chamber is the zone of complete silence. This concentration should go around the city, not that the city comes into the MM.

Sigrid felt that the CCTF was a good idea. In reply to Amar, she said that precisely because the MM has such a powerful vibration that its visibility is important - its influence would just spread through the community. The influence of MM on the outside would be more powerful than the effect of the outside on the MM.

Piero expressed his perplexity at the proposal. He said that he had participated in the DSG for several months – this proposal would end up just with the same difficulties that the DSG had faced. He said that they had started work optimistic about the result if things were approached in a rational objective way and was related to facts and correct information.

Unfortunately, the discussion was not even opened from the side of the Chief Architect – it was completely closed. The MDSG never had the possibility of having a discussion with him. Piero thought that this group will end up in the same way. He said that he would like an opening from the Chief Architect – we should push for an opening so that ideas can not be rejected without appropriate consideration.

Anandi said she required some clarifications: The proposal has 2 representatives from the MM team. But who has given them a mandate? She said that in their letter, the MMWT have given an ultimatum – then what could be the use of this Task Force? She said she would like to see whether they are open or not. Regarding Roger Anger, she appealed to those who have interacted with him to come up and share their experiences they had – that he is open and not as

has been described.

Paulette said that Huta has reported that Mother wanted a big island surrounded by a big lake. She said that first we should know what lake to build. She felt that it was better to begin with Alain G's proposal (to complete the inner gardens).

Ulli, in reply to Piero said that regarding the approachability of the Chief Architect, the mandate of this group would include that.

Piero still felt that it was useless. He asked, what is the difference between your group and what the DSG tried to do?

Kathryn said that we do not see the mandate of the CCTF to be the same as the DSG. It's the relation of MM to the city. We would like to give the community a larger role in pushing the discussion of the City Centre forward.

Deepti said that she had said in an earlier meeting (of the SG) that this GM should not take place. These matters should be discussed and debated before they are presented to the community. She said that she agreed with Piero – this proposal just sounds like old wine in a new bottle. She said that she found it a trap that we meet in a GM for proposals. She has huge difficulties with the Master Plan as it is currently conceived because she felt that the Master Plan conceives of the surrounding villages/villagers as being separate from the city. She said the effects of the Master Plan are already visible in (i) trees being cut in the night at the Centre for Urban Research and (ii) The recent demonstration of the villagers regarding our land acquisition activities.

She said that she would like an open debate on how we conceive the city – she wasn't clear where we were heading as a community. Groups, she said, are not always the solution, since they tend to crystallize – people cannot be anything but what they are. She felt that Piero was right and that in six months we would be back at the table in the same place we are now.

Sigrid said that this group was important because otherwise nothing would happen in the next six months. She said that she wanted the CCTF to be practical and come up with proposals and report every month.

Mauna said that she has high hopes on this wider group that expands on the centre to the city. But she also saw Piero's point. She asked the WC whether in their self-made mandate and proposal for working for this group did the WC conceive that this group have any authority? She asked Anandi whether it was possible for her to somehow get Roger into the discussion. Maybe we could approach things in a way

that makes him respond – or is this group to have a power so that he responds?

Anupama had a question for the DSG team. She was confused as to the reason why the DSG collapsed: was it to do with the fact that there was no communication from Roger or was it because the MM Team refused to implement three works that were then recommended by the DSG. She wanted to know what the stand of the DSG was? She was told the latter at the time. Why is the story different now?

Kathryn in response to Mauna's question said that the WC did not have a full mandate for this group. Rather than articulate a full proposal first, we wanted to get a sense of whether there was support for such a group from the community.

Ellen said that she felt that it was correct to be more open. The MM Team does not seem to want to participate. What do we do about that?

Jean P. asked whether the aim of the group was to study and supply information to the community since most of the community was not aware of all the projects that have come or may come. Could this group take decisions, he asked?

Ulli agreed that yes, collecting information would be a big part of the work of this group. But the group should also be able to take decisions. Proper checks should be put that this group doesn't go off and impose its own views on the community.

At this point a show of hands was requested as to who supported moving forward with this proposal. About half of those present supported the proposal. Three expressed opposition.

John gave an extensive report on the work being carried out at the MM currently:

This report has been published in full in last week's News.

Ulli asked whether work on the paths to the garden and the Lotus Pond was being undertaken?

John replied that there has been some work on the trenches on the pathways. As for the Lotus Pond, they have the material to do that. There was the problem of the noise of the proposed pump and a lot of work is going on just above the pond area, which might damage it if it were finished. He said unfortunately, the skilled marble workers are no longer working at the Matrimandir.

Jean said the Lotus Pond is blocked because the situation at the MM is as it is. Atrap door and the Petals Shapes[?] could have been done in much less time than was taken. He said that from the 16 works

proposed in the 1997 report, 6 were carried out by Bonke, 4 have been done partly. All the other work has not been carried out. One can compare the situation in '97 to that of current one.

John was asked whether he could provide an overview of the work intended to be carried out in the next 6 months.

Arjun said that the MMSG had come out with a final report and for some reason that report has not been published. This report, he said, would bring to light some of the problems and controversies. He asked the WC to publish this report. He was surprised that people felt that no work was going on at the MM. Work was fully on, he said.

Ulli said that he has no reservations to publish this report. Some people in the DSG had some reservations. The WC will try to clarify this situation and get the information out to the community a.s.a.p.

Gajendran said that today, 14th May, 7 planets of the Solar System are going to be aligned in one straight line. This happens rarely. When sometimes even they can express themselves together, why not us humans!

Sigrid's Proposal was considered next:

She, along with Soham, Carlos, Joy and Srimoyi were willing to serve for collective activities at the Amphitheatre according to Mother's ideas.

Joy added that it would be better that they, as a group, meet the larger MM group so that there's a good feeling. She said that she wanted to do this as a service. Some 10-15 years ago they used to sing under the stars in the Amphitheatre. We could revive that. Speaking for herself, Joy felt that some of the activities that could be carried out at the Amphitheatre were: Sunil's Music (already started); a slide show by Carlos of his photographs on Nature; silent gatherings, that were spontaneous. The last would require a bigger coordination and there we would need to agree with the larger MM group. There was a show of hands at this stage for Sigrid's proposal and most of those present expressed support for this movement.

Alain G's then asked if he could present his proposal for the continuation of work in the gardens. As it was past 7:00 p.m., the chair felt it was time to close the meeting. However, some people called for Alain's proposal to be presented. Alain tried to present his proposal, but there was a disturbance as several people left and Alain made his presentation to only about 30 people. Alain agreed to put it up in the News. The MM Team was expected to respond to it by next week.

Matrimandir and “Peace” Area

FINAL REPORT on the Present Status of Studies and Work March 2002

Prepared by Matrimandir Design Study Group (MDSG)

for the Residents of Auroville

Chapter 1: “Peace” Area, except Oval Island

A. Outer Gardens.

Roger should present at the earliest his proposal for the Outer Gardens together with the lake he wishes to create – being understood that lake consultants may ask for design modifications. Many members of our community feel that Roger’s ideas for the Outer Gardens do not reflect what they understand of Mother’s vision of a real park with tall trees and of a protected atmosphere around Matrimandir and its 12 gardens. As this question is poisoning the atmosphere, it is urgent to come to some agreement. Some group (MDSG or its successor) will be required to assist the community in its decision making process.

B. Lake.

Roger should draft his “Architect’s Brief to Lake Consultants” and make it public. He should present his two extreme options smallest lake (i.e.: if desalinated water was to be used) and largest lake (as per Harald’s proposal). He should also state if he wishes to use the earth dug out for some purpose (mountain, etc.).

