

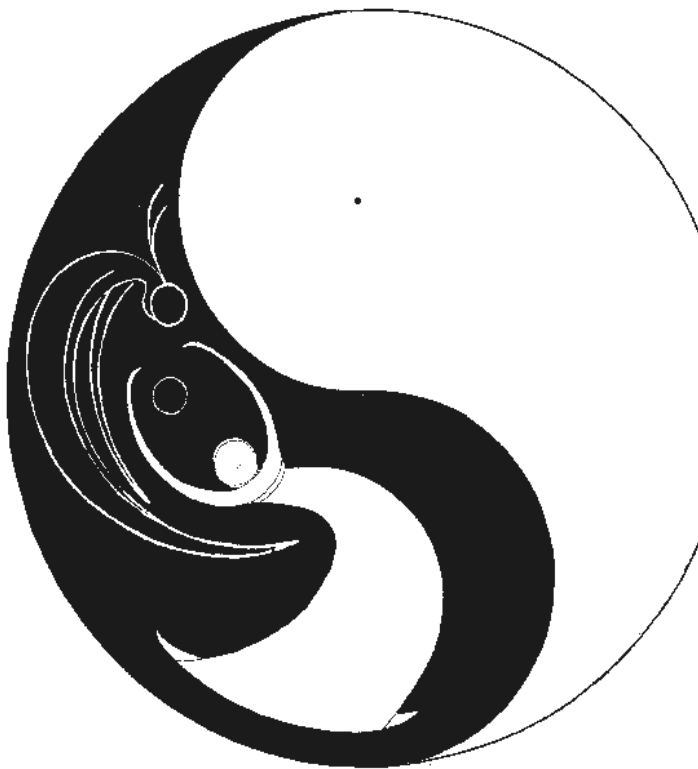
Auroville News

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Exhibition of Janina's Drawing

The Little Ball



REPORTS FROM AVI 2002 MEETING IN USA

This week an animated AVI meeting has been taking place in California's Redwood forests in USA. Tine and others sent the following daily reports:

Dear Compats,

The big day has arrived and Auroville and AVI folks are arriving at the Sequoia Seminar Center under the huge redwood trees of coastal California to meet for another AVI conference. We will meet starting today, Friday 19th through Wednesday the 24th.

It is a beautiful forested area, away from any city or town in the hills, with little houses and huts interspersed between trees, paths and little roads. When June and I came here first to check things out, we got lost several times, although we had a map.

People arrived and some are really tired from long flights, the longest flight I heard of today was 43 hours from Madras ! It's such a joy to hug and greet everybody and see so many friends. We are expecting 75 to 80 participants and most of them are already here. The organizing team of AVI USA did a wonderful job to take care of everything and everybody. After dinner, Dr. Ananda Reddy gave a well prepared speech about the International Zone, Auroville and the role of the AVIs - the entire talk will be put tomorrow on the AVI USA website to you to read. It is really an Auroville-energy here.

This is just a small note to tell you that it has all started and more will follow. I wished that the joyful energy will go out into the world from this place and reach all of you in your hearts who cannot be physically with us.

Good Night
with Love,
Tine

AVI meeting in the USA - Day #2

Megan Thomas, who is a real pro at running a meeting, facilitated our second day. Her intelligence and attention to the group's needs kept another full and complex day moving forward at a steady pace.

People praised the location and atmosphere, even though there is a substantial climb moving from many of the cabins to our meeting hall.

It was especially nice to see a number of young adults join the meeting including Satyavan Alexander and Aurelia Walton.

One of the more telling morning feedback requests was that someone else overheard a conversation critical of an attendee. Bill Leon quipped that we should complain more quietly about each other. This may be one of the best suggestions to come out of our meeting.

We then embarked on an alphabetical report on the status of the international pavilions from the attendees (there are many omissions, but at least my notes will give you the flavor)

Africa

Report by Tekeste

Africa has played a big role in supporting the idea of Auroville in '69. Halai Salassie put it in writing. There is powerful potential, which you will see in the film. I have Mother's support for our work. The video will tell more on the current status of Africa House.

Argentina by Anandi

I can relate to Tekeste's work coming from an undeveloped country. It will help us to publish a good book in Spanish. We are working on one, "The Wisdom of Sri Aurobindo". I gave talks on TV and have some articles to show you from New Age magazines. In '94 we got some workshops together for the Pavilion to have a full continental Pavilion since we in South America have so many things in common. If we only put buildings in the IZ, then only first world countries will have them.

Canada by Andrew

AVI Canada in Quebec has been in existence for 30 years. In Ontario and the rest of Canada, we are in a search to find our national identity. France and England, our original influence is now influenced by an international influx. One of the main ideas for the Pavilion is to build a hockey rink. We don't want an Americas Pavilion, but our own.

France by Alain

No one has taken responsibility for the Pavilion in France, but rather in Auroville. I summarize a report from Serge and Claude. We laid the first foundation stone by an industrialist; the French ambassador lay the 2nd stone two years later. The idea of the French is now to build up a European space. We hope to build up a French corner with a library and video center. We have an office in Aurolec with a computer and plan to organize cultural programs, student exchanges and showing of films and television. The study of the French soul is not yet part of the program.

