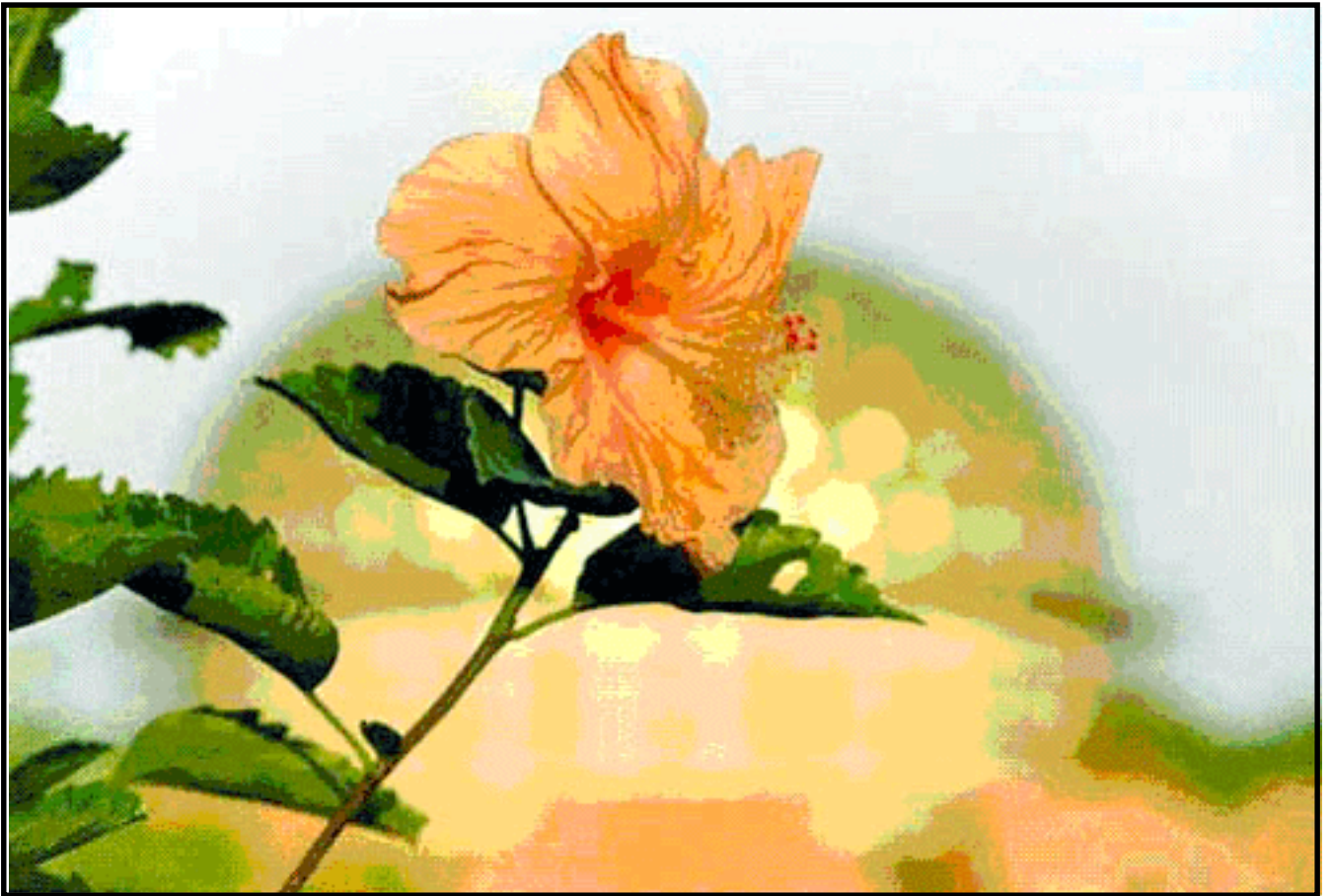


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MATRIMANDIR – THE TEMPLE OF THE MOTHER

*The Mother is the Consciousness and Force of the Divine – or, it may be said,
She is the Divine in its Consciousness-Force.*

Sri Aurobindo

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Ce matin, quand je 'marchais', le programme de la journée et du travail était si formidable que j'avais l'impression que c'était impossible. Et en même temps, il y avait en moi cette... POSITION intérieure, qui est comme cela, immobile, et dès que je m'arrête dans mon mouvement de formation et d'action, c'est comme une danse de joie : toutes les cellules qui vibrent (ça fait comme une musique extraordinaire et des mouvements), et ce sont toutes les cellules qui vibrent de joie de Présence – de Présence divine. Mais quand il y a le dehors qui vient et qui attaque et que je regarde, alors cette joie ne disparaît pas mais elle se recule. Et le résultat est que j'ai tout le temps envie de m'asseoir et de rester tranquille – quand je suis comme cela, tout est merveilleux. Mais naturellement il y a toutes les suggestions du dehors qui viennent : des suggestions d'impuissance de vieil âge, d'usure, de diminution de pouvoir, tout cela – et je sais pertinemment que c'est faux. Mais le calme du corps est indispensable. Eh bien, la réponse de Sri Aurobindo est toujours la même, pour moi aussi : Be simple, be simple, very simple.

Et je sais ce qu'il veut dire : ne pas laisser entrer cette pensée qui régleme, organise, ordonne, juge, tout cela – il ne veut pas de cela. Ce qu'il appelle simple, c'est une spontanéité joyeuse : dans l'action, dans l'expression, dans le mouvement, dans la vie – be simple, be simple, be simple. Une spontanéité joyeuse. N'est-ce pas, retrouver dans l'évolution cette espèce de condition qu'il appelait divine, et qui était une condition spontanée et heureuse. Ce qu'il veut, c'est qu'on retrouve cela. Et depuis des jours il est là à me dire (et pour ton travail c'est la même chose) : Be simple, be simple, be simple. Et dans sa simplicité, il y avait une joie lumineuse.