Consultants need to be given the “Architect’s Brief to Lake Consultants” together with all data available and they have to be requested to give their opinion on the matter.

Each of the proposal will need to be cross-examined by a committee of qualified Aurovilians and other specialists and then compared with all other proposals.

A first study, done by Harald Kraft, is expected in 3 months.

C. Bridge(s) giving access to the Oval Island.

Roger, and the Aurovilians in-charge of security and maintenance on the Oval Island, have to state whether they would now prefer 1 or 4 bridges. Unfortunately, it is likely that no decision can be taken as long as depth and width of the lake are not be finalised.

D. “Mountain”.

If Roger wishes to create such a mountain, he has to give its location, shape and size.

E. Ancillary Buildings outside the lake.

- Reception Pavilion, place for offerings, toilets, first aid room.

- Energy Centre: TNEB incoming line , Transformer, Diesel generators, Solar power plant
- Maintenance workshops (mechanical, electrical, stone, glass, etc.)
- Laundry for the socks, the cloths that covers the carpets, staff uniforms, etc.
- Area for compost making, storing plants & pots, etc. parking the tractors, etc. (Nursery and/or some other area?)
- Administration Office.
- Headquarters of the security personnel.
- Housing for Aurovilian staff [guardian(s), technicians, etc.] available on call 24 hrs/day.
- Housing for security personnel (paid employees) on call 24 hrs/day.

Roger needs to share the sketches he has already produced and the teams in charge of maintenance and security at Matrimandir need to give their own inputs. However most plans cannot be finalised as long as the outer gardens, lake and bridges aren’t finalised.

Chapter 2: Oval Island (except Matrimandir and its immediate surroundings)

A. Access and Usage

The access to - and usage of -each one of the components of this area needs to be clarified before they can be finalised. Now that Roger has shared what he understood of what Mother wanted, the Access and Usage Study Group needs to finalise its report and present it to the community, which should then adopt a policy and implement it.

B. Twelve gardens.

Contouring: Roger wants it to proceed according to his design. What is the community’s feedback on Roger’s model and Paolo’s drawing? How should we proceed? MDSG hasn’t discussed the matter as yet.

C. Banyan Tree & Garden of Unity.

Roger has written about his “Concerns about excessive human interference in the treatment of aerials roots. The tree seems encouraged to spread towards the structure artificially. Each and every aerial root need not be made to grow rapidly into the earth.”

He has also stated verbally that 1) he finds that the tree has now become too big – out of proportion; and that 2) he is worried that the roots of the tree would damage the masonry of the neighbouring small petals.

As the Garden of Unity is a repetition of the other gardens, it has to be implemented last.

D. Inner Park versus “Garden of Love”

When Roger came back to Auroville in 1987, after a 10-year absence, he was very upset that trees (service trees) had been planted on the oval island, where he wanted no other tree than the Banyan tree.

Years later he accepted to keep some of these service trees and he okayed Walter’s “Garden of Love” (rose garden), which he now seems not to like any more.

Roger now feels that a very large lake is possible (Harald's proposal); but it would leave hardly any place for the Outer Gardens - which he never liked in the first place. He also reckons that many members of our community insist on the park of which Mother had a vision; so he now wants to create some kind of park at the western end of the Oval Island.

The question of the Outer Gardens may need to be solved before this issue can be taken up.

E. Amphitheatre.

• AC and Electrical Rooms (underground)

MDSG finds that, in case of a short-circuit in these rooms, the personnel will have to rush out. The door designed by Roger/Jean is totally unsuitable in this respect; it needs to be re-designed. If Roger would insist on the completion of this door, MDSG would support Vladimir who said he would keep it always open.

- The usage and design of the 2nd underground room needs to be finalised.
- Granite and Plexiglas works. Several details need to be improved with the help of the site architect.

Pathways & Drainage system.

It is assumed here that Roger's pathways are all horizontal and that the main drainage system of the Oval Island will take place under the pathways.

Drainage:

Some drainage pits have already been made in some places. We also assume that nothing of Harald's complex system will need to be installed on the Oval Island as otherwise we won't be able to finalise the design of the paths as long as the lake itself is not finalised.

The drainage technique of the gardens and paths needs to be studied and agreed upon.

Infrastructure (water, electricity & lighting, communication, etc.):

Needs to be finalised before work can proceed.

Paving:

Before any paving can be given the go ahead, the conceptual design of the gardens needs to be finalised and agreed upon and the drainage and infrastructure should be laid first.

MMCG had raised the question of suitability of using (soft) Agra stone for paving.

F. General lighting scheme

Roger writes that "design is being studied".

Chapter 3: Matrimandir's Immediate Surroundings

Large place for storing the shoes:

Until now, Roger hasn't designed such a place for the visitors' shoes saying that there should never be so many people at the same time within the Mandir. Once the community will have taken its decision on access and usage, the desirability of such a space will have to be decided upon, as well as its location

and size.

A. Twelve Small Petals.

Work well underway; but workshops will have to be relocated for this work to be completed.

B. Twelve Big Petals.

• Stone cladding on the outside: Nearing completion on the last 2 petals.

• Outer face of the petals. Petals leak in several places and white salt oozes out of the cement joints. Investigation on the best product available on the market should be made. Tests should be carried out and the suitable product purchased and applied.

• Service rooms and other details. Some details need to be worked out with the help of the site architect.

• 24 entrance doors. Jean P. is said to want to make a second prototype. Should go ahead at the earliest.

• Lighting concept. To be finalised by Roger.

Twelve Meditation Rooms.

MDSG has recommended the resumption of the plastering in one of the rooms as a test case where all questions of ventilation (or AC), acoustics(?), lighting and paint can be studied in detail and solved.

MDSG is of the opinion that doors will have to be installed at the entrance of each one of the 12 rooms to prevent all sorts of animals from entering/staying there. Roger writes "not required". Anyway, these can always be installed at a later stage.

Questions of access and security need to be addressed.

C. Area below Matrimandir.

There are a number of technical questions to be solved such as location of pumps, AC plants for the chambers (?), before completion work can start. MDSG hasn't studied them as yet. Roger has designed a pond with a complex marble pattern. Concerns have been expressed about possible algae formation and noise (running water and pumps) that could be heard in the Chamber. MDSG hasn't seen plans and studies as yet.

D. Twelve Sloped Pathways; two Circular Pathways.

Concerns have been expressed about the suitability of (soft) Agra stone for pathways and safety issues related to the side gutter.

Chapter 4: Matrimandir's Outer Face.

A. Outer Skin.

Waterproofing complete except for some very minor details. Maintenance procedure to be studied.

B. Catwalks (between outer skin and disks).

Under completion.

C. Disks.

Production complete, except for very few special disks. Installation under way.

Maintenance procedure and equipment under study.

D. Area by the 4 entrances. (“golden shields” & very large disks)

“Golden shields”.

MDSG had recommended work to proceed; but as this will be very costly, funding is required before execution can proceed. In the meantime studies should go on.

Very large disks.

Roger says they represent Auroville’s symbols. Actually they are Maroma’s commercial logo (a five-petaled flower based on Auroville’s symbol).

This raises two questions: 1) Should Auroville put its ownership stamp on Matrimandir? and 2) if “Yes” why not use Auroville’s real symbol – rather than Maroma’s commercial logo?

