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IT IS NOT THE COLD LIGHT OF REASON THAT HELPS LIFE TO GROW AND BLOSSOM,  
IT IS THE WARM AND LIFE-GIVING LIGHT OF TRUTH; IT IS SUN WHEN IT POURS ITS  
JOYFUL RAYS ON THE WORLD.

*The Mother.*

## HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Dans le mystère du choix de sa volonté  
Dans la Divine Comédie, cette âme était participante,  
Représentante consciente de l'Esprit,  
Déléguée de Dieu dans notre humanité,  
Camarade de l'univers, rayon du Transcendant,  
Elle était venue dans la chambre du corps mortel  
Pour jouer à la balle avec le Temps et les Circonstances.  
Sa joie dans le monde était son mouvement dominant ici,  
La passion du jeu allumait ses yeux :  
Un sourire sur ses lèvres accueillait le bonheur et les chagrins de la terre,  
Un rire était sa réponse au plaisir et à la douleur.  
Elle voyait toutes choses comme une mascarade de la Vérité  
Déguisée dans les costumes de l'Ignorance,  
Voyageant par les années vers l'immortalité :  
Elle pouvait tout affronter avec la paix solide de l'esprit.  
Mais parce qu'Elle connaît le labeur du mental et de la vie  
Comme une mère sent et partage la vie de ses enfants,  
Elle émane une petite part d'elle-même,  
Un être pas plus grand que le pouce d'un homme,  
Caché dans la région du cœur  
Pour faire face au tourment et oublier la félicité,  
Pour partager la souffrance et endurer les blessures de la terre  
Et labourer parmi le labeur des étoiles.  
C'est cela en nous qui rit et pleure, subit le coup,  
Exulte dans la victoire, lutte pour la couronne ;  
Identifié avec le mental et le corps et la vie  
Cet être prend sur lui leur angoisse et leur défaite,  
saigne sous le fouet du Destin et pend sur la croix,  
Et pourtant, il est le moi immortel et sans blessure  
Soutenant l'acteur sur la scène humaine.  
Par lui, la Mère nous envoie sa gloire et ses pouvoirs,  
Pousse vers les hauteurs de la sagesse par les gouffres de la misère ;  
Elle nous donne la force d'accomplir notre tâche quotidienne  
Et la sympathie qui partage le chagrin d'autrui  
Et le peu de force que nous avons pour aider notre espèce  
Nous qui devons remplir notre rôle universel  
Qui se joue jusqu'au bout dans une frêle forme humaine  
Et qui devons porter sur nos épaules ce monde en lutte.  
C'est cela le dieu en nous, menu et défiguré.  
Dans cette humaine parcelle de divinité  
Elle établit la grandeur de l'Âme dans le Temps  
Afin qu'elle s'élève de lumière en lumière, de pouvoir en pouvoir  
Jusqu'à ce qu'elle se tienne debout sur un sommet des cieux, roi.  
Faible de corps, invincible de force en son cœur,  
Elle grimpe en trébuchant, tenue par une invisible main,  
Esprit laborieux dans une forme mortelle.  
Là, dans cette chambre de flamme et de lumière, ils se rencontrèrent ;  
Ils se regardèrent l'un l'autre, se surent eux-mêmes,  
La divinité secrète et sa part humaine  
Le calme immortel et l'âme en lutte.  
Alors, dans un éclair de transformation magique  
Ils se précipitèrent l'un en l'autre et ils furent un.

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In the mystery of its selecting will,  
In the Divine Comedy a participant,  
The Spirit's conscious representative,  
God's delegate in our humanity,  
Comrade of the universe, the Transcendent's ray,  
She had come into the mortal body's room  
To play at ball with Time and Circumstance.  
A joy in the world her master movement here,  
The passion of the game lighted her eyes:  
A smile on her lips welcomed earth's bliss and grief,  
A laugh was her return to pleasure and pain.  
All things she saw as a masquerade of Truth  
Disguised in the costumes of Ignorance,  
Crossing the years to immortality;  
All she could front with the strong spirit's peace.  
But since she knows the toil of mind and life  
As a mother feels and shares her children's lives,  
She puts forth a small portion of herself,  
A being no bigger than the thumb of man  
Into a hidden region of the heart  
To face the pang and to forget the bliss,  
To share the suffering and endure earth's wounds  
And labour mid the labour of the stars.  
This in us laughs and weeps, suffers the stroke,  
Exults in victory, struggles for the crown;  
Identified with the mind and body and life,  
It takes on itself their anguish and defeat,  
Bleeds with Fate's whips and hangs upon the cross,  
Yet is the unwounded and immortal self  
Supporting the actor in the human scene.  
Through this she sends us her glory and her powers,  
Pushes to wisdom's heights, through misery's gulfs;  
She gives us strength to do our daily task  
And sympathy that partakes of others' grief  
And the little strength we have to help our race,  
We who must fill the role of the universe  
Acting itself out in a slight human shape  
And on our shoulders carry the struggling world.  
This is in us the godhead small and marred;  
In this human portion of divinity  
She seats the greatness of the Soul in Time  
To uplift from light to light, from power to power,  
Till on a heavenly peak it stands, a king.  
In body weak, in its heart an invincible might,  
It climbs stumbling, held up by an unseen hand,  
A toiling spirit in a mortal shape.  
Here in this chamber of flame and light they met;  
They looked upon each other, knew themselves,  
The secret deity and its human part,  
The calm immortal and the struggling soul.  
Then with a magic transformation's speed  
They rushed into each other and grew one.