Une spontanéité joyeuse.

C'est ce mental organisateur qui est terrible ! Il est terrible. Il nous a tellement convaincus que sans lui nous ne pouvons rien faire qu'il est très difficile de lui résister. – Convaincu ? il a convaincu toute l'humanité ! Toute l'humanité soi-disant d'élite, il l'a convaincu que sans cette puissance mentale organisatrice on ne peut rien faire de bon. Ce que Sri Aurobindo veut, c'est que l'on soit avec la même joie simple d'une rose qui s'épanouit : Be simple, be simple, be simple. Et quand je l'entends, ou que je le vois, c'est comme un ruissellement de lumière dorée, comme un jardin qui sent bon – tout-tout-tout est ouvert. Be simple. Voilà, mon petit.

Et ça, je l'ai vu pour toi depuis deux ou trois jours, constamment. Et alors ce matin, c'était pour moi, parce que l'accumulation de travail est devenue tellement formidable qu'il me faudrait dix fois plus de temps que je n'en ai pour, simplement, mettre les choses à jour. Alors j'étais là, un peu coincée comme ça, parce qu'il y avait une force qui voulait que je m'arrête même dans ma marche, pour que je me DÉTENDE, et je résistais avec toute ma volonté. Et puis je me suis aperçue que j'étais en train de faire une bêtise. C'était la même chose, il a dit la même chose. Et je me suis détendue – tout a été très bien tout de suite.

Au fond, on vit trop tendu. Ce n'est pas vrai ?...

Voilà mon petit, mon message de cette semaine.

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

This morning when I was 'walking,' the program of the day and the work ahead of me was so formidable that I felt it to be impossible. And yet simultaneously there was this ... immobile inner POSITION in me; as soon as I stop my movement of formation and action, it becomes like a dance of joy: all the cells vibrating (there is a sort of vivacity, and an extraordinary music), all the cells vibrant with the joy of the Presence - the divine Presence. But when I see the outside world entering and attacking, well ... this joy doesn't exactly disappear, but it retreats. And the result is that I always feel like sitting down and keeping still - when I can do that it is marvelous. But of course, all the suggestions from outside come in: suggestions of helplessness and old age, of wear and tear, of diminishing power, all that - and I know positively that it's false. But calm in the body is indispensable. Well, for me also Sri Aurobindo's answer is always the same: *Be simple, be simple, very simple.*

And I know what he means: to deny entry to regimenting, organizing, prescriptive, judgmental thought - he wants none of all that. What he calls being simple is a joyous spontaneity; in action, in expression, in movement, in life - *be simple, be simple, be simple.* A joyous spontaneity. To rediscover in evolution that condition he calls divine, which was a spontaneous and happy condition. He wants us to rediscover that. And for days now he has been here telling me (and the same goes for your work): *Be simple, be simple, be simple.* And in his simplicity was a luminous joy.

A joyous spontaneity.

What's terrible is this organizing mind. It's terrible! It has us so convinced that we can't do without it that it's very difficult to resist. Indeed, it has convinced all humanity. The whole so-called elite of humanity has been convinced that nothing worthwhile can be achieved without this mental organizing power.

But Sri Aurobindo wants us to have the same simple joy as a blossoming rose: *Be simple, be simple, be simple.* And when I hear it or see it, it's like a rivulet of golden light, like a fragrant garden - all, all, all is open. *Be simple.*

So you see, mon petit ...

These last two or three days I have been constantly seeing this for you. Then this morning it came for me, because the accumulation of work has become so tremendous that I would need ten times more time than I have merely to bring things up to date. So there I was, feeling a bit cornered; there was even a force wanting me to stop in the midst of my walk and RELAX, and I was resisting it with all my will - until I realized I was doing something foolish. It was the same thing, he said the same thing for me. I relaxed - and immediately everything was fine.

Essentially, we live with too much tension, don't we?

There you have it, mon petit, my message for the week.

Technical Remarks on the “Final Report” submitted by MDSG (March 2002)

Chapter 1: “Peace area “, except Oval Island.

Outer gardens, Lake, Bridge(s), Mountain, Ancillary buildings outside the lake:

Comment: The lake (size, depth etc...) being still unknown, a committee of interested people from Auroville should have been suggested to follow those different sectors and study the solutions and their possible impacts with the collaboration of experts and Roger.

The Matrimandir not being an independent entity from Auroville, all ancillary buildings suggested should be located in the city: industrial zone, the green belt etc... Or do you imagine the Matrimandir surrounded by laundry, generators, workshops and compost piles?

Chapter 2: Oval Island.

Gardens:

The Oval being defined - whatever are the gardens-studies should be carried out on: the leveling, the paths, rainwater drainage, electrical infrastructure. The installation of those indispensable foundations should be recommended.

Amphitheatre:

1/ *A/C- Electrical rooms:* The door is electrically and manually operated. It is a simple mechanism and lightweight. Presently it is a workshop cum office. Later, only a couple of service personnel will be necessary to monitor this service place.

2/ *Second underground room:* It will be used for public toilet, plus extra space to be used. The door design exists in its concept.

3/ *Granite/ Plexiglas work:* All the details are solved and the Plexiglas solution is lying in John's drawer since a year.

Chapter 3: Matrimandir's immediate surroundings.

1/ *Big petals:* Before finishing the remaining cladding outside, a solution to leakages leading to white salts oozing out should be investigated and found. This will avoid waste of labor and money and avoid breaking finished work. It can also be used as a test ground in the process of solution finding.

The leakages are due to:

- A lack of “dilatation joint” on the full surface of the petal –the red color of the Agra stone absorbs heat.
- The stone joints are often less than a few millimeters. Normal cement is usually not suitable for such small joints.