E. Central area below.

- Granite cladding of the entrance staircases in pillars and cleaning of the granite coping of pillars. Both have to wait until work just above it is over.
- Carving of 8 massive starting elements in granite. Massive granite blocks need to be purchased; but has to wait for lack of funds.
- Handrails for the entrance staircase in the 4 pillars. MMCG considered them to be absolutely necessary. Roger always refused, but he now writes: “Hand rail will be considered in future during course of usage if found necessary”. MDSG considers that more than 5 years of usage have already proven that they are absolutely indispensable to help all those (Aurovilians and others) who have difficulties to climb steps.
- Disk fixing will take place after the discs above these will have been fixed.
- Cover of the hole of the central staircase. Roger designed another Mother’s symbol.

To add one more symbol is perhaps not called for. In any case, if ventilation machinery is to be installed within the central staircase, Roger’s design will need to be adapted.

- Hiding the sliding door (when open) and its mechanism.

The present proposal with a mechanism for the four doors placed under the sphere is very inconvenient and will greatly complicate the maintenance chores. There may be an alternative system.

Chapter 5: Matrimandir’s Inner skin

Inside the sphere, Mother wanted to have a special kind of coloured light, which she called “*Grace Light*” (see Mother’s Agenda, 11th July 1970). Its colour is that of the “Auroville” ibiscus. Mother commented to Satprem: “*You know, it’s a light that has several degrees... And there is one (gesture very high) which is a shade of white..., which is of a transparent light. That one is something curious: one drop of that on the hostile forces dissolves them. They melt like that (gesture meaning “in no time at all”). I told that to Sri*

Aurobindo and he confirmed it completely to me...”

MDSG is happy to report to our community that, thanks mainly to Michael Bonke’s efforts and money, a technical solution has at last been found that satisfies everyone.

The solution consists of coloured portholes made of stained “white” glass and of triangles made either of frosted “white” glass - or of stained white “white” glass. “White” glass has to be imported from Germany as the transparent glass that is available in India is slightly greenish and thus does not allow us to create this unique colour. The triangles will be frosted (or stained) and laminated with a very thin plastic film (for structural and safety reasons) at Matrimandir workshop.

A mock-up of what will be realised is presently on display for a few more weeks. All portholes have been covered with coloured plastic sheets and, in one quadrant, all triangles have been covered with tracing paper. On another quadrant a test of the frames is exhibited. These frames are presently made of wood, but the final version will be made of extruded aluminium. A cloth option presented by Joel – at Roger’s request – is also on display; but it is the glass option that has been retained.

tions for lighting are presently being studied.

1. PL lights installed between inner and outer skins.
2. Halogen spotlights (that can be dimmed) installed between outer skin and disks.

There are still a number of technical questions to be solved, but everyone is happy about the solution and thus willing to collaborate. We have come a long way from the orange FRP skin...

If funds come fast, the entire inner skin with lighting system could be completed in some 3 years.

Chapter 6: Matrimandir’s Cooling and Ventilation Systems

After discussing the whole matter with Vladimir, MDSG endorsed fully his recommendations. Unfortunately as the MDSG could never meet Roger, these recommendations could not be finalised with the architect.

This highlights the need for a group of Aurovilian engineers & other technicians to be appointed to review such matters and give their go-ahead.

We will not go into the details of each system here for it would be too long and technical. Several systems were discussed:

A. Improving the air conditioning system of the Inner Chamber.

80% of the air is re-circulated, while 20% is let out in the sphere and replaced by “fresh” air taken from within the sphere. Two possible improvements need to be studied further:

- Sending cold air in the Chamber through a central ring (the central hole being kept for the sunray) rather than through 4 slits as is presently the case.
- Direct some of the air that is let out so that it falls on the ramps and cool people walking on them. When equipped with their glass parapet, the ramps would act as air channels.

B. Creating a new ventilation system for the sphere.

MDSG feels that natural ventilation would bring dust in and would also be insufficient; it thus recommends the installation of a ventilation unit inside the cylinder of the central staircase. This system would perform the following functions:

1. In case of fire: intensive injection of fresh air in the sphere to push smoke out.
 2. At night: complete (and if needed brisk) renewal of all the air within the sphere. This would have the added advantage of bringing down the temperature within sphere

3. During the day: slow (and thus silent) injection of fresh air to keep a positive pressure inside the sphere. The flow rate would be slightly increased during visitor's hour because
 1) the entrance door to the sphere remains open, 2) air consumption increases and 3) a little more noise at this particular time would hardly be heard.

C. Creating a new ventilation system for the inside of the double skin.

Let us all hope that such a system will not be needed; but in case it is required, MDSG and Vladimir have envisaged various options.

Such a system would probably be needed if the lighting system of the inner skin would be located between the two skins and would thus generate excessive heat there. How much exactly? Dr. Chamanlal Gupta (Sri Aurobindo Ashram) is re-activating the computer model he had created some 10 years ago to study the temperature within the sphere in the various options.

D. Creating a new air conditioning system for 1st & 2nd levels.**Upgrading the plant for chilled water production and storage.**

MDSG has studied the two options, which Vladimir worked out. It is still premature to take any decision in this matter.

Chapter 7: Matrimandir's Inner Chamber & Central hole in the roof.**A. Inner Chamber.**• AC Ducts and spot lights.

Piero and Vladimir, together with Michael B. and Eckhart are studying, with Roger's approval, the possibility of closing the 4 holes for the AC inlet in the ceiling and let the cool air enter the Chamber through the central hole (leaving place for a smaller hole for the sunray). Under the same project, they are also studying the possibility of closing the 4 holes in the ceiling for the electrical projectors and install a single arc lamp projector outside acting through the central hole. Sun light and electrical light would thus appear to come from the same place.

Note: In order to carry out these works, the Chamber would have to be closed for some months as it would imply closing 8 existing holes and widening the central hole.

• Marble doors.

Roger writes: "Piero to solve the door movement and handle design." Piero finds that they are anyway too

heavy to be used each time someone comes in.

B. Central Hole in the roof.

The following works need to be taken up:

• Remote controlled louvers for air exhaust of proposed ventilation system.

To be studied by Vladimir with the ventilation/AC system (see Chapter 6, Ventilation)

• Heliostat: installation, completion, testing.

The 1st prototype is still in use; waiting for works to be taken up in this area. A (one mirror) heliostat designed by Piero is up there, waiting to be installed and tested. There has been an idea of buying a German-made heliostat and/or tracker. Piero, Vladimir Michael and Eckhart to follow up the matter.

Construction and installation of the secondary mirror to reflect the sunray, including a convenient capsule of protection, that, according to Roger has to be as low as possible and not visible from the garden.

• Installing a permanent Lightning Rod.

• Installing 2 Nos (permanent) Red light (aircraft regulations)

Chapter 8: Other works inside Matrimandir.**A. Four Main Entrance Doors**

Roger's idea is to have steel doors sliding through 2 steps, parallel to the outer skin, into a box just below the staircase. He wants these doors to be closed, not only at night, but also during the day. He thus wants them to open automatically each time someone nears them. Aesthetically, these doors would form part of the "golden shields".

Very serious concerns have been expressed about these doors because of safety reasons and because they would take so long to open and close that cool air would rush out and dusty /humid air may enter; moreover animals (bats, rats, squirrels, etc.) may take the opportunity to enter... What if the door would close while an elderly person would be climbing the steps? Would the doors open fast enough if a panic would start in Matrimandir? MDSG has no objections about these doors being used at night time, but it feels they should not be used in daytime. It therefore feels that additional pivoting doors (transparent glass?) are required. These can always be added at a later stage.

B. 1st Level

Under completion. The floor will only be polished after an expensive polishing machine can be purchased. Funds are still not there!

The treatment of the circular gap between central staircase and floor depends of the yet un-finalised ventilation system of the sphere.

C. Central StaircaseMarble blocks at the entrance to the central staircase:

Roger sees the ascent to the Chamber as an initiation process, which includes having to pass through a narrow passage before being bathed in "Grace-Light".