## **THE MEETING OF THE MATRIMANDIR TEAM 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2002**

Present: Arjun, Carlos (part), Dharman (part),  
Gajendran, John, Kussumbem, Lakshmi  
Narayan, Rakesh, Shiva, Shivaraj, Somu,  
Victor, Vladimir (Part), Walter.

Chair: John.

### **1. Amphitheater Account**

A response was received to our letter to the Financial Service requesting the closure of the recently opened separate account for the Amphitheater. That response maintained that the opening of this account was justifiable.

The meeting did not find that the letter of the Financial Service was at all to the point. Their response was felt to be quite inadequate.

We decided to write again to them to reinforce our point that the opening of separate accounts for different parts of the Matrimandir (of which the amphitheater is certainly one) is a divisive act, not bringing harmony, but only more division within the area. It was remarked that the already existing "Celebration" Account could well have been used for collecting funds for the Amphitheater sound system.

### **2. Concerning Kireetbhai's talk on the Matrimandir at the general meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> June.**

A report of the part of the general meeting that concerned Matrimandir was given to today's meeting.

The points made by Kireetbhai, stating that a true solution to the Matrimandir question must be found in the Auroville way, where all should agree, and that the solutions should be in accordance with the stated wishes of Mother for the Matrimandir area, were welcomed by all present.

It is surely true, as stated by Kireetbhai, that the solution work out here, the WAY it is worked out, will stand in the future as a precedent that others will refer to in solving problems elsewhere in Auroville.

- Several people in the meeting today expressed that they actually feel there is no real problem here, Mother has explained her wishes clearly and simply, and that it is we, with our complicating minds that have created confusion around the Matrimandir.

- "Are we able to simply give her what She wants?" it was asked.

### **3. Work in the Meditation Rooms**

Carlos presented an overall picture of the major financial needs for work in the meditation rooms and petals for the next two months:

Estimate (1) – Plastering and floor finishing works

a. Meditation room "Sincerity"

- For labour and cement (50 bags) for the final plastering Rs. 15,000.00

b. for shaping and plastering the next two rooms

- Humility and Gratitude, Rs. 60,000.00  
each, for a total of Rs. 1,20,000.00

c. for work on the marble floors in the two rooms named "Equality" and "Peace"

- labour Rs.10,000.00

- marble adhesive (20 bags of 25 kgs)Rs. 10,500.00

- PVC sheet for marble templates Rs. 5,000.00

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Sub Total of "c" Rs. 25,500.00

Total of a, b and c = Rs.1,60,500.00

Estimate (2) - Trap Door in the Petal corridor

- One trap door, based on the design of the prototype installed in the petal of "Generosity" is needed for the complete test of the AC system being developed by Vladimir for the "Peace" petal.

a. Basic cost, Rs. 6,700.00

b. Additional components to be mass produced for the balance 10 trap doors (to be made in one go by Aureka) Rs. 5,000.00

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Total cost Rs.11,700.00

### **Estimate (3) - Petals Sliding Door**

Victor continued the presentation by giving the cost of a 3<sup>rd</sup> prototype sliding door for the petals (Design by Jean)  
Cost: R s .  
50,000.00

### **All of the above 3 estimated amounts were agreed by the meeting**

A fourth estimate, the revised estimate for the completion of the AC system in the Petal of "Peace", was mentioned by Carlos but was not taken up because Vladimir had not been able to stay on in the meeting. We should take it up next week.

It was pointed out during the process of discussing these estimates that all money spent on developing the Petals is being drawn from the "unspecified" funds, which are not plentiful.

It was requested that an overall estimate for the completion of the petals be prepared at the earliest so that fund raising efforts may be made to cover these large expenditures.

#### **4. Other Financial Requests:**

# 24. Special grinder for Disc Fixation work  
Rs. 3,000.00

# 25. Cement for the Petals (50 bags)  
Rs. 6,500.00  
(not for Meditation rooms)

Also, one person working full time at Matrimandir for many years, and not so far on the maintenance list, requested to be added to the maintenance list.

The meeting heartily agreed!

**5. Note:** Next week we will review the topic of Chamber responsibilities as related to Duties, Laundry etc.

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#### FAMC REPORT for May 2002

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#### **FAMC Regular Members:**

**Ananda (ABC) Auroasha (Entry Group) Bunt**  
**(SAIHER) Dharmesh (IDC) Guy (LEM) Inge**  
**(Housing) Joster (ABC) Judith (Economy**  
**Group) Otto (Central Fund) Pala (Maintenance**  
**Fund) Rathinam (AV Fund) Selvaraj (Working**  
**Committee) Tency (CSR) Ulli (Working**  
**Committee)**

**Matrimandir currently sends no representative.**

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

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#### **1. Issues Related to Units & Services**

**Altecs:** The sub-group reported that Altecs has moved to Aurelec. Matthias has presented a business plan, which shows an operating profit. He has also sent an updated list of the loans to be repaid.

A visitor from Switzerland expressed interest in taking over the Altecs building to start a business related to cell phone installations but has since withdrawn his offer so the situation remains that Altecs' liabilities still need to be met.

**Aurosoya Loan:** Stichting De Zaaier has sanctioned a donation to Aurosoya to buy a Soya Cow on condition that Auroville gives an interest free loan of Rs 6 lakhs to

complete a new building for Aurosoya in the Industrial Zone. It was proposed and accepted that Auroville Maintenance Fund will lend Rs 6 lakhs to Aurosoya to be repaid over 12 years at the rate of Rs. 50,000 per annum with a one-year moratorium.