Remark: In the amphitheatre, we can observe a great number of cracks due to the same phenomenon; even lifting of tiles in some places can be seen.

2/ *Meditation rooms in petal:* Two rooms have been plastered: one is totally finished since years. It was used as a prototype to experiment and solve all questions of designs. The other one was finished before October 2001. It can be used to experiment on acoustic, ventilation or A/C, lighting, paint etc...

To stop bats entering the petals, it would be sufficient to fix simple frames with mesh as a temporary solution on the trap above the corridor, the entrance of each chamber and their holes.

Your “Question of access and security need to be addressed” needs to be more defined.

3/ *Area below the Matrimandir:*

- Pumps for the evacuation of rainwater can be located either inside the tank or in the “service rooms” between the pillars. Therefore, there is no reason why the work should be held back.
- Algae formation can easily be dealt with.
- Evidently a silent pump will have to be installed for the Lotus pond.

Chapter 4: Matrimandir outer face.

Hiding sliding door maintenance: According to a report made by a German engineer, after the request of the MMCG, this type of mechanism needs a very low maintenance effort.

Chapter 5: Matrimandir inner skin.

Tremendous progress has been achieved lately. We have two options: glass and textile covering.

Glass option: In the past, the fabrication of the triangles in colored glass has proved costly, difficult, time consuming. The results obtained can be seen “on site”. They are not fully satisfying.

Today, only the porthole glass will be colored. The skin will be made of clear, laminated, frosted glass.

Cloth option: The skin is made of Textile Naizil, a fire retardant and UV resistant material.

Analysis:

- Both solutions require a colored porthole.
- Until now, both finalized samples have not been installed. It seems difficult to make a final decision without having seen the color effect when the sun is direct on the discs or on the opposite side.
- Furthermore, no comparative study was made regarding:
 - oThe effect of resonance (sound) inside the Matrimandir.

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| ○ Impact of the weight: | <u>Glass</u> | <u>Textile</u> |
| ▣ One triangle plus frame: | 200kg approx. | 12kg approx. |
| ▣ 756 triangles: | 151 tons | 9 tons |
| ○ Life span. | | |
| ○ Maintenance. | | |
| ○ Security. | | |
| ○ Installation | | |
| ○ Cost . | | |
| ○ Etc... | | |

It seems premature to make a final decision at this stage.

Chapter 6: Mantrimandir cooling and ventilation systems.

New ventilation system for the sphere: According to the ECC specialists, nearly no natural ventilation occurs due to the height of the petals, the size of the openings and the spherical shape of the Matrimandir. In consequence, no dust will “rush” in when the door is open.

Any ventilation system will have to satisfy three requirements:

- At night, fresh air is propelled inside the sphere.
- In case of fire, fumes are pushed out of the sphere.
- The air between the two skins is changed from time to time or when it is required.

More over, it is intended to use the ventilation system as a mean to repel insects and dust from entering inside the structure when the door is open.

To locate the ventilators in the center of Mothers symbol would imply the following:

- As a rule, air will always take the shortest and easiest circuit. That means that at night, the propelled fresh air will move directly towards the opened louvers at the top of the Matrimandir. Consequently, the air of Level 1 and 2 will not be renewed.

- During the day, the top louvers are closed.

Consequently, in case of fire, the ventilators will push the fumes towards the doors where people escape.

- The ventilation between the two skins, which is necessary, will necessitate either a complicate array of air ducts between the discs and the outer skin – which would be visible from below the Matrimandir, or the installation of additional ventilators and air filters in the portholes of the first row of triangles.

- To keep dust and insects from entering, a positive pressure is suggested. This implies that the ventilators have to run during the day (slow speed), thus aspiring hot air from outside into the fresh sphere and pushing out the fresh air through the doors! Moreover, it is doubtful that this created positive pressure would produce airflow strong enough to repel insects and dust.

- The volume of air inside the sphere is more than 8000 cubic meters. The ratio between air quantity/ number of visitors does not necessitate ventilation in daytime except in case of fire.

- More over, we have not to forget that air is carrying the sound with it, thus transporting the noise of the running ventilators inside the sphere.

Regarding the problem of dust and insects entering through the doors, the solution of an “air curtain” should be investigated further (suggested also by ECC)

Conclusion:

The ventilators should be located on a spot where:

- The entire sphere is ventilated at night – Level 1 and 2 included.
- The fumes escape through the top louvers of the Matrimandir.
- The air between the two skins is automatically exchanged without additional installations.

Refer to the ECC letter dated 4th January 1999 answering a ventilation proposal report.

Chapter 8: Other works inside the Matrimandir.

1/ *Entrance doors:* We have three possibilities:

- The door is locked.
- The door is constantly kept open.
- The door opens only when somebody wants to enter.

How does a door, which opens only when somebody wants to enter, is functioning?

- The sensors located at all sides of the door detect immediately any movement and give the signal to open the door and keep it opened as long as any movement is perceived.

- A timer that starts to work when no movement is detected by the sensors activates the closing process of the door.

- In case the door is in the process of closing and a movement is perceived by the sensors, the door automatically reverse its process and opens.

- Moreover the whole front edge of the door is equipped with a bar, which is sensitive to any physical contact. Thus the slightest contact with this bar stops immediately the closing process and opens the door.

- In case of emergency, a portable remote device can also operate the door.

- The speed of the opening and closing of the door can be set according to our requirement. An experiment has shown that at 20 seconds opening speed the experience is quite “magic”.

- Regarding “cool air would rush out and dusty/humid air may enter”, please refer to chapter 6 about

ventilation. (How is it possible for air to “rush out” and “enter” at the same time?)

2/ *Storage room below the lower portion of the two staircases:* they were planned for electrical use only.