MDSG has recommended proceeding with their execution. Objections had been raised – and are still raised – because

of the narrowness (70cm), low height (203cm) and sharp corners of the passage. Roger agreed to round the sharp corners; but very tall people still risk banging their heads and disaster is still possible in case of a stampede at visitors' hour (which could be caused by something as benign as a mild earth tremor).

Small storage spaces below the lower portion of the two central staircases:

There is no other space in the structure where things can be stored/hidden besides the area above the Chamber, which is too far away. This is thus the only place where one can locate such essential things as: electrical switches, fire extinguishers, bucket with mop, first-aid kit, etc. It seems therefore indispensable to provide an access as easy as possible to these two spaces. Roger's present design does not fulfil this requirement.

Hand rail:

Previous design could not be completed because the lighting on it was not finalised.

Roger now writes: "Lighting arrangement behind the handrail has been dropped as it does not flatter the marble surface, and the general light is found sufficient. Also there is lighting provided in the marble block and false ceiling."

D. 2nd Level

Landings of the two ramps.

A solution has at last been found to create a (invisible) water point there – though Roger considered it as not required. Concreting can thus proceed.

Sculptures, water falls, mantras.

Some objections have been raised against such decorations. Roger does not want to hear them...

Glass parapet.

Expensive "white" glass from Germany is still blocked by a strike in the glass factory in Calcutta, where it was to be bent.

E. Two Ramps

Glass parapet and handrail.

Expensive "white" glass from Germany is still blocked by a strike in the glass factory in Calcutta, where it was to be bent.

Elderly people need to be able to grab the handrail to pull themselves up, as the slope is very steep. The present design doesn't fulfil this requirement.

Bottom, sides and top surface:

Technical solution yet to be finalised. Potentially top and bottom can be fire-hazards.

MDSG does not know about the final top treatment (white carpet?)

F. Four Ribs

Incomplete Sri Aurobindo Symbols.

Strong objections are raised about the use of incomplete Sri Aurobindo's symbols. If symbols are to be used, they should be complete; but why use them at all? Obviously Roger likes to use symbols for decoration; but many people feel that sacred symbols – especially incomplete

ones – should never be used as mere objects of decoration.

Fountains.

Objections have been raised because of the distraction they could create and the noise they could make. If indeed a problem, they could always be switched off.

G Landings and Vestibules at the entrance of the Chamber

Marble doors:

Piero to see if mechanism can be improved. Piero to design handles.

Vestibules:

Unless the heavy marble doors can be made easier to operate, other doors seem necessary.

In any case, a second set of doors might be necessary to create a transit space (useful for the AC). Some arrangement should also be made for the guardian who will sit at the entrance.

H. Service areas above the chamber

Some works remains to be done.

Auroville Central Fund May 2002

In this issue of the AVNews, you will find the income and expenditure chart for the May Central Fund Distribution. As already mentioned last month, there were fewer guests this year and recently several regular contributions from commercial units have decreased. In addition, this month the contribution through the Financial Service that represents the interest accrued on pooled deposits from individual Aurovilians, units and projects has also decreased because interest rates have gone down. With this prospect in view, we ask everyone who can help increase the income to the Central Fund to please do so. How can you participate? One way is for all those who will be temporarily going out of Auroville to make sure that their monthly contribution to the CF continues in their absence. Another way is to keep funds not in immediate need in pooled deposits because putting more of our available resources together increases the possibilities of this form of contribution. Other ways include one-time contributions of any amount — large or small. Or, some activities could increase their regular contributions. Fresh sources of income from new initiatives are welcome. What is important is that we give solid support to our collective infrastructure and shared activities. Please contact any of the members of the Economy Group (Judith, Otto, Pala, Rathinam) if you have any questions or suggestions or, e-mail us at Economy.

MATRIMANDIR WORKER TEAM MEETING**16TH MAY 2002**

Present: Amar, Arjun, Charu, Durrai, Gajendran, Jithu, John, Jurgen, Kusemben, Lakshminaran, Manimaran, Rakesh, Selvam, Shankar, Somu, Susan, Walter.

Guest: Alain G.

Chairman : Jurgen

1) **Alain G. presented his proposal to the meeting** which is to “complete the basic infrastructure of the inner gardens before 24 Nov. 2003”. This work would include:

- completion of the leveling of the Gardens
- installation of the water supply and drainage
- installation of the electrical infrastructure
- completion of the cladding of 80% of the pathways

It was Alain's contention that the infrastructure could be made to serve as a base for whatever gardens design might be implemented in the future.

Members of the MM team replied:

- If the gardens design were clear, we would be already going on with this work of the infrastructure
- Is Roger aware of your proposal? (the answer was “no”) –then he should be made aware of it so as not to run into conflict with him again on this issue later. In fact , both Paolo and Roger should give their go ahead for such a development of a “common” infrastructure
- If we do not know the real requirements of water and electricity, then it is not at all practical to put down just some oversized pipes in the hope that they would eventually serve whatever gardens (the requirements of water, pumps and pump control cables are radically different in the two garden designs)

Alain replied that his proposal was an invitation to solve these difficulties, and that perhaps it would be a way forward to solve the issues in the gardens one by one, starting with the aspect of the infrastructure. He proposed to make an assessment of the requirements of the infrastructure work in September. This would include a financial estimate.

The MM team will consider his proposal, and formulate a response at their next meeting.

2) Financial Requests:

- a) for restoration of the orchids section (after the storm) Rs. 10,000.00
- b) for earthing and lighting cables for the petals Rs. 13,500.00

3) **A letter from the IDC** was received objecting to the fencing started on the information/kindergarten side of the Matrimandir area. A response will be formulated for our next meeting.

IDC Meeting Report 10.05.02

Present: Joseba, Jill, Dharmesh, Eugen (consultant), Stuart
Secretary: Sonja
Absent: Jacques T.O.S. Arovici, Peter A.

Sve Dam

The IDC approached the FAMC to write a stronger letter to Sve Dam community clearly stating the time frame for dismantling illegal structures and the effect on the Newcomer period for Bruno and Estelle

Vikas

Recommendations from the FAMC regarding the waste water situation in Vikas were discussed. The IDC and Housing Service have been asked to contribute to the upgrading of the waste water treatment plant: 25 000 Rs from our 2003 – 2004 budget. This has been approved.

Auroshilpam Zone Group

The Industrial Zone Group has again asked to change their name to the Auroshilpam Zone Group.

The IZG members stated that Mother has given this Sanskrit name to the sector of industry. The IDC has sent a letter to the Industrial Zone Group, asking them not to change their name, as the Industrial Zone is mentioned continuously on all our official documents, maps, brochures, etc. and this would lead to quite a confusion. However, we do ask that the Industrial Zone Group send a representative to the IDC, since no one is attending meetings since Inge left.

IDC Meeting Report 17.05.02

Present: Joseba, Stuart, Eugen (consultant), Jill, Dharmesh
Secretary: Sonja
Absent: Jacques TOS: Arovici, Peter A.

Electrical Feeder

We received a letter from Ponnusamy about a project proposal for a new (Auroville) electrical feeder which would cost approximately 34 lakhs. This is quite a big amount, but if we had our own feeder it would avoid a lot of headaches, because the power supply will be constant - 24 hours - instead of some hours a day. Information about this proposal has already been published in the News.

Drinking Water

A letter will be published to the community in the News regarding our drinking water. We support plans to test the water in public places in order to avoid health problems in the future. We need to have a hard look at our drinking water and to study the situation of all our bore wells to make sure about the quality of the water. We recommend that the nominal costs of the testing by the lab should be taken up by the Aurovilians themselves.