If Aurosoya fails to keep its commitment then the building would be allocated to someone else who can repay the loan. The building will be next to Naturellement.

**Auroville Water Service:** Krishnan Meyer's resignation from the Water Service was accepted. The sub-group met with the Labour Commissioner to determine the terms of settlement for the employees of the Water Service. The sub-group proposed retaining a labour lawyer from Pondicherry, and the FAMC approved this proposal. The sub-group was given a mandate to make the best possible settlement. It was noted that the unit should to be closed officially and that Harvest should become a separate unit from the Auroville Water Service. It was reported that the four Aurovilians who had been working there want to go back to work at the Water Service. They have also expressed the wish to join in the process of reorganising the Water Service. The sub-group scheduled a meeting to come up with ideas to reorganize the Service and to bring back proposals to the FAMC. Inge and Selvaraj requested to be made members of the sub-group, and this was approved

**Petrol Bank:** The executives of Auroville Transport Service (Taxi) are asking for official backing to make enquiries and a feasibility study into setting up a petrol depot in Auroville for Aurovilians. It was said that the Bharat Petroleum's Retails Manager is ready to help with any necessary licensing from the Ministry. The idea was welcomed as another step towards providing for Aurovilians in kind. It must be made clear that any proposal will have to be brought to the FAMC for formal approval. It was proposed that Mani should work with Joseba of IDC who has already done some research on this issue. In a principle, the FAMC gave its backing to these enquiries.

**Auroville Health Centre:** The resignation of Marush Achenbach as an executive of the Auroville Health Centre was accepted.

**Aurosystems:** The appointment of Jerome as executive was approved.

**ABC Trust:** The reappointment of Carsten, Eric and Marco as Trustees of ABC Trust was approved.

#### **2. Land and Land Use Issues**

**Brihaspati:** Allocation of Stewardship: The FAMC received visits from Kalya and Jayavel who came to speak about the process. Katelijne, Erik and Jacqueline also came to discuss their proposal to move the Red Earth Riding School (RERS) and the Pony Farm to the

Brihaspati Farm. Both parties would like to be the stewards. The FAMC recommended that the possibility of sharing be further looked into. It was decided to create a new sub-group with Inge, a member of IDC, Rathinam, Peter and Selvaraj. The sub-group was to come back with a proposal how the land could be shared. A written report was presented by the sub-group outlining three proposals, two of which were made by the young Aurovilians who are interested in farming and one by RERS and the Pony Farm. Eric and Katelijne stated that it would be very difficult to share the land under the conditions proposed by the farm project.

Questions on financial considerations were raised. R.E.R.S and Pony Farm would need some financial compensation for the assets they would leave behind in the Industrial Zone. A proposal was made that, when an asset of Auroville becomes free, the best way to handle it is that the community takes it over and then allocates it to the individuals or units who can afford to reimburse the community for the asset. The IDC thinks it is crucial for the future development of the Industrial Zone that the RERS and Pony Farm move together to Brihaspati. They also endorse the Auroville Maintenance Fund giving the required financial help, as they are sure that it can be recovered from the commercial units shifting there. IDC has already received some proposals.

The sub-group proposed to have a few more meetings between the parties to come to an amicable solution. Peter from LEM, who had visited the farm, clarified that the place has altogether 34 acres of land, out of which 11.28 acres is farmland. He also reported that Iyanar was staying on the land and taking care of the place. RERS requested that the young Aurovilians should be asked to leave Brihaspati until some decision as to the stewardship is arrived at. The table agreed to send a letter to the young Aurovilians asking them to leave the place and informing them that nothing has to be changed there and that non-cooperation from their side would be a step towards disqualification. Subsequently the FAMC decided that officially the interim stewardship of the Brihaspati Farm is being handed over to LEM on the understanding that it will be delegated to Iyanar as the caretaker until 5 July 2002, or until a decision is taken – whichever ever is earlier.

It was said that the IDC feels that the final decision on the allotment of the Brihaspati farm should be remain with them but the fact that there are many assets involved has also to be taken into consideration. The representative of IDC stated that the young Aurovilians interested in farming haven't submitted an application, as they should

have done. They also feel that neither party should be allowed to stay on the land as it creates a bad precedent. IDC would like to have proposals presented to them by all interested parties as they have certain procedures/processes to allocate the lands of Auroville. The IDC representative informed that they had been surprised that there was another party already interested in the Brihaspati Farm as they had been trying to find a solution to move RERS out of the Industrial Zone for a long time. This information was felt to be new to the FAMC and it was expressed that this misunderstanding was due to inadequate communication between the two groups. Clarification was requested on the mandate of IDC and the respective roles in allocation of lands and assets of IDC and FAMC. A joint meeting of FAMC and IDC is to be called to clarify this issue.

**The Solar Panels:** It was informed by the sub-group that the residents of Brihaspati Farm refused to allow the sub-group to enter the farm to look at the solar panels. Hemant sent the list of the financial risks involved to the FAMC... It was proposed and agreed that the Acting Secretary should be requested via the Working Committee to inform the Brihaspati residents that there could be recourse and they would not be allowed to leave the country if the solar panels are not handed over to Hemant at CSR. It was reported that a registered letter from the Working Committee was sent to the Brihaspati people. On receipt of the letter all but one of the remaining residents of Brihaspati left Auroville. After their departure the solar panels were not to be found. An updated report on actions taken with regard to the theft of the solar panels was presented. A police complaint has been filed.