3/ *Second Level - Water point:*

- A water point is available at Level 1.
- The porous white marble will be protected by a thin film of silicone and can be cleaned by a simple wet cloth. Consequently the water point at Level 1 is amply sufficient.

- Moreover everybody will be equipped with socks at Level 1!

4/ *Ramps:* About the fire hazard on the white carpet: it is the same case as in the Chamber!

5/ *Four ribs decorations:* The design in the fountains represents arrows going up from Level 2 and arrows going down from the Chamber. Where they meet does not represent Sri Aurobindo's symbol.

6/ *Marble Doors:* This problem has to be dealt with seriously as the Chamber cannot stay open.

Personal remark:

In the report submitted by the MDSG, there is a lack of profound research and enquiries on many technical aspects, a lack of scientific integrity in examining the problems and their solutions and a lack of professionalism.

Jean – Djaima
Matrimandir coordinator

MEETING OF THE MATRIMANDIR TEAM MAY 30TH 2002.

Present: Amar, Arjun, Charu, Durai, Gajendran, Jithu, John, Kusumben, Lakshmi Narayan, Manimaran, Rakesh, Ralph, Saravanan, Shiva, Shivaraj, Somu, Vladimir, Walter.

Chairman: Amar.

1. FINANCIAL REQUESTS:

- # 18 For moving the overhead electric lines at the second banyan Rs. 10,675.00
- # 19 Annual maintenance contract for the EPABX Rs. 22,950.00
- # 20 For special tree pruning work of tall trees for 1 month Rs. 8,000.00

2. The maintenance list for June was prepared.

One person, going out for 3 months, requested that his maintenance be continued (to cover his recurring expenses). One other member, also going out for 3 months, said that his maintenance may be stopped for that time. The meeting agreed.

3. Reply to the IDC regarding our fencing work near the kindergarden:

The reply to the IDC letter was read out and approved.

- Regarding the fence near the kindergarden we noted that Matrimandir has been taking care of this area, protecting it from cows and two legged wanderers, since trees were planted in the area by Narad in the 70's.
- On the point of shifting the Northern fence to the 300-meter limit, it was decided to inform the IDC that we will proceed now with moving the fence on the North out to this limit.

4. Regarding the use of the Amphitheater and the sound system for the programs there:

The group who has taken up the work of coordinating the use of the Amphitheater (Joy, Sigrid, Soham, Carlos, Srimoyi) have been invited to meet with the Matrimandir team next week to discuss the approach to their work, and to discuss the purchase of a sound system for programs there.

Concern was expressed that the relation with this group is not clear, nor the basis on which they intend to select the programs, as Mother herself has not written anything on the Amphitheater.

It was announced that a special concentration for Peace and Truth in the world will be held on Friday 31st at 6 pm in the Amphitheater.

5. Meeting of members of the Matrimandir Team with the IDC regarding housing for them.

In their meeting with some of the Aurovilians from MM, the IDC proposed that the Matrimandir people join in the project for a future staff quarters in the Administrative area north of Matrimandir. The formulation and execution of that project may take 3 years minimum to materialize. Vladimir expressed his interest to work on that project..

Saravanan raised again his urgent need for a house. It was decided to write immediately to the Housing Group for assistance with Saravanan's urgent problem. We will ask to meet them in this regard. It is the basic responsibility of Auroville to provide housing for Aurovilians. It is not the responsibility of the unit or services where they work to take care of Aurovilian housing.

(The Housing Group has subsequently invited us to their meeting of 12- June)

Working Committee Report

It's a bit difficult to know how to articulate in the News the work that we've been engaged in. We can say that as long as we had 7 members present, it seemed possible and as soon as some members left, it became overwhelming. We are 5 in station at the moment.

Land - One piece of good news is a legal opinion that we obtained, which states that Auroville does indeed serve a "public purpose". This is an important milestone in our land protection efforts, and one that we've been waiting for for some time. The Collector is still strongly pushing for using the land just behind the Visitor's Center (which is peremboke land) for a Village Self-Help project, even though we had proposed several alternative locations. Development of the site has not yet started however. We understand that much of Edyanchavadi village also does not support this project, so we are in "sit quietly-and-see" mode. Auroville should be aware that there is a fair amount of concern being expressed by our neighbors about issues regarding land acquisition. We urge everyone to think in terms of bridge-building and mutual benefit, as opposed to further division, in all of our interactions with the surrounding inhabitants.

Water Service - As you know by now, the Water Service has been closed and all the employees formally terminated. A process is underway by a subgroup of the FAMC, comprised of Jill, Gilles, Maurice, Selvaraj, Rathinam, Ponnusamy, Hari, Inge, Ulli and Tency (latter 2 TOS) to study how to reorganize the service and to find responsible, competent executives. It is felt that no permanent decision can be made regarding the Aurovilians who were working at the Water Service until this reorganization process is completed.

Brihaspati - The former caretakers of Brihaspati community knowingly and illegally absconded with 8.7 lakhs worth of solar equipment. We have filed a police complaint and are following up with Customs to try to discover the whereabouts of these panels, etc, which are leased through a program funded by the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. This theft took place after the Auroville community paid for the plane tickets and 3 months Bridging Fund for the members of Brihaspati. We have reason to believe that the panels were shipped to France, though it's possible they were sold here.

Crimes and Misdemeanors - We are very sorry to report that a lot of our time is taken up with serious

behavioral problems (we can't print the list here), mostly on the part of Aurovilians. We really wonder sometimes what some of the people who live here have for life goals and spiritual aspirations. Could we manage a bit less drama everybody, and focus on what we came here to manifest together? We also feel, on the basis of our experience, that we need a more stringent entry process and a formally articulated "exit process", for those whose problems we do not have the capacity to handle. (Of course we should always be trying to expand our capacity to handle everything.) We haven't had much time to work on these wider issues because we are too busy dealing with the day-to-day work and crisis management, but some sort of code of conduct for Aurovilians as a whole (not just members of working groups) seems to us to be in order.