For information of all the community members**Regarding Brihaspati:**

Recently there has been a lot of discussion going on in the community regarding the land allocation and stewardship of Brihaspati, near Edayanchavadi. There are some facts listed below we would like the community to take note of:

- The land and assets at Brihaspati have not been allotted for stewardship to any group or individual Aurovilian as yet. The matter is still under discussion with various groups concerned, mainly the Interim Development Council and the FAMC. This is in consultation with the farm group and the housing group also.
- The IDC has already made its preferred recommendations to the subgroup of FAMC, after having followed the usual process keeping in mind the land use pattern and the Master Plan. We have consulted various agencies and groups within Auroville regarding the use of the Farm land in the mentioned place and taken all that into consideration.
- The FAMC has heard all the interested parties and is still discussing what is the best use of the land and the assets there on the place. Both the parties interested have confirmed in the FAMC meeting that they will abide by the decision made at the FAMC, whatever happens, keeping in mind the overall good for the community as a whole.
- The FAMC has also reconfirmed that no party has been allotted the land and the assets as yet, not even for taking care temporarily. If anyone is spending time there, (besides the time needed to water some plants), it is purely due to their own interest. In fact, the FAMC has already informed the group of Aurovilians who seem to have started living on the place without any authorisation, to vacate immediately. This has to be respected before any further consultations can be carried on. Also the FAMC has mentioned that any act against the recommendation of FAMC would not be looked upon favourably in case of future decision making.
- What is also important to be mentioned here is that the Farm land in Brihaspati is only a part of the actual land under discussion. To be precise, hardly 4 acres (plus appx. 2 acres of cow grass) out of total land asset of 38 acres. This is less than 15% of the total land. Thus there are other land issues to be looked into and not just the farm project part at Brihaspati.
- The IDC feels very clearly that the atmosphere which is prevailing now is not conducive

to a proper decision making process. Hence we recommend that before a final decision is made, a proper atmosphere of confidence is created and issues are not mixed up. We are sincerely looking into the long term issues which are very important for the growth of Auroville as a whole and not just the interest of one party or the other. It is in the purview and the mandate of the IDC to implement the Master Plan and to recommend land use according to the general land use patterns, befitting the projects, as and when the need arises. And ideally, every time land is allocated for some project, the project holders have gone through a review process which indicates appropriate land use, financial plan to support the project (so that Auroville doesn't bear the burden later on), practical experience of those concerned, so that we make the best use of our land and our human resources, for the benefit of Auroville as a whole.

The Interim Development Council

Follow up of the Solar Kitchen – Meeting Report concerning the well water (AVNews 939)

We are happy to announce that the outcome of the well water tests (Igor made 2 tests) was good. That means the quality of the well water of Solar Kitchen, Kindergarten and Deepanam is perfect. Therefore we recommend to contact Igor at Aurobrindavan Laboratory or Jean Francois at Aquadyn if you have any questions or doubts concerning your well water or your drinking water.

Angelika and Isha

OOPS!

Faux Pas in triplicate! Auroculture and her team members Anna and Namo were indeed missed out in our listing of all those working at Matrimandir. Sorry for the oversight. Their silent work in the rose garden could well be an inspiration for those of us who spend our time writing reports for the News!

John.

P.S. We also missed out Denis (gilding) , Gudula (marble) and several people who come regularly for the cleaning of the Chamber after 8.00 pm !

CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM**2 FRENCH "DETECTIVE FILMS"**

FRIDAY 7 & SUNDAY 9

FRIDAY 7 JUNE - 7.30 PM

(Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

"L 627"

Directed by Bertrand TAVERNIER - France, 1992

With: Didier Bezace, Charlotte Kadi, Jean-Roger Mio, Jean-Paul Comart, Niels Tavernier

Synopsis: In France, the L 627 is an article of the public health Code that deals with the infractions related to drugs. Through fiction, the film is a lively and true to life chronicle denouncing the insufficient means the police gets to efficiently implement this article.

Original French version, with English subtitles - Duration: 2h25' - 35mm film - Colour

SUNDAY 9 JUNE - 7.30 PM

(Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

2nd OF THE FRENCH "DETECTIVE FILMS"**"VIVEMENT DIMANCHE !"**

("CONFIDENTIALLY YOURS")

Directed by François TRUFFAUT - France, 1982

With: Fanny Ardant, Jean-Louis Trintignant, Philippe Laudenbach, Caroline Sihol, Jean-Pierre Kalfon

Setting: For his twenty first and last film, François Truffaut choose to shoot in black and white for an homage to the films noirs which he grew up with.

Original French version, with English subtitles - Duration: 1h38' - B & W - 35mm film

JUIN - VIDEO IN FRENCH**20 h 00 au « Visitor's Center »****JEUDI 6****20H00 – LE DINER DE CONS.** Une comédie de Francis Veber (1998) d'après sa propre pièce, avec Jacques Villeret, Thierry Lhermitte et Daniel Prévost. Durée 1 h 30.**JEUDI 13****20H00 – LES PLEINS POUVOIRS.** Un "polar" américain de Clint Eastwood (1997) avec Clint Eastwood et Gene Hackman. **En VF.** Durée 2 heures.**JEUDI 20****20H00 – LE SECRET DE LA PYRAMIDE.** Une comédie policière de Barry Levinson (1985). Avec Nicolas Roze et Alax Cox. **En VF.** Durée 1 h 30.**JEUDI 27****20h00 – LE FABULEUX DESTIN D 'AMELIE POULAIN.** Une comédie française de Jean-Pierre Jeunet (2001). Avec Audrey Tautou, Mathieu Kassovitz, Rufus, Yolande Moreau. Durée 2 heures.**German Video @ Visitor Centre**

Mittwoch 05.06.02 20:00

Der letzte Kaiser

Darsteller: John Lone (Pu Yi), Joan Chen (Wan Jung), Peter O'Toole (Reginald Johnston), Maggie Han (Juwel des Ostens)

Regie: Bernardo Bertolucci

Musik: Ryuichi Sakamoto

Italien, USA 1987 - 156min.

Pu Yi, der letzte Kaiser von China, kam im Jahre 1908 auf den imperialen Thron. Im Alter von drei Jahren war er der Sohn des Himmels, der Herr von 10.000 Jahren.

Mit sechs Jahren war er bereits gezwungen abzudanken. 1924 warf man ihn mit seinen beiden Frauen aus der verbotenen Stadt hinaus - und hinein in das Leben eines westlichen Playboys. 1931 nahm er die verführerische Einladung der Japaner an, den Thron erneut zu besteigen und wurde ganz schnell zu einem Marionettenkaiser in dem von Japanern kontrollierten Staat Manchukuo. 1945 wurde er von den Russen gefangen und fünf Jahre später an China ausgeliefert, wo ihn ein Todesurteil von den Kommunisten erwartete. Doch er verbrachte zehn Jahre im Gefängnis - in der Hand eines aufgeklärten Gefängnis- Gouverneurs - und verließ seine Zelle als veränderter und geläuterter Mann. Er kehrte zu Beginn der Kulturrevolution

nach Peking zurück und wurde ein Gärtner, freier als er es jemals zuvor in seinem Leben war.

Er starb 1967 ...

1987 erhielt der Film 9 Oskars.