### 3. Issues related to Housing

**Sve Dam:** The IDC has brought to the notice of the FAMC a series of irregularities at Sve Dam, which include building without permission, breaking agreements with the IDC and building on the future radial road. A letter has been sent to the community and a reply is awaited.

**Igor's House:** Various questions, raised by the Housing Service, about Igor's house were answered.

(i) What is the value? There still needs to be an independent evaluation.

(ii) Whether any contribution for the house should go to a separate account for Igor? It was pointed out that Igor had been told that if the community decides that he can come back then some appropriate housing for him will be found. But there would be no separate account for Igor's new house.

(iii) The Auromodele community would have to be asked first about any proposed occupants and then the proposal would come back to the FAMC.

### 3. Allocation of Public Spaces:

The inconvenience faced by the Working Committee due to lack of sufficient space was expressed. It was explained that an agreement had been reached with Jurgen from the Library that he would vacate the old Auroville News office and move into an unused section of the old Secretariat next door, so that the Working Committee could have both a meeting space and a place for receiving phone calls. However Jurgen changed his mind and refuses to vacate the office; he wished to call a Resident's Assembly meeting to decide the issue. The Working Committee asked the FAMC to endorse the decision of the Bharat Nivas Co-ordination Group that the Library should vacate the space and the Working Committee could take it over.

Some members of the FAMC felt that the issue could be dealt with differently. It was agreed to endorse the Bharat Nivas Co-ordination Group's proposal to speak again with Jurgen. In the meantime the Working Committee would also look for another suitable place. It was reported that the Acting Secretary has offered to sit with Jurgen and Ashok Chatterjee to find out some solution on this issue.

### 5. Grants and Donations:

Guy (CSR) presented a report on the Grants and Donations to Auroville from 1993 to 2000. 2000-2001 had not yet been done as some details from Matrimandir and Auromitra were awaited. Over the past 8 years, income from grants and donations has almost tripled (292%). 55% are foreign contributions, 34 % come from within India and 11% from the Government of India. During this period, income from Grants and Donations was 2.5 times higher than the profits and 6 times higher than the contributions made by the commercial units. From an economist's point of view, grants and donations are unsustainable and re-enforce dependency, but in Auroville's case they are part of an important energy exchange and directly connected with the participation of the world in the creation of the "City the Earth Needs" and what Auroville has to give back to the world. It was said that grants and donations are one of the main tools for the development of Auroville but we should not be dependent on them for maintenance purposes. It was pointed out that the gap is widening between the amount received in grants and donations for development and the community's capacity to maintain the assets it is creating. It was agreed that this report should be brought to the Economy Task Group.

### 6. Commercial Units performance:

The ABC representative proposed to set up a Board of Trustees. He proposed that this Board of Trustees would decide on all ABC policies and finance the ABC office

and any other costs resulting from the work instigated by them. The first things to be done by the Board would be to ask the ABC Secretary to update the database on units; to compile information on units which need urgently to be studied and set up a group or groups to do this; to see that the terms of the Unit / Trust Agreement are adhered to; to finalize the proposal for the definition of financial powers; to approve and implement with immediate effect a common format for accounts.

It was said that the discussion regarding a Board of Trustees has been going on for a while and we could proceed if this is the right time. It is becoming important, as more and more units need to be looked into. A skilled knowledgeable person needs to look into and deal with such situations. However it was also said that such a system might obscure things. The units should rather be encouraged to understand their own data, so that there would be more awareness about themselves and it is they who should be reporting if an unhealthy situation arises.

The representative of ABC pointed out that the secretary of ABC has to run after the units to collect the budget to run the ABC office. The Board of Trustees would decide on the budget instead. It was pointed out that many units do not participate in the ABC anymore and that puts the responsibility for the commercial sector on the shoulders of the Trustees. The formation of a Board of Trustees is needed at this time. The workload, which was outlined, needs to be shared. In principle, the FAMC supports the ABC to form a Board of Trustees and it was agreed that a concept paper should be worked out.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please e-mail [FAMC@auroville.org.in](mailto:FAMC@auroville.org.in)

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### SOLARKITCHEN UPDATE

These Summer-Holidays were difficult for the Solar-Kitchen-Team as regularly many people did not cancel their meals although they did not take their lunch. On several days more than 60 booked people did not show up at lunchtime in the Solar-Kitchen and of course there was a lot of leftover food / waste.

As the bigger part of this "Non-Cancellers" are part of the "AV Nutrition-Scheme" (where they are paying less or nothing for their lunch) the Solarkitchenteam wants to remind them that they are still responsible for the canceling of their meals.

In general the Solarkitchenteam would very much appreciate if all who have monthly booked could manage to cancel their meal if they intend to be out of station for one or two days or longer.

The best time for this is one day before you do not take

your lunch. You just inform the booking station in the entrance of Solar-Kitchen (Vijaya or Ramesh ) between 8.30 a.m. and 11.00 p.m. by phone (622197) .

Concerning the dinner tiffins the Solarkitchenteam is suggesting to take the dinnertiffin as early as possible from 2.30 p.m. onwards. It is not recommendable for any kind of food to leave it in the warm afternoon air for hours inside a tiffin as it can turn sour or unedible.

Generally if you are not able to take your dinner tiffin please call us up under 622664 and ask for Sangeetha or Padma to inform them accordingly. Also in this case we would appreciate it if you inform us one day before. Last but not least we ask all tiffin-users to inform Toshitta or Angelika (622664) if there are any questions or suggestions related to their tiffins.