Foundation Liaison - Our revered Chairman, Dr. Kireet Joshi, arrived on the 6th for a 2 week stay. His focus for this visit is mainly on land, fundraising (GOI) and other financial and administrative matters. He was accompanied for the first few days by Mr. Vijay from the HRD Ministry, who was a great resource in helping us to clarify several aspects of our proposals for funding. He strongly encouraged us to do a far more coherent and professional job on our Annual Report, indicating that what we submit now is perfunctory and does not at all portray all of the impressive work that we are doing, both here and regionally.

We were told that our likely new Secretary, Mr. Vengateshwaren, a recently retired, high ranking IAS officer, originally from Kerala but 40 years in Delhi, could be arriving in about a month's time. His appointment is still being processed.

VIP Visits - Dr. Karan Singh, former Chairman of the Governing Board as well as officials from Customs, the Income Tax Dept., the High Court in Chennai, the Elections Commission and others were hosted and shown around Auroville by WC members.

Sa'adi - He was finally put on a plane early morning 9th June. He was deported, accompanied by armed escort and the RRO to the airport. The 5 major airports have been informed that he is not allowed to return to India for the time being.

Fire in Sve Dam - Elumalai's house was burnt down. We are currently in the process of investigating this incident and trying to find ways to get his needs and losses covered. Any assistance is most welcome.

Organization/Decision-Making – The process of attempting to synthesize various perspectives and proposals is ongoing, though low key at the moment because so much of Auroville is out of station. A decision-making process has been drafted, based on the principles that received unanimous consent at the April 23rd General Meeting on the topic. What also seems to be shaping up is a proposal for a 12 member (min.) Auroville Council, of which a certain number of members would be designated as the Working Committee. This would fulfill 2 interests in particular – more people, which are much needed for the work; and better coordination (no division) between the “internal” and “external” functions. We’d like to continue the experiment of a “support group” for the Council, both to help focalize study groups on particular topics and to provide a broader committed base for feedback on proposals-in-progress. More on this topic will be published as people’s interest starts to return.

- Working Committee

Building applications awaiting two weeks feedback:

New Creation Rajesh Kumar Residence

Auromodele(Petite Ferme) Agnus & henu Residence and Artist studios

Auromodele Ashok Chatterjee Extension of store room cum living space for Thambidurai

Kottakarai dairy farm Gunasekaran Extension of house

I.D.C

Message From US Consulate

The U.S. Consulate General is transmitting the following information our warden system as a public service to all U.S. citizens in South India. Please disseminate this message to U.S. citizens in your organizations.

India - Travel Warning June 5, 2002

This Travel Warning is being issued to alert Americans to the fact that the Department strongly urges that American citizens in India depart the country. This Travel Warning supersedes the Warning issued May 31, 2002.

The Department of State warns American citizens to defer travel to India and strongly urges that American citizens in India depart. Conditions along India's border with Pakistan and in the state of Jammu & Kashmir have deteriorated. Tensions have risen to serious levels, and the risk of intensified military hostilities between India and Pakistan cannot be ruled out. As a

result of these concerns, the Department has authorized and strongly encouraged the departure of all U.S. Government personnel in non-emergency positions and family members in India.

The Department of State warns Americans to defer travel to India, particularly to all border areas between India and Pakistan, including the Indian states of Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Punjab, and to the state of Jammu & Kashmir. The Indian Government has closed virtually all land and air links with Pakistan, ending travel between the two countries. Military movements continue along both the Line of Control in Kashmir and the border between India and Pakistan. Artillery firing along the Line of Control has caused death and injury in that area. Terrorist groups, some of which are linked to al-Qaida and have previously been implicated in attacks on Americans, are active there as well, and have attacked and killed civilians.

The Department of State strongly urges American citizens currently in India to depart the country. Those who decide to remain there should carefully monitor media reports for current information on developing situations and stay in touch with the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi or the nearest U.S. Consulate General in India. U.S. citizens in India are strongly urged to register and obtain updated security information at the Embassy or the nearest Consulate. Americans may register via the Internet, in person, or by mail or fax. The location and phone numbers of the U.S. Embassy and the Consulates General in India are as follows:

--NEW DELHI: <<http://usembassy.state.gov/posts/in1/wwwhmain.html>>

The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi is located at Shantipath, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110021; Tel 91-11-419-8000; fax 91-11-419-0017 (See also website address <http://usembassy.state.gov/posts/in1/wwwhmain.html>).

--MUMBAI: <<http://usembassy.state.gov/mumbai>> The U.S. Consulate General in Mumbai is located at Lincoln House, 78 Bhulabhai Desai Rd., Mumbai 400026; Tel 91-22-363-3611; fax 91-22-363-0350 (See also website address <http://usembassy.state.gov/mumbai>).

--CHENNAI: <<http://usembassy.state.gov/chennai>> The U.S. Consulate General in Chennai is located at 220 Anna Salai, Chennai 600006; Tel 91-44-811-2000; fax 91-44-811-2027 (See also website address <http://usembassy.state.gov/chennai>).

Americans traveling and residing abroad should monitor closely the Department's Internet web site <<http://travel.state.gov>> at <http://travel.state.gov>, where further general information regarding travel to India <[india.html](http://travel.state.gov/india.html)> may also be found.

Submitted by Roy.

CINEMA-Bharat Nivas-AUDITORIUM**FRIDAY 21 JUNE - 7.30 PM**

(Film show starts at 7.45 sharp)

“MITR, MY FRIEND”

Directed by Revathy, India, 2001

With: Shobana, Nasir Abdullah, Preethi Vissa,

Mathew Phillips, Blake Ormsby

Setting: For her first film as director, actress Revathy explores the emotions of an Indian family that has been living in America for 18 years...