Video In English at Visitor's CentreSaturday 01 - 06-2002 **7pm**

1. Movie continuation of (Part 1)

"Lord of the Rings"2. Movie **"The Godfather"** (part 3)

with Al Pacino/ Diane Keaton/ Andy Garcia

Dir. Francis Ford Coppola 1990/ 2h 30'

Dear all,

In the second half of June, Dr. Kanchana Natarajan, Professor of Philosophy at Delhi University, will be here to do some work with the Language Lab. Since she is such an amazing storehouse of information, a Sanskrit and Tamil scholar, and a wonderful teacher, and since Philosophy is her passion and calling, we've asked her to do a special **Summer Course in Indian Philosophy**. She will be staying at Athithi Griha and people are most welcome to meet her, but the course itself, open to all, will take the form of 7 sessions, on alternate days, for about 1-1.5 hours each (including discussion time) on the following topics :

The Upanishads, Early Buddhism & Later Buddhism, Materialism of the Charvakas, Nyaya, Samkhya and Advaita Vedanta, ending with a discussion of Sri Aurobindo (on the Veda). The sessions will be on 17th June (Mon), 19th (Wed), 21st (Fri), 22nd (Sat), 24th (Mon), 26th (Wed) and 28th (Fri).

The venue will be either Athithi Griha or CIC (probably Athithi Griha).

The sessions are open to all people of all knowledge levels. She welcomes and especially invites questions and discussion.

Every year, she teaches a course in Indian Philosophy at a famous ashram in Rishikesh, which is part of a summer session attended by various IAS officers, scientists etc; this course will be similar but more on the lines of an Introduction to Indian Philosophy, catering to the mixed levels which exist in Auroville.

All interested please let us know so we have an idea of the number of people and your level of information on the subject; and please let us know as well what time would be best for these sessions.

Tapas and Mita, Centre Field : 622575/623661.

PS : She has also transcribed original ancient Tamil palm-leaf manuscripts on Siddha medicine and done research on Tamil women-centred folk tales, so we could ask her to give a talk on that as well on another day.

[Auroville Language Laboratory](#)

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NEWS FROM QUIET

Quiet officially reopens from June 3rd. However, as a number of therapists are not yet returned from their vacations and certain facilities (e.g. our Watsu pool) are still under repair, not all therapies will be available immediately. We will be back up to speed as soon as possible.

Please phone the office to check what services are available and to schedule appointments. One of our telephone lines (622 329) is presently out of order and, as is the way with such things, one can't really say when service will be restored. If you are unable to get through on that line, try 622 646.

The Quiet Team

An alle Deutschen in Auroville

Am 22.09.02 finden die allgemeinen Wahlen zum 15. Bundestag statt. Im Ausland lebende deutsche Staatsangehörige können unter bestimmten Voraussetzungen an der Wahl teilnehmen. Dazu hat der Bundeswahlleiter ein Merkblatt herausgegeben, dass an folgenden Stellen ausliegt: Solarkitchen, AV Library, New Creation Corner, Financial Service, AV Bakery. Noch Fragen, oder möchte jemand seine eigene Kopie haben?
dotty@auroville.org.in

Love, Dotty

Enhanced PCO Services

We are happy to announce that as of now, our **Public Call Office** at the **NCC** will offer 2 outgoing lines that can be used simultaneously. Especially since the introduction of the **Conference** facility, people were confronted with the PCO line being busy quite frequently and had to wait. We expect this situation to occur only very rarely, from now on. To place your conference call, dial **622509**.

Telephone Service

Responsible housesitter needed for the month of July.

Contact Kathryn at 622-985.

Apartment for exchange

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

Connections

Can you find the activity that will give you what you want out of life?

□ Have fun cooking your most Delicious dishes

The Oasis Juice Bar will cook Tuesday and Thursday night special 4- course dinners.

Do you like to cook, once, for a group of 20, your favourite dishes then please get in touch with Julietta (622246) or the Oasis Juice Bar (623045) and join this creative adventure.

□ Solar Kitchen Technician (Urgent)

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

Please contact: Angelika, Valery and Gilles G. at Solar Kitchen Ph: 62-2197 or

mail to: olarkitchen@auroville.org.in

□ A Maths and Physics teacher

The Last School needs a teacher of Maths and Physics. Besides knowledge of the subject, someone who has an affinity for youth 13 to 20 will make the job fun for both teacher and learner. The timings are flexible. Please discuss details with Jean, Deepti or Jean-Yves at 622195, or email

lastschool@auroville.org.in

□ 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. At this moment we are already working with a few young people who like to go, if you are interested in such a commitment, please contact Jaya. (622074; nicojaya@auroville.org.in)

□ The Earthy needs of the Auroville Building Centre

Assistant for training courses and research: The work will include preparation of the training courses, assistance to conduct them and after some time conducting classes, as well as taking care of conducting and organising research on earth techniques. For more information please contact Satprem Maïni

or Ayyappan at CSR:

Phone 623 064 / 623 330;

Email: avbc-earthunit@auroville.org.in

Connections will be open in June: on Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 9.00am till 12.00 am and on appointment.

The Connections team

Paulien, Don and Jaya

SAWCHU Building,

Tel.: 623440, email: connections@auroville.org.in

Dear brothers and sisters,
your contributions are welcome to receive Savitri on Thursdays at 6 p.m. with flowers....
and to upgrade the facilities at the Amphitheater with a screen to be able to present audiovisual material.
Thanks so much account 0360 Amphitheater.
Soham and Sigrid

Dear Aurovilians,

The AV Pre-Creche needs broken tiles (coloured or white) to cover the pool.

Please contact Marie Angela (623 072) or Usha (622 890)

**Thanking you in Advance,
The Pre-Creche Team.**

Tai Ji Quan Classes for beginners will start on Monday June 6 at 6.30 am.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Tadvanam Hall, Evergreen Community.

All are Welcome!

Hans.

Pitanga Homeopathic Service

Dear Friends,

Our service will be closed in June.

For emergencies, call Marika's House - 622 281 between 8 and 9 Morning or Evening.

See You on Monday 1st July.

Love

Marika and Sumita

LIVRE A RENDRE, MERCI !

J'ai prêté une photocopie de "L'Orpailleur" par Satprem très vraisemblablement à un ami cher, car j'y tiens beaucoup. Le-dit ami(e) a oublié de me la rendre. Je serais très heureux de la récupérer rapidement. Merci d'avance O Ami Inconnu de te manifester! -Cristo- (Revelation)

THURSDAY 6.6. AT MATRIMANDIR
AMPHITHEATER 6 P.M.

SUNIL'S SAVITRI MUSIC

BOOK VII THE BOOK OF YOGA
CANTO 1 the joy of union; the ordeal of the
foreknowledge of death and the Hearts grief

CANTO 2 The parable of the Search for the
soul.

"A fusing of the joys of Earth and Heaven,
a tremulous blaze of nuptial rapture passed,
A rushing of two spirits to be one,
A burning of two bodies in one flame.
Opened were gates of unfrogetable bliss:
And Fate and Grief fled from that fiery hour.
Arise , o Soul, and vanquish Time and Death. "

All Aurovilans still alive are invited to share the
bliss to be one in spirit with the universe while
listening Sunil's Savitri music. Mother, of course,
will be among us.

Is Time on your side? (or Newsweek)

Could anyone — or even better, two ones — bring
their copy of Time or Newsweek
to the Auroville Library after they are done with it
and it's lying by the side (of the bed,
the kitchen counter, the coffee table, wherever...)?
Only for the summer, the regular contributor being
out of station during this Time
of the year.

Thank you in anticipation from all the regular perus-
ers (you've guessed it, I'm one of them ;-)

With Timeless love,
Adhara

Dear friends,

We wish to inform to the community that from 1st
June 2002, Auroville transport service,new creation
will bare the cost of parking at the Airport and East
Coast Road tax.If possible, Please pay your bills
through financial service only.