Thank you for your collaboration  
Solarkitchenteam

### **Message from the Working Committee:**

Subject: Conflict Resolution

Over the past few months, the WC has been flooded by long standing conflicts needing immediate attention and resolution. In view of the fact that till September, by which time the tenure of the WC will end, the WC is committed to participate in the Organisation of AV and also prepare for the upcoming meeting with the Governing Board, the WC is not in a position to further pursue Conflict Resolution. However, as there is a strong need to address this problem, the WC has contacted Michael B. (Petite Ferme), who has been once a member of the EC and has dealt with Conflict Resolution, to facilitate the formation of an interim Conflict

Resolution Group. Those Aurovilians who feel they can assist in this task are requested to get in touch with Michael (622289).

### **THE AUROVILLE ECONOMY IS IN TROUBLE..... HOW CAN WE HELP?**

In the last edition of AVNews the Economy Group gave us the sobering news that there is not enough income to cover all the demands made on the Central Fund, which includes personal maintenances as well as the other running expenses of some of our most important services. Our usual contributors are facing a reduction in income given the slow down in the world economy, falling interest rates and reduction in visitors and guests to Auroville. From July, probably to the end of this year there is likely to be a shortfall of between three and four lakh rupees each month.

So what can we do? This is something that affects each and every one of us whether we are supported by a maintenance or are self supporting. Each of us has to find a way of responding to this situation to resolve the

crisis. Here are three practical suggestions for things that can be done right now:

**We can all take less;** If the 600 or so people on a maintenance each took Rs 100 less for the next six months this would save Rs 60,000 per month. We are well aware that many on a basic maintenance may not be able to do this, but those of us with better maintenances might be able to manage this amount. Another way to help would be to see if you can manage for a shorter or longer period of time to cover all or some of your expenses from other income.

**We can all give more;** If the 600 or so self supporting people would increase their monthly contribution by Rs 800, from Rs 1,200 to Rs 2,000, this would create approximately Rs 4 lakhs each month. We know that many self supporting people support other things in Auroville as well as themselves and may not be able to manage this full amount. Any extra contribution over and above the basic amount, as an offering to show that we share in the solution to this problem, would be appreciated.

**We can all pool more of our money;** We can all look to see if we have any money that could be pooled for the corpus fund investments. There are safeguards to ensure that the money will be available whenever you need to use it.

**We can think of other creative ways to respond to this situation;** These are only suggestions and other constructive ideas are very welcome regarding both income and expenditure.

We need to move quickly so that there is money in the Central Fund by the middle of July when the next round of disbursements will be made. If you want to follow up any of these suggestions please phone the Financial Service or email [Economy@auroville.org.in](mailto:Economy@auroville.org.in)

Of course these are just short term suggestions to help solve the present economic crisis which go hand in hand with a review of current expenditure. In the long term we have to reorganise and re-energise the Auroville economy so that we can increase our income, become more sustainable in terms of producing what we need and provide for the needs of Aurovilians in a way which is more in tune with Mother's vision. The Economy Task Group has been set up by the FAMC to make recommendations for changes in policies and practices that will help us to achieve these goals.. For further details about this ongoing work you can look on the AVNet or contact Olivier or Naradi for meeting notes and details of upcoming meetings.

The Economy Group and the Economy Task Group  
Don, Jean-Yves, Judith, Naradi, Olivier, Pala, Priya, Shwetaketu, Shivaya, Rathinam

### **Building application with two weeks feedback.**

A . Elumalai Bharat Nivas Care taker house



Visitor's Center - Video in English

Saturday 06/07/02 at 8pm

**"Son of the morning star"**

With Gary Cole, Rosanna Arquette, Dean Stockwell, Rodney A. Grant

Dir: Mike Robe 1991/3h03'

The movie chronicles the life and times of Gen. George Armstrong Custer culminating in the battle of the Little Big Horn - Outstanding.  
The Video Movie Guide 2002

German Video @ Visitor Centre

Mittwoch 10.07.02 @ 20:00

**Gladiator**

[Ausgezeichnet mit 5 Oskars]

Regie: Ridley Scott

Produzent(en): Steven Spielberg - Douglas Wick -

David Franzoni - Branko Lustig

Darsteller: Russell Crowe - Joaquin Phoenix - Connie

Nielsen - Richard Harris - Oliver Reed

Soundtrack: Hans Zimmer, Lisa Gerrard

USA, 2000 - 155 min

Im alten Rom wird ein rechtschaffener Feldherr durch eine Intrige des ebenso eifersüchtigen wie gewissenlosen Sohns von Kaiser Marc Aurelius in die Verbannung geschickt. Durch den Tod von Frau und Sohn jeglichen Lebenswillens beraubt, wird er schließlich als unbezwingbarer Gladiator in der Arena des Colosseums erneut mit seinem Widersacher konfrontiert. Monumentales Epos, das mitfühlend sentimental und zugleich barbarisch brutal eine antike Soap Opera entwickelt, die durch die Rekreation gigantischer Schlachten und phänomenaler Architektur einen Anflug von Größe erhält.

**From the Hairdressing Service:**

Valentina will be in retreat untill further notice and will not do any hairdressing.

We are sorry for the inconvenience.