Original English Version-

Duration: 1h. 45' - 35mm film - colour

GERMAN VIDEO @ VISITOR'S CENTRE**Mittwoch, 19.6.****20.00 Uhr****“GEGEN DEN STROM”****D 1997, ca. 90min.****Regie: Thorsten Naeter****mit Ben Becker, Bibiane Beglau, Ludger****Burmann, Loni v. Friedel.**

Hamburg, im Juli 96. Kriminalrat Briegert (Ben Becker) wird in sein Heimatdorf Stevenburg versetzt, um undercover Polizei-interne Korruption aufzudecken. Dabei wird er mit seiner und seines Vaters Vergangenheit konfrontiert und geraet in ein Netz aus Verrat und Luegen.

Doch natuerlich, das Gute siegt.....oder....???

சாவித்திரி பவன்**(Savitri Bhavan)**

அரவிந்தஅன்னை அறிவோம்
மதிப்பிற்குரிய பெரியவர் மகாலிங்கம்
ஸ்ரீ அரவிந்தர், ஸ்ரீ அன்னை அருளிய
வாக்குகளை வாசித்து விளக்கமளிப்பார்.

ஆரோவில்லைச் சேர்ந்த தமிழ்
அறிந்த அனைவரையும்
வரவேற்கின்றோம்.

15.06.02 சனிக்கிழமை மாலை 5.00—6.00

flamenco**La passion flamenco**

Film (video) by Carlos Saura

100 minutes of dance and music with over 300 singers, dancers and guitarists who has ever been assembled at one time.

Paco de Lucía, Joaquín Cortés, Manolo Sanlúcar, Mario Maya, El Agujetas, Fernanda de Utrera, José Menese, Enrique Morente, Merche Esmeralda, Farruco, Carmen Linares, El Grilo, Duquende, Potito, Ketama,...

The initial scene of the film suggests that flamenco music was somehow mystically present at the very creation of the world. Explain how the component of these opening shots accomplish this portrayal of flamenco as cosmogony.

Visitor Center, Sunday June 16, 7.30 pm**Exhibition****21st to 23rd June 2002, CHENNAI,**

EEWAC 2002 is South India's first comprehensive exhibition of the **Environment, Energy, Water and Clean Technology**

VENUE: Chennai Trade Center, IDPL Complex,

Mount Poonamalli Road, Nandampakkam,

Chennai 600089. INDIA.

DATE & TIMINGS**June 21st Friday 2002 - 10:30 A.M- 7:00 P.M****June 22nd Saturday 2002 - 10:30 A.M- 7:00 P.M****June 23rd Sunday 2002 - 10:30 A.M- 6:00 P.M**Website: <http://www.eewac.com/index1.html>

Aurovilians and other interested people may like to attend this event.

Video in English @ Visitor's Centre

Saturday, 15.06.2002 at 8 pm.

“Forest Gump”

With Tom Hanks, Sally Field

Dir. Robert Zemerickis

1994 / 2h 22'

Solar Kitchen needs your help...

..as we all know , since it's inception, our very own Solar Kitchen has been cooking and serving healthy, nutritious food for all in a clean, pleasant atmosphere, with great attention to quality and aesthetics..all this for a very reasonable cost of Rs.670/month, that is Rs.26/meal, as we all would surely agree. Furthermore there are improvements, renovations, maintenances which need to be done in order to continue provide better service to all.

The contribution charged for meals could just cover our running costs, leave alone any desirable surplus which could be invested in any further much needed developmental activity, and that too *only if every body pays the FULL contribution*. Every now and then, like any thing else, things, machinery, equipment etc. needs major repairs or replacements...a team of dedicated people and quite a number of heavy machinery and equipment are involved behind the scenes to produce all those nice lunches.

But many, for various reasons could not pay the contribution fully and resort to 'Free Meal Scheme', which in turn is covered by the Central Fund to the tune of max. Rs.550 per person, Rs.120 less, subsequently leaving a hole or a deficit of aprox. Rs. 30,000/ month (that is Rs.3,60,000 in a year!), pushing the Kitchen in a deep debt. Unfortunately the Central Fund lacks funds and could not complement the Kitchen with the full amount of contribution. And now the end result is that the Solar Kitchen is in a big minus. The truth is that Solar Kitchen just can not bear the burden of Free Meal Scheme and either the community should take a greater participation to make it sustainable or consider donating money. And as a matter of fact, potential donors tend to reply that they do not understand why those who eat at the kitchen can not even fund a mere 5% development per year. Just as an example, according to April, 2002 figures, only 150 people paid the full amount of contribution while 244 paid less or nothing.. Is it too much for asking! Let's all think, and act!

Thanking you in advance,
The Solar Kitchen Team

Looking to share a taxi to chennai with someone on 18 june preferably in the afternoon. call me on 622746.

kosha

FOR THE PESTICIDE VICTIMS IN KERALA

a cheque for Rs. 35,000/- has been drawn in the name of "Dr. Shripati Kajampady – Kerala , who is the Treasurer of ENDOSULFAN SPRAY PRO-TEST ACTION COMMITTEE (ESPAC), and sent to Shri Padre , who is our contact person there. This cheque is a real gesture of sympathy and support to the victims and an active encouragement to ESPAC to keep on with their long and tedious legal battle.

Close to 200 people have contributed towards this sum :

- Over a hundred individual Aurovilians (rich and poor) contributed in amounts ranging from Rs.10/- to Rs.6000/- (we would have loved to mention names)
- Among the Units Sorubha, Palmyra, Maroma, Lively, Auromics, Imagination and Avitra contributed.
- A couple of Auroworkers,
- One friend from Pondicherry,
- And every member of Village Action Development Workers as well as their coordinators contributed.