Germany by Wolfgang and Friederike

At least 16 people for ten years have been researching the inner soul searching and for the last year an outer manifestation. Philosophy and music and the strength of the rational are part of our heritage. We have the advantage of Sri Aurobindo's comments on the soul of Germany and have benefited from the talks of Ananda Reddy the past two years. In 2001 we had an inauguration of our site and had a reception in Auroville. As a theme for our Pavilion, we chose water as a theme from the esthetics of the building to desalinization of water.

India by Bankim

Bharat Nivas will be shifting offices out creating new spaces. Permanent exhibitions on India were suggested. Asia Urbs created a new look in the Bharat Nivas campus. Auroville is

not very well known in India. I personally feel that the group should reach out in India and have more activities. We can learn from the mistakes and successes of Bharat Nivas. It has been under construction and functioning for longer than Matrimandir.

Netherlands by Martin

I can be very short because nothing much is happening yet, but discussions are just starting. In last October we had a meeting about what to do, but we have not approached the general public. The strong feeling was that we might not want a Dutch Pavilion per se, but cooperate, for instance, with the Belgians. (An objection from Guy drew laughter from the group).

Russia by Michael

On February 21st the inauguration of the Russian Pavilion took place. For the first time an official statement by the Russian ambassador gave support for Auroville and the Pavilion. On the physical level, not so much is happening right now, but funds are available from Dimitri von Morenschildt who died last month at the age of 100. We are now seeking counterparts in Russia to work with the Russians in Auroville. We have no plans or architect, but that is the step before us now.

Spain by Tine for Alfonso

Alfonso has published a book "In Search of the Soul of Spain" which is extraordinary and very much worth reading. The work on the Pavilion in physical has not yet begun.

Sweden by Eveline

The Swedish center is very small. The Pavilion is not an issue that moves me very much. When we had the AVI meeting in Sweden, we tried to explore the national soul, which is very hard to do in a global community. I am listening and waiting for inspiration. What I like is the Unity Pavilion.

Tibet by Julian

The Tibetan Pavilion is an inspiration to us all. Through the dedicated efforts of Claude Arpi, it is nearly completed. When the US and Russia had a meeting on cooperating on a well in the International Zone, they met in the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture. It is the only Pavilion, which had its cornerstone, laid by the head of state, H.H. the Dalai Lama. Tibet is the only government, which solves its most difficult problems by consulting an oracle. We have much to learn from their spiritual science. Unfortunately, the construction has stopped for lack of funds. Can't we network to find the \$30,000 needed to complete it? Joan and Jill commented on the contribution of the visiting doctor and the atmosphere of the New Year thousand light mandala.

UK by Martin

Two prongs are happening, some in the UK and some in Auroville. We only just started in the UK and have put it on our agenda. There are some people who don't agree we need a Pavilion. We benefited from Ananda Reddy giving us a talk. Anne and Gilbert are having group meetings and creating a

brochure and have made contacts with the British consulate.

US by Bill and Jill

We believe we are following Mother's intention by creating a national pavilion. We are looking at activities and functions more than form. Looking in the "Agenda", we read Mother's characterization of our national soul and its dynamic youthful quality of action. This is what we wanted for the buildings and the activities. So the student guest house "the little wide eyed open quality" could be manifest in the building itself. The building could be used as artist groups and economic development groups, for exchange and community rather than a museum. We brought an architect and an applied environmental scientist to AV in 2001 and brought forty students in 2002 to create a building. It is not JUST for USA students, but also for anyone who wants to come.

Unity Pavilion by Jill

A video has just been completed which will explain more. The Unity Pavilion will be open to all AVI people to gather and meet and have an office when they come to Auroville. How can we imaginatively share and celebrate what we have in common i.e.: snow around the world? We could have international studies on World Peace and Human Unity. Russia and USA made donations for the Unity Pavilion.

We then had a panel discussion on the International Zone with Helmut, Jill, Tekeste, Peter and Ananda.

Presentation by Helmut - living area - cite universitaire. Biggest group are those who want to participate, but don't know how. Emphasis on centers, Agora, Town Square, reflected in "university campus" model discussed by the Americans.

Jill mentioned we had four zones, plus Peace Area and Green Belt. Each country has to go through a process in IZ Group and the Development council.

Peter, in quest of the order of the International Zone: How can we implement the free grouping of nations Sri Aurobindo mentions? Galaxy is valid in putting out deeper cosmological structures, an energy field.

Ananda was concerned that while the Tibetan Pavilion breathes the soul of Tibet, unfortunately Bharat Nivas does not manifest the soul of India.

Action points:

Compilation of Sri Aurobindo's writing on international zone. Figure out what is relevant to Auroville today Nation soul based on past or future?

Sunday afternoon

Megan tried to guide us to obtainable goals. We broke into small groups to discuss:

How do AVIs participate and what are their roles in the evolution and decision making in the international zone.