**Art Exhibition at Pitanga****"Looking at the Soul"***A Presentation of pastel works by***Samya (Arati)**

July 8 to 31, 2002

Mon - Sat 8 am - 5 pm

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

**JUILLET: VIDEO IN FRENCH****20 H 00 AU « VISITOR'S CENTER »****JEUDI 4**

**20H00 – LE GEANT DE FER.** Un film américain d'animation de Brad Bird (1999). Scénario : Tim Mc Canlies, d'après le livre de Ted Hughes. En VF. Durée : 1 h 30

**JEUDI 11****20H00 – RAYMOND DEVOS A L'OLYMPIA.**

Durée : 2 h 10

**JEUDI 18**

**20H00 – LE CRI DE LA LIBERTE.** Un film américain de Richard Attenborough (1989). Avec Denzel Washington, Kevin Klive et Penelope Wilton. En VF. Durée : 2 h 30

**JEUDI 25**

**20H00 – BUENA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB.** Un film musical de Wim Wenders (1999). En VO sous titré. Durée : 1 h 41.

**Transition School** will start on Monday, July 8th. The first graders will start on Wednesday, July 10th. The Eagles (Lyle's class) and the King Fishers (Abbey's class) will start one week later on the 15th.

**Kindergarten and Deepanam school** will re-open on monday the 8th of July.

**Call for an offering**

' There is no rice at home, let's arrange flowers '

(inspired from Basho ).

We have the dream to receive -once or twice a week- a small basket with little flowers to decorate the 45 tables at the solar kitchen dininghall. If you would happen to have blooming bushes or decorating leaves and like to offer us, we would be enchanted, you can contact Aikya ( 623063 or at sk) or Ma (at the sk) Also if you would happen to have a wish and natural inclination to explore flowerarrangements -once or twice a week- welcome to contact us. gratitude.

**Dear Aurovillians!**

Just a little note to let you know that our baby boy named **Silas** was born on 29/6/02.

Marjo&Boris

**Savitri Bhavan****Regular Programme from July 1, 2002**

*Sunday morning 10.30 – 12.00*  
*Savitri Study Circle*  
*evening 5.00 – 6.30*  
*The Human Cycle, led by Kittu Reddy*

*Monday evening 5.30 – 6.30*  
*Cultivating Concentration,*  
*led by Jai Singh*

*Tuesday evening 5.00 – 6.00*  
*The Mother's Entretiens 1956*  
*(starting July 16)*  
*6.00 – 7.00*  
*The Synthesis of Yoga*

*Thursday evening 4.30 – 5.30*  
*The English of Savitri,*  
*led by Shraddhavan*

*(new class, starting Book One, Canto One)*

*Friday evening 5.30 – 6.30*  
*Cultivating Concentration,*  
*led by Jai Singh*

*Saturday evening 5.30 – 6.30*  
*Programme in Tamil*  
*(for details, please see*  
*announcements in Tamil)*

*Sanskrit Classes led by Katya (in the shelter)*  
*Monday, Wednesday 5 – 6 pm*

*Everyone is welcome*

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**The Free Store**

**The Free Store** is happy to announce that thanks to the generosity of “**Sorbet**”, we have been able to acquire a telephone (623 680). Our opening times are still the same:

**Monday through Saturday 9—12 am**

**Tuesday and Saturday 3—5 pm**

Please remember that **The Free Store** is an exchange service. We happily give what we have received. So, would you kindly bring the things from around your house that you no longer need. We can only accept contributions that are clean and in useable condition.

The Free Store Team

**EXPOSITION**

Tout le monde est cordialement invité à venir découvrir le travail récent de Mayaura, exposé à l'Alliance Française de Pondicherry, rue Suffren, du 12 au 25 juillet 2002.

Bienvenue à tous et à toutes à l'introduction musicale au vernissage avec Stéfano le 12 à partir de 18h30 . Cette exposition s'inscrit dans les activités du Pavillon de France d'Auroville .

Merci de votre visite, mayaura

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**EXHIBITION**

Everyone is welcome to come and discover Mayaura's recent works, which will be exhibited at the Alliance Française of Pondicherry from the 12th to the 25th July 2002 .

Please do come to the musical introduction to the opening with Stéfano on the 12<sup>th</sup> from 6.30 PM

See you there, mayaura

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**Gas fridges**

An Electrolux dealer in India is considering importing Electrolux gas fridges. However, he'd like to know a) how many gas fridges are used at present in Auroville and b) an estimate of the likely demand in the future.

Would gas fridge users please contact me so that I can assess the present number in. Also, if anybody would like to buy one please get in touch. Alan (Samriddhi)

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**Dear friends,**

We offer our gratitude to The Mother through all of you especially the pioneers, the Hinmalayan Trust, FWE, Stichting de Zaaier for Kofpu's growth.

We honour Satish, friend of Auroville for being, voluntarily instrumental in taking kofpu to the light instead of us wanting us to go out reach.

Please find kofpu being published in The Hindu on 19th June 2002.

Thank you again for your continuous support and appreciation of our work.

Love,

Anandi (for Kofpu's team)

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**New Born Baby**

Madhan was born at 9.00 am on 01/7/02.

Arul & Nadhiya

### Connections

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

##### **v *Caretaker of the infrastructure of the Health Centre***

The **caretaker** the Health Centre is looking for should be skilled in all aspects of the maintenance of a plant's infrastructure: electricity, plumbing, masonry, UPS systems, etc. Of course, proper building maintenance needs the cooperation of the whole staff, so another essential function of the caretaker would be to train the staff in proper daily usage and care for the various parts and systems of the infrastructure. In other words, the caretaker must feel that s/he is part of the Health Centre's team and be devoted to the work of the Centre.

For information and sharing ideas concerning this work, as well as discussion on timings, etc. please call Albert at the Health Centre 622 123 or by email [avhealth@auroville.org.in](mailto:avhealth@auroville.org.in)

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

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

Please contact Karin at LEC 622 589

##### **v *Assistant for the ARKA Project***

In setting up the project a lot of communication needs to be done by computer. We are looking for a person who has good knowledge of the English language both speaking and writing and who could organize all necessary paperwork for this project. Of course, it will be wonderful if the person feels affinity for the project.