Each contribution had a very touching quality to it, which, we are sure, will radiate further out and accomplish its purpose.

Thank you each and everyone.

Rita and Njal

Friday 21 st.June summer solstice**Walla Walla Day ...No.4**

9.00 am building walla costumes at Youth Center
12.00 am Walla Walla Bing Bang Parade to Solar Suppada Temple
1.30 pm Walla Walla picnic in secret forest location.

All loose wires,masked midgets,stilt dogs & claxophones welcome,

Bike for Sale!

Caliber motorbike PYO1-K in a excellent condition with new tyres!

Interested pals contact: partha@auroville.org.in

Phone: 623396

Dimitri from Mohrenschildt passes away at age of 100

Dimitri von Mohrenschildt, Ashramite and dear friend and supporter of Auroville, peacefully left his body in the Ashram Nursing Home on Sunday June 9th at 5.55 pm, at the age of 100. Cremation took place at the Ashram cremation grounds on Monday June 10th, and quite a few Aurovilians from the former USSR and elsewhere were present and paid their last respects during the small, intimate and graceful occasion.

Dimitri was born in Russia in 1902 and became American citizen in 1926 where he lectured as Professor in Russian Studies at Stanford University. The later years of his life he lived in Golconde of Sri Aurobindo Ashram.



In Auroville, Dimitri is best known through his ardent and steady support for the Russian cause & culture, the Russian Pavilion as well as through personal help to newly arriving citizens from the former USSR. Throughout the years, Dimitri has been generous in providing support for the Russian Pavilion, Unity Pavilion, Matrimandir and Auroville Land Fund.

It has been a grace that, at his advanced age, Dimitri was still able this year to participate in the foundation stone ceremony of the Pavilion of the Russian Culture on February 27th. After all, it was thanks to his staunch and, at times, forceful support that plans, ideas and designs for this Pavilion have been coming and going during the last ten years. During the ceremony in February it became evident that these are now bearing fruit and, after a long and eventful life, this did Dimitri visibly good.

*Farewell, Dimitri Sergeevich,
and thank you ever so much –*

– Auroville

In Memoriam

On Thursday June 20th, at 5.30 pm in Dimitri's room in Golconde, a small meditation for him will take place.

All his friends are invited.

Dimitrii's Legacy

June 9 Dimitrii (Ashram) had passed away at the age 100. Now he is in many hearts with his kind and calm smile, nice generous nature. Dimitrii's long life was rich in events. A lot of his documents are in Auroville. One of them has the title "A Memoir of the Bolshevik Revolution: My Arrest, Imprisonment and liberation, 1918-1920".

Here are some lines from it. "...a list of prisoners to be executed was prepared. My name was in it. The day before the executions were to take place, a top communist official arrived in the city. He went through the list and struck my name off observing that "Soviet Government would not execute children". I was 17 years old that time"

– B.V.As.

AMPHTITHEATER

THE BOOK OF YOGA CANTO IV

The Triple Soul Forces

Amphitheater Thursday 20.6. at 6 p.m.

Madonna of might, Mother of works and force,
Thou art a portion of my soul put forth
To help mankind and help the travail of Time,
Because thou art in him, man hopes and dares;
Because thou art, men's souls can climb the
heavens

And walk like Gods in the presence of the Supreme.
but without wisdom power is like a wind,
It can breathe upon heights and kiss the sky,
It cannot build the extreme eternal things.
Thou hast given men strength, wisdom thou couldst
not give.

One day I will return, a bringer of light,
Then I will give to thee the mirror of God;
Thou shalt see self and world as by him they are
seen

Reflected in the bright pool of thy soul.
They wisdom shall be vast as vast thy power.
Then hate shall dwell no more in human hearts
And fear and weakness shall desert men's lives,
The cry of the ego shall be hushed within,
Its lion roar that claims the world as food,
All shall be might and bliss and happy force.

All Aurovilians seeking bliss must come and listen
on 20.6. at 6 p.m. to the Canto IV Book VII
Of the exquisite Sunil's music.

Enjoy the starry landscape and aspire for a future
flowery landscaping.

– Sigrid

Looking for someone responsible and who likes
dogs to house sit for 2 or 3 months from June
21st.

Interested, phone - 622 083.

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL SUMMER COURSE**"THEMES OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY"**

By DR. KANCHANA NATARAJAN
OF DELHI UNIVERSITY

VENUE : ATHITHI GRIHA, BHARAT NIVAS

TIME : 10am; each session about 1-1.5 hours
(including discussion time).

DATES : 17th June (Mon), 19th (Wed), 21st (Fri),
22nd (Sat), 24th (Mon), 26th (Wed) and 28th (Fri).

TOPICS : Vedas (in light of Sri Aurobindo) ,
Upanishads, Early Buddhism and Later Bud-
dhism, Materialism of the Charvakas, Nyaya,
Samkhya, Advaita Vedanta.

Open to people of all ages and knowledge levels!
For further information : contact Tapas/Mita,
Centre Field, 622575/623661

PS : At least the first session will be at 10am; if
another time suits the participants better,
we can arrange that together when we meet on
the first day.

Sessions will be taped.

All welcome.

DAYAKARA VETERINARY DISPENSARY

Dr. veterinary M. Kumar will give free treatment
to your dogs, cats and other pets from 2 p.m. –
5.30p.m. Sunday closed.

But for emergency please call.

Dogs will be admitted only with collar and leash and
Cats in a safe closing transport box.

Get your dog or cat vaccinated against rabies
for Rs. 50.

Combined vaccine against Distemper, Hepatitis,
Parvo and Leptospirosis Rs. 150.— (for dogs only)

Includes certificate for vaccination. (booklet)

For efficient protection the vaccine should be re-
peated each year.

We spay or neuter your cat or dog against a minimum
donation : Cat Rs. 200.— Dogs Rs. 400.—

Contact us over phone 622980 for more details.