Any suggestions or comments please call us at
622183/622400.

Thank you for your continuous support.

AVTS,new creation

Dear Aurovilians & Friends,

Aurosoya will open again from Saturday 1st of June
onwards.

Some more Tofu, Tempeh, Cookies & Okaramuseli
will be available very soon.

People having a regular Soymilk order are kindly
requested to reconfirm it.

Please contact me BY PHONE.

Best time: from 6 pm to 9 pm.

Thanks

Frederic for Aurosoya.

I am looking for **reliable house sitter** for my house
(opp. Utility). Since the house is a bit isolated, I would
appreciate someone who is not too often absent and
preferably non-smoking. Time: from mid June till
November. Please contact me by e-mail:
<ingrid@auroville.org.in> or by phone 622 628.

Thank you, Ingrid

We are two girls working in Bharat Nivas currently
house-sitting in Auromodele. We are looking for a
place to stay in Auroville from July first week for about
six months more or less.

You can contact us at 622170 / 622317 from 9.30 am
to 5.00 pm on all weekdays.

supriya and arul

Hello everyone,

Auriginal is open and we are transmitting all the
football matches live at the Pizzeria. We are open
from 11am to 11pm. Everydays matches will be put up
on our Noticeboard. You are not obligated to con-
sume, just come and watch your team playing and
have a wonderfull time. For the delivery service you
can call 622539.

WE WILL BE OPEND ON MONDAYS ALSO
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD CUP SEASON.

SATURDAY`S MATCHES(1st June):

Ireland:Cameroon @12pm

Uruguay:Denmark @2:30pm

Germany:S.Arabia @5pm

SUNDAY`S MATCHES

(2ndJune):Argentina:Nigeria @ 11am

Paraguay:S.Africa @ 1pm

Engalnd:Sweden @ 3pm

Spain:Slovenia @ 5pm

SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!!!!! The Auriginal team

Renovation work at Mahakaleswara Temple – Irumbai – Auroville region

After a long waiting, the people of Irumbai has got consent from the Hindu Religious and charitable Endowment Administration Department, Government of Tamilnadu to renovate the Shiva temple.

A sum of Rupees 4,30,000/- (Four lakhs and thirty thousand only) has been sanctioned for the renovation work of this ancient Shiva temple.

It is very clear that the amount sanctioned is very meager and just enough to carry on some minor masonry work only.

A team of experts lead by a great temple builder Shri Ganapathy Sthapathi had estimated already about 35 – 40 lakhs to renovate in a special way to suit to the centuries old temple complex keeping its charm of the traditional style.

Recently a request has been made to Auroville by the Irumbai temple renovation committee, appointed by the government and approved by the local people, to contribute liberally for this Himalayan task. Some of us have been approached individually to participate in their work.

It will be good if we all work together through one channel in unison. If you want to donate cash, please put it in Irumbai Temple Pour Tous A/C No. 0671.

The temple needs a Nandavanam sacred garden too. It will be good if we work together to represent our goodwill in a concerted way.

For further details Please contact :

Raman : Tel. No.: 622 763

Meenakshi : Tel. No.: 622 770

Printer for Sale:

Model Epson Stylus color 460.

Contact: Samya 622 913 -

vicotria@auroville.org.in

Why not to dance in summer....

**Come to our
DANCE WORKSHOP
from June 10 th onwards
at Pitanga**

We are happy to welcome **Marsha Tardy**, a graduate student in dance at the University of Colorado in Boulder. She would love to offer her skills as a dance teacher while she is visiting Auroville. She has been teaching

**Dance Improvisation,
Contact Improvisation
Contemporary Modern Dance**

to all levels and age groups.

If your heart leaps forward, please give your name to Kumar or Jayagandhi at the entrance desk.

Most probably the workshop(s) is/are happening in the week from 10 to 16/06/02. But as Marsha is arriving on 07/06/02 we thought to discuss further details and schedules with those who are interested to participate.

Pitanga Ph. 622 561, mail: pitanga@auroville.org.in

Jungle Law

“Good hunting all that keep the jungle law” (Rudyard Kipling, 1865-1936, “Night – song in the jungle”).

One nice jackal kindly agreed to give me an audience near Aranya. I asked it: “Mr. Jackal, what is your name from your parents?” – “My dear mother and father named me Darling Little One. But kipling in his wrong book about Mowgli gave me the name Tabaqui, the dish-licker. And he won a Nobel Prize for this lie! Where is Shere Khan, the big one, a tiger? In the Red Book but I live comfortably in the green jungle and care about jungle law!”

Saravanan, a coordinator in Aranya, identified for me the seeds in the jackal excreta. The darling little one eats the fruits of the phoenix palm and distributes this plant. In Greek, the phoenix means an immortal bird. And phoenix palm is immortal because Darling Little One helps it. People prefer the fruits of the date palm, which also belong to the phoenix genre. The jungle law dictates a close cooperation between the members of the jungle ecosystem.

Boris

NO MORE PESTICIDES

1. Here is some very precious feedback from around ten village cashew farmers on LIMONOOL – the neem oil that was sold at the NEEM SPRAY TRIAL AREA:

- LIMONOOL was more effective against insects than endosulfan,
- It mixed well with water, whereas crude neem oil does not mix well with water,
- The neem spraying work was comfortable, whereas chemical spraying led to burning eyes, nose, skin, everything.

We will make LIMONOOL available again next year also. Meanwhile, we continue our study on "Integrated Pest Management" and our "No More Pesticides" campaign.

2. The treatment of cashew trees against "root borer" beetles can be done at any time of the year. One preventive measure is to spray the trunk from the ground up to 1 metre high with neem oil solution (2.5 ml to 1 litre of water), once every three months. In the case of trees already attacked, the root borer larvae have to be first hand-removed and the wound on the tree plastered with mud soaked in neem oil solution.

We are willing to come on the site to advise and help out on the spot. Some litres of LIMONOOL are still available with us.

3. We want to express our appreciation of Stephane, 24, French and Philippe, 18, German, both of whom came to Auroville as students and joined the "No More Pesticides" team. Their contribution to the work is extremely valuable (even fundamental) and they gave it all FOR FREE. Stephane being unable to afford the guest accommodation plus central fund contribution found lodging in Periyamudaliarchavadi, and from there came daily to work. Philippe found accommodation in Auroville, but of which none of you will be jealous. He pays, nonetheless, his central fund contribution. Both young men radiated good will, courage, steadfastness and we were very lucky to have them. Thank you, Stephane. Thank you, Philippe. (This is to underline what Shivaya – Entry Group wrote in last week's News about young people wanting to come to Auroville.)

Rita and Njal

Activities and Services at Pitanga for the month of June 02

Hatha Yoga with Dodo

MO, THUR 04.00 - 5.30 pm

from Mo, 17/6 classes with Sophie will resume

MO, WED 04.00 - 05.30 pm

Hatha Yoga for pregnant women with Appie/Sophie

TUE, FRI 10.00 - 11.30 am

Balkan Dance with Loretta

TUE 06.00 - 07.30 pm

SAT 10.30 - 12.00

Relaxation Massages with Galyna & Thuriya.

Please contact them for appointments.

Facial Massage and Color/Light Therapy

Svetlana continues her new service at Pitanga. Please get your appointment at Pitanga desk.

Homoeopathic Service and Music Library are closed in June. Both services resume in July.

Video Library

MO, WED, FRI, SAT 09.00 - 12.30

TUE, THUR, SAT 02.00 - 05.00 pm

What's new?

Dance Workshop in dance improvisation, contact improvisation and contemporary modern dance with Marsh Tardy, from the University of Colorado. For details please see elsewhere in the News.