At the moment the actual work would probably take 8 to 10 hours a week

The office is, for the time being, at Maria Grazie's place at New Creation. It is helpful to have access to a moped or motorbike.

Contact: **Maria Grazia:**  
622284 or

email: [mariagrazia@auroville.org.in](mailto:mariagrazia@auroville.org.in)

#### **Connections is open Monday through 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](mailto:connections@auroville.org.in)

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#### **NANDINI OPENING TIME FROM JULY 1<sup>st</sup>**

EVERY MORNING: 9h to 12h30

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY AFTERNOON:  
2h30 to 4h30

#### **NO TAILORING ORDERS TAKEN THE FIRST WEEK OF EACH MONTH.**

You can give your orders either at the distribution place every day or at the tailoring workshop on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** morning and **Wednesday** afternoon.

We want to inform the community that Nandini is not any more in charge of the tailoring service, monthly supported by the C.F. but we remind you that Nandini tailoring section is open to all aurovilians and new comers.

Fraternally,  
Ane, Diana, Kelsang and Vidya.

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#### **Roma's Kitchen will not re-open on the 5th of July.**

The new date for opening will be posted in the avnews.

Best regards  
Roma's kitchen team.

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#### **Computer, color monitor and hard disc for Sale.**

Contact: 622 447 Lakshmi or Chandresegar for details and price.

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#### **APC 500 Watts UPS for sale**

Internal battery new, 10 - 15 min. back-up for computer system, 2800 Rupees.

[Ulrich@auroville.org.in](mailto:Ulrich@auroville.org.in) - Aurelec, 622298

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**NEWS FROM QUIET**

Though a couple of our people have not yet returned from their vacations, most are now back at work ( see list below ) and all intrested are invited to contact the office to schedule appointments. The Quiet office is now open morning and afternoon, Mon. - Sat. ( 8:00 - noon and 1:30 - 5:00 ).

From now on, Aurovilians coming to Quiet for massage are requested to bring their own (old) bedsheet and towel. Sorry, but the laundry scene is getting to be too much for us. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Available therapists:**

**Nandita, Michael Z.....homeopathy**

**Rita, Sang, Chris.....massage**

**Renate.....pranic / crystal healing**

**Mikael.....polarity therapy, dance**

**Dodo.....lymph drainage**

**Afsaneh, Roswitha.....bio resonance**

Dodo's yoga class is happening: Wed. & Sat.,  
4:00 - 5:30 PM.

The Watsu tank has been under repair, but should be operational shortly.

The Quiet Team

**FROM AUROVILLE VEHICLE SERVICE****Dear Aurovillians and guests and New comers.**

Please change your **Number plates** in your bike, from **black board** to **White board**. This is the order from the central government. The date to change the number plates is expired. It should be done before 30.06.2002. If you didn't do it, Please do it immediatly. If you got by the police, they will get fine as Rs.500. per bike.

Place to Change the Number Plates.

Govindaraj salai (back to raja theatre)

Pondicherry.

**For more informations please contacts us**

Raju, Wazo and Velu

Bharatnivas, Auroville. Ph:623302 e-mail

[avvehicle@auroville.org.in](mailto:avvehicle@auroville.org.in)

**AV net****The Gunas**

We are introducing a new illustrated series on Gunas, the three modes of Nature.

The text is based on Sri Aurobindo's 'Synthesis of yoga'

CWSA, Vol 23 -24 Pages 684 - 688.

Illustrations: Lele

We have published the first part having 8 illustrated pages.

During the coming weeks remaining parts will be published.

This is an experimental work and we would like to hear your feedback.

Thank you,  
AVnet team.

**Dear Friends,**

The Tibetan Doctors will be visiting Auroville for consultation on Saturday the 20 of July. For appointment please contact:

Kalsang @ 623 338 / 622 401 (Tibetan Pavilion)

Thank you,  
Pavilion Team.

**Urgent!**

Please bring us back the empty jars we use in our production. We need them desperately, since we are not receiving any from our supplier. Bring them to us in Bharat Nivas(or Pour Tous in the mornings).

We give you refund of Rs.3.50 per jar.

Thanks,

AV Food Processing - Naturellement.

**Yoga mat,**

Does anyone have a yoga asana mat, sticky type or other, they want to sell or get rid of? Contact me at 622-208 or at [vigyanagni@auroville.org.in](mailto:vigyanagni@auroville.org.in).

thanks, Agni

**Do You need help?**

Ms. Jaya from kuilapalayam is hard working well trained and regular. I can really recommend her for some one who need their house to be well taken care of. Please contact, AV-Food Processing.

**Music system for sale**

Philips Hi-Fi system FW326(single CD player, double deck tape recorder, speakers, remote, AM antenna)  
Perfect condition, half price, Tel. 623 332 (preferably lunch or dinner time)

**NADOPASANA**SOUND YOGAVOICE TO HELP INNER EVOLUTION

Bruno propose you a modal singing workshop with the use of yoga nadopasana.  
Nada :sound  
Upasana :meditation attitude, open and welcome.

In 1978 , Bruno met in Madras Nageswara Rao master of carnatic music, he will spend more than ten years with him to study the yoga nadopasana and carnatic music.( song and veena) in France and india.