Cycle needed

If anyone has a men's cycle (preferably mountain bike, but
not necessarily) that they want to give away or sell then
contact me at 'vigyanagni@auroville.org.in' or at 622-208.

thanks,

Agni

HEALTH FIRST

classical homeopathy child care personal development
Consultation in eng, french, tamil and german.

MEASLES are spreading among the children.

What is it ?

It is one of the children diseases after which there is
lifelong immunity. It is well known that children develop
a certain psychological maturity having passed the
disease.

How does it start ?

There is stage 1 with some fever, cough and running
nose for about 4 days. Then, often after a day being fine,
high fever of 39 and 40C sets in, and a red rash starting
behind the ears spreads from head to toes for the next
3 days. The children might have a swollen face and
sensitivity to light.

What to do ?

The children need rest, quietness, a darkened room,
and care to pass this intense week. Homeopathy can
help in heavy crises like very high fever, great uneasi-
ness, bronchitis or otitis.

Thereafter the fever will disappear fast, the rash disap-
pears from the face first, but the children need still a few
days with much more sleep to come to their original
energy level.

When is it contagious ?

It is heavily contagious the two days before stage 1,
means before we even realise the child is sick. The time
for fever to start is about 11 days after contact with a
measles sick child. The measles can't spread any more
when the rash has reached the feet... Infants are
immune for the first 6 to 9 months.

Complications? Are very rare. Adults contracting
measles are often more affected than children.

More questions ?

You can contact me at the clinic in Prayatna Mon, Tue
and Thu 9 to 12 a.m. consultation

My phone in Prayatna is 623669, or at home at 622338.
Take care Sigrid, healing practitioner

I am looking for a manual sewing machine to

borrow or buy in working conditions.

Offerings, e-mail :meike@...or discipline mail box.

Hoping for the best.

Thanks a lot.

Meike

SUPERAMMA!

Amutha from Kottakarai is desperately looking for work
since she is a widow and has to support her 3 kids by
herself. She is very honest and works as a wonder to keep
the house spic and span. She was suggested to me by
Menaig and I promised to get her a job, but did not really
manage. She is open to work for any period of time starting
from tomorrow. So even if you need an amma temporarily,
please call me at 622624.

Thanks,

Poonam.

If anyone has the books by Satprem:

- Mother or the Divine Materialism
 - Mother or the New Species
 - Mother or the Mutation of Death
 - On the Way to Superhumanhood
- and is willing to give to someone who very much wants to have them.

Please contact, Ann @ 622 629.

Animal Care

So far no one we have asked knows if mother approved the sterilization of dogs by surgically removing their glands and organs. However in Agenda I 28 May 1960, she spoke of a man who had undergone an operation which she described as being 'une de ces terribles ope'rations au on vous enleve une partie du corps' (one of those terrible operations where they extract part of your body)

In evening talk with Sri Aurobindo Puvan page 435, Sri Aurobindo is reported to have said "...many dogs have got a much finer psychic being than many men." and a disciple to have asked "How is it that man is regarded as the highest being in creation?" Sri Aurobindo: "It is the egoistic ignorance of men that makes him think so."

Is getting a dog and then having him or her mutilated for our convenience really the thing to be done?

- Ann.

In one of the local villages where, with the collaboration of the people there, the dog population is being more or less controlled, the incidence of rabies has markedly decreased (no case seen by us or reported to us for 7 months).

In any nearby village where the people agree to it, the same change could probably be made. For this work contributions to Animal Care Service P.T.

Account 3021 are needed

Ann.

MAIL FROM RENU

Dear corresponders,

For mysterious reasons I have been unable to read my email on the AV net. If you need to reach me please write to me at <RNeogy@yahoo.com>

Thanks Renu

Honey and Money

"Now they are talking about money in any old place - in the ports, beds, trains, under every small zodiac" (Y.Visbor, 1934 - 1984, a Russian poet and actor).

Many people dream of money, a small part of human society aspires to nectar and honey of wisdom. Animals never talk about money. In Aranya, all the Indian bees (*Apis indica*) are attracted by the integral wisdom tree. It is Mother's name for *Albizia lebbek*, which also has four English names: Siris tree, Lebbeck tree, Woman's tongue tree, and Frywood tree. In June this tree blossoms.

Probably the bees know a Greek legend on nectar. The Goddess Aphorite splashed the nectar on plants. This liquid is almost so magic as aquadyn water. Nectar gave immortality to the Gods. Now the nectar is in every flower.

Albizia lebbek belongs to the entomophilous plants which pollinate by insects. The Hibiscus is a symbol of Auroville, it's an ornithophilous plant, its nectar attracts the sunbirds (or Nectarinia, in Latin). But bees prepare honey, the sunbirds use nectar for other purposes.

- Boris

For Sale!

1/ VIDEO PROCESSOR MATROX 2000 DV + MPEG2 + SOFTWARES AND SOUND CARD + VIDEO CARD FOR SALE: 30.000 RS. (UNUSED)

2/ EDITING TABLE SE 200 PRO DATA VIDEO ROLL MASTER + WIRES FOR SALE: 15.000 RS. (UNUSED)

3/ KINETIC HONDA, YEAR 1997 VERY GOOD CONDITION FOR SALE: 20.000 RS.

CONTACT REVE COMMUNITY,
BORIS OR MARJO AT 622 760 OR 623 448."

Bullet Stolen

A bullet registered MH-12V, 1860 was stolen. Financial reward for recovery and information. Contact: Fabian at Brand New Day. Phone - 622 023. In the evenings, call 622 380.

DID SOMEONE LOSE?

- a pair of "Rayban" sunglasses
- a white casquette "Lacoste"

They have been found in the Video Library at Pitanga. Please, come to pick them up.