Pitanga Ph. 622 561, Mo - Sat 8 am - 5.30 pm

Write to us on mail if you wish to receive our schedule and information about activities: pitanga@auroville.org.in

Hatha Yoga and gymnastic exercises for correcting body posture for children and youth at Pitanga

For children and youth who want to stay active in summer we want to offer some exercises with Galyna at Pitanga for June. If enough children are interested we can work in 3 groups with different ages.

Please give your name to Kumar or Jayagandhi at Pitanga entrance desk (622 561). We are open to find suitable timings with you.

Love,

Pitanga Team

Dear Friends,

The Tibetan Doctor will be giving the consultation on the 15th of June Saturday at Tibetan Pavilion. For appointments, please call Kalsang @ 623 338

Thank You,

Tibetan Pavilion Team

Dear Friends,

We are restarting to show movie documentaries about Tibet every Tuesday at 7.30pm at the Tibetan Pavilion. Every one are warmly welcomed by the Pavilion Team.

As the World Cup is coming up very shortly, we are going to start the first movie on the 5th of June 2002 at 7.30pm.

“THE CUP” - fantastic movie
(Subtitles in English)

Dir. Khyentse Norbu La

Cast: Orgyen Tobgyal, Neten Chokling

In India in a monastery of exiled Tibetan monks, a small group of the younger monks search for a TV set to lend so that they would watch the World cup soccer finals. At the same time you can learn a little of monastery life.

Have Fun,
Tibetan Pavilion Team

News From Electrical Service

Dear Fellow Aurovilians,

I am enclosing a copy of a representation requesting the Chairman, TNEB, Chennai and in response the letter of The Member (distribution), to give a separate electricity feeder line for the exclusive use of Auroville, avoiding other rural sectors other than Quilapalayam, for the following reasons;

1. Auroville, as an International “Township” for an eventual population of 50,000 people, should not continue to fall under the normal rural feeder scheme, and urgently needs its own feeder.
2. There is a contemplation from the TNEB side to terminate the present feeder named as “Kottakuppam Feeder” coming from Kalapet SS, a Pondicherry Government Sub-Station, which is leased to TNEB to supply power to Auroville, Quilapalayam, Chinnamudaliarchavadi, Kottakuppam, etc. This would be very serious for Auroville, as it would remove 3-phase continuous power supply for the entire township area. Without our own feeder we could be seriously handicapped by such a scheme.
3. TNEB is building a new SS at Nallathur to feed power for other TNEB Sub-Stations, which can provide for Kottakuppam (but not Auroville).
4. Irumbai SS is the only Sub-Station of TNEB very near to Auroville and it is having four rural feeders with 3-phase shift supply. Auroville being very near to it, there are plenty of chances in the event of terminating Kottakuppam feeder that Auroville would be connected to it, unless we get our own feeder.

5. If connected to Irumbai as it is, Auroville also will fall under “Rural” category, therefore foregoing the present benefit of 3-phase continuous supply, which would be very serious for us.

6. Therefore on January 04, 2002 we presented the case for a separate feeder for Auroville.

7. In response TNEB has agreed in principle to give a 3-phase continuous supply on a separate feeder avoiding the other rural transformers, provided the Rs.34 lakhs cost of the feeder is met by Auroville.

8. The advantages of having our own separate feeder are

a) The shorter the length of the feeder and L.T. lines the fewer will be the number of faults and breakdowns.

b) Being a separate feeder, Auroville can take full responsibility for the maintenance, thereby keeping breakdowns and interruptions to a minimum.

c) Being separate with village transformers, there would be no interference from village side.

d) Every breakdown will be attended to by AVES itself, instead of having to request and approach the section offices at Kottakuppam and Thiruchitrambalam. Hence the breakdown time will be minimised.

It is with all this in mind that we have requested the Chairman, TNEB, for the separate feeder for Auroville, which he has agreed to in principle. However, we now have to come up with the necessary fund Rs.34 lakhs (an interesting coincidence after 34 years of Auroville’s existence!). For this we feel it is imperative to inform the whole community about the wonderful opportunity this represents for us - to have our own feeder, which we can maintain ourselves, thereby virtually guaranteeing continuous electricity supply with only minimal occasional down time in main 110 kv supply.

We request you to now make this opportunity known to the community, and to help in raising the necessary funds, meanwhile noting that once we have our own feeder there will then be virtually cut down the expenditure on gen-sets and diesel power generators.

A combination of funding from all the current commercial units, together with contributions from outside donors such as AVI Centres and individual Aurovilians, should make this easily possible.

With kind regards,
Ponnusamy.
AV Electrical Service

AUROVILLE HOUSING SERVICE

We are open for you on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays in the mornings between 9 and 12.
Please note that the housing service will be closed on Thursday mornings (until the 18.7.2002.).
You are invited to visit us on these days with any Questions, requests and/or suggestions,

looking forward to your visit,
Auradha

REVE II - Project

In Courage community by the Reve project 2 (white buildings south of Solar kitchen) you can buy the following flats (about 85 m²).

Block 14	Ground floor (east)	Rs. 390,000.00
	First Floor (east)	360,000.00
Block 15	Ground floor (west)	401,000.00
	First Floor (west)	360,000.00
Block 16	Ground floor (east)	390,000.00

The plans can be seen at architect Domnic's Office
Brand New Day (opp. Pizzeria) Tel: 622 023.

For Further information, Contact,
Auroville housing Group- 622 658.

INAUGURATION OF SRI ANNAI CRECHE

Vous êtes fraternellement invités à venir soutenir le magnifique projet de Mangai enseignante Tamoul à Isai Ambalam School, en venant assister à l'inauguration de sa "Sri Annai Crèche" à Nellikuppam, le 6 juin 2002 à partir de 9h 00 et toute la matinée du jeudi, en présence d'un représentant du Consulat de France. La crèche se trouve sur un chemin débouchant sur le côté gauche de la route de Cuddalore à Panruti à un km après le bourg de Nellikuppam, sur le même chemin que l'école "Balavigar School". Il sera signalé par une guirlande multicolore sur le bas-côté.
Michel Gignoux et "La Maison de Sagesse" pour les 49 enfants de France qui ont permis de réaliser le rêve

de Mangai.

Industrial Zone Group to Auroshilpam Zone Group

Since some time now we have an ongoing discussion with the IDC about our wish to change the name of the Industrial Zone to Auroshilpam Zone. This idea came as a result of the survey conducted by us several months ago (may - july 2001) with the residents and unit holders of this area.

In a quotation from the mother as recorded by Shyam Sunder in his book Down Memory Lane, pg. 149, states :

Mother made a card for "Auroshilpam", the sanskrit name for Auroindustries, the industrial sector of Auroville. - 4 April 1972

A copy of this card is displayed at CSR.

Shilpam in sanskrit means skills or crafts, which we feel expresses well the essence of what we are trying to achieve here, instead of the connotations which the word "Industrial" carries with it in general. Apparently this is the ONLY sector to which She gave a specific name.

This idea came as a result of the survey conducted by us several months ago (may - july 2001) with the residents and unit holders of this area.

As the proposed master plan is still under review and NOT binding...we see no problem and contradiction to change it according to Her wish in the detailed master plan.

This will also solve the confusions with the International Zone Group (IZG) and the Industrial Zone Group (IZG). Therefore we will also change our e-mail address from izeg@ to azg@.

We meet regularly every thursday, 2.30 pm. We will be on a summer break for the month of June.

Love,
Alok, Inge, Mona, Nevi
The AZG members

Rays of Light

It is no use excusing yourself; you must have the will never to fall back into the faults you have committed.

The Mother.