Program

- Discovering of one's voice with fundamental tone and its harmonies.
- Be aware of the resonance of the sound in one's body.
- Visualize the place of the notes in the chakras ladder.
- Experiment the sound vibration inbetween two individuals notes.
- Introduce the pulsation.
- Explore richness of talas (rythms).
- Improvise melodics shapes based on different ragas.

By its melodic nature its right intervals, the capital role of the fundamental tone; the practice of modal sing as yoga helps one self to reach a well balance and being state.

Courses on Sunday 9.30-11 am  
Thursday 4.30 pm-6.pm

in Deepanam school  
classes start on Sunday 14th of July 9.30 a.m  
Information: Bruno in Svedam.623 074

**NADOPASANA**YOGA DU SONLA VOIX AU SERVICE DE L' EVOLUTION INTERIEURE

Bruno vous propose un atelier de chant modal en pratiquant le yoga nadopasana  
Nada :le son  
Upasana : attitude de méditation , ouverte et réceptive.

En 1978 , Bruno rencontre à Madras le Maître de musique carnatic Nageswara Rao auprès duquel il étudie pendant plus de dix ans le yoga nadopasana et la musique carnatic , chant et veena en France et en Inde.

Programme

- Découvrir sa voix en cherchant le ton fondamental et ses harmonies.
- Ressentir la résonance des sons dans son corps . Visualiser la place des notes dans l' échelle des chakras.
- Explorer la vibration du son entre deux notes individuelles.
- Introduire une pulsation.
- Explorer la richesse des talas ou rythmes.
- Improviser des formes mélodiques sur différents Ragas.

Par sa nature mélodique , ses intervalles justes , le rôle capital du ton fondamental , la pratique du chant modal en tant que forme de yoga , aide l'individu à atteindre un état d'équilibre et de bien être.

Les cours à Deepanam school, reprendront à partir du dimanche 14 juillet

Le dimanche de 9.30 à 11h  
Le jeudi de 16h30 à 18H

Information: Bruno tel 623 074

For Sale

14" colour TV, Akai, used 3 months for Rs. 6000/  
New Price Rs. 7000/. Will accept good quality steel cupboard in partial exchange.  
A. Shanker - Phone: 622 391

For Sale

HeroHonda CD100 SS-1996.  
Good running condition - 1800 rps.  
Contact: Francois at Turya Guest house or  
Email: francoisjo38@hotmail.com

### Old Traditional Dance

The Healthcenter is surrounded by several villages. One of them is Bommaipalayam. Each village has some typical tradition. In Bommaipalayam it is a stickdance and the father will teach his son, who will teach his son again, etc. This happens already for many centuries.

A group of 10 or 12 young men show different classical dances to the accompaniment of a singer (acapella) and personate among other things some life-situations also. The performance takes about 45 minutes. This group keep themselves standing by performances in other villages and on request by organizers from all types of festivals.

Here in India the younger generation still gets trained. From abroad there is interest to teach it to children, who have less power of concentration. Our respect for the cultural tradition is a reason to support them to get them uniformed with the old original style of costumes. The money for this has to come from performance. The transport of the dance-group is offered by the Healthcenter as support to keep this unique old cultural art alive, in a country where the influence of tourism becomes indistinct.

The Healthcenter Team.

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### Call for Help

Dear Friends,

Originally from Delhi, I have been visiting Auroville for short and extended periods of time since 1994. I am now a "Newcomer" and in need of suitable long-term accommodation (minimum 5-8 months) in Auroville – I will be in a position to build or purchase a house only after a year or so. I am currently helping with communications work at Aurofuture, and also working for Auroville Today as a writer.

If you need a responsible person for housesitting, or are willing to share a part of your house (with basic kitchen facilities and a separate entrance), I would be happy to accept. I can pay my share of the utility costs (electricity and telephone, for example), and help out with the garden/pets if they need looking after.

I am also interested in buying a one or two-year old moped or kinetic honda in excellent working condition.

Please contact me on email:

[abhaprakash@auroville.org.in](mailto:abhaprakash@auroville.org.in) or call at 623-423

(Certitude) before 8 p.m.

With thanks,

Abha

### Paulette

Cher André,

Paulette nous a quitté le 23 Juin 2002. >

C'était le jour de notre Assemblée Générale à AIF.

Paulette avait travaillé pendant longtemps avec nous à AIF. Pour nous c'était la personne la plus dévouée, disponible et efficace. Elle a fait preuve de beaucoup de générosités, de gentillesse. C'était toujours un plaisir de travailler et de communiquer avec elle. Elle a réalisé, le reportage "sur les chemins d'Auroville" qui est un bon document et que nous diffusons toujours à l'association. Quand elle a quitté AIF, nous sommes restés régulièrement en contact. Elle était toujours joyeuse, confiante et positive. A l'écoute de sa voix au téléphone et pendant nos rencontres, elle ne s'est jamais plaint de cette maladie qui finalement a eu le dessus. Elle a connu la dernière guerre en Europe, ce fut une période très difficile pour elle mais elle l'évoquait sans amertume. Elle a été témoins de ces événements, et elle disait que ça faisait partie de ces épreuves dans la vie, qui vous fait prendre conscience de la condition humaine. Et que ce qui était important c'était les occasions qui nous étaient données pour avancer sur le chemin spirituel.

Paulette a été une bonne compagne sur ce chemin du yoga de Mère et de Sri Aurobindo.

Elle va nous manquer.

Satyakam et Devasmita

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### Material Desires

For our passage in the material world, what is indispensable to our life and action is put at our disposal according to place we should occupy there.

The more we are consciously in contact with our inner being, the more exact are the means we are given.

The Mother.