How to include all players?

How do we best manage the development of the international zone with close communication and collaboration with Auroville and other actors?

a. build on successes

b. look at problems

Mechanisms

After a half hour discussion we returned with the following reports and suggestions:

#1 Taranti

Create a phone center for international communications, Fund delegates to meet face to face, Bring trainings to Auroville

#2 Paula

We had the sense that the time is NOW to move forward on the International Zone.

Presence and commitment present makes a difference -i.e. Claude and Tibetan Pavilion

Strong presence outside can also have an influence as with Germany.

Working with AV yields new result: US Student Guest House

Opportunity for Growth

Grow out of your national karma, Lack of diversity of cultural groups: Jews and Arabs

Aurovilians must have final say!?!?

Expanding IZ group to include AVIs and villagers

#3 Andrew

US group and how it worked - saw it through from start to finish

Co builders - US Model on international scale

Bring national vision to AV, go to AV face to face

#4 Renu

Designed together

Collaboration with Ashram through Bharat Nivas

#5 Roger

Simplify, right job for right group

AV Rep key to feeding back and forth between the country and its Auroville counterparts

Invite ashram participation and hold seminars on Sri Aurobindo and Mother's insights.

#6 Molly

Momentum

Development group working together

Tamil Housing a need

#7 Guy

Decision-making process a focus

- AVI Centers

- AV National group

Need a close collaboration, illustrated by a flow chart.

Current decision-making process PLUS

IZ group's new orientation with their consent

Our next session was an overview of the impact of water reported on by Jill. Admitting her "amateur" status, Jill was drawn to the issue from her experience in moving the American Pavilion project forward and trying to resolve best strategy for getting water to the building site and supplying it in the future.

It is a very wide subject touching many areas. The current Water Service has been dissolved, creating a difficult situation. She cited a few responses to her questionnaire and essays on water including an early interview with Roger and some health and the suggestion to form an Advisory Board. The well at the visitor's center may also help serve the International Zone.

Ed responded with a number of insights based on his earlier understanding of the dynamics of the Auroville water table. He suggested we should put a well on the other side of the IZ. It is one of the richest areas for water.

As a delightful bonus to our day, we saw excellent videos on the Unity Pavilion and one from the students from the University of Washington who worked on the US student dorm. This video has a bonus ending which has not been seen.

We then had some dynamic programming, breaking off into a number of various subject groups including more on water and a discussion of the nation-soul.

Our evening session consisted of Savitra's songs from the early years. He invoked the special feelings of the early days and his relationship with the children. His songs were evocative and well received.

Paula followed with a lovely collection of stories about a journey to Tibet combining both stories read from a diary and recited from memory.

The talent show continued with essays and poetry from Amrit Imandar, who served as a secretary to Rabindranath Tagore and told stories about the relationship between Sri Aurobindo and Tagore. He also read from his original poems.

Chandresh followed with a few of his original poems, some of which have been previously published on the internet.

The very long and wonderful day ended with an acapella rendition of an original song by Taranti, a personal antiwar song about a young friend who was sent to war at age eleven and died, dedicated to the mothers of Iran and Iraq.

Already new friends, Sami Sunchild, (www.redvic.com) and old family Renu and Savitra and Auropuja and tribe have left, so our peak number has passed. We walked back through the redwoods and moonlight, brimming with images of Auroville dancing in our heads, poetry and songs echoing into the night.

Julian Lines

Dear Compats,

The lovely Sunday-report was prepared by Julian. He sat with the laptop on his knees in the meetings, hour after hour, and faithfully reported what was said. Thank you, Julian, for your work !

Now it is Monday, and it promises to be a beautiful sunny day for our walk through the forests to the beach today. At the end of the 3-hours or so walk, we will be picked up by van and brought back to the seminar center.

At the moment in the conference hall a workshop on "Consensus Decision Making" is going on, conducted by Megan. The topic of the day is "Being Together Here and Now". I must say a word about Megan -- it's the first time I see her "in action" like that, and I marvel at the efficiency, pointedness, concentration, and the mix of fun and seriousness she conveys by facilitating the sessions, and her ability to bring them back to focus when they threaten to spill over into chaos. In fact, the same goes for the rest of the main organizing team of AVI USA, who did and are doing a truly wonderful job in organizing this meeting, Nilauro, June, Chandresh, Julian,

Bill, Kalpana, Taranti and others. Bill, Julian and Nilauro stand out in the way they facilitate communication and collaboration. Especially without Nilauro, who worked (and over-worked) for the past two months on his computer to bring this meeting to reality, it would not have been possible like that.

Yesterday in the context of the International Zone we talked about the qualities of nation-souls -- here is an example of the American soul -- to my feel it is communication and networking. They are just experts at it !!

Also at organizing, it is marvellous, things can just flow into the well-prepared frame.

A little program preview: On Tuesday we'll have an AVI-day, with the center's reports and insider's discussions about what we, as AVIs, can do better and learn from each other, and how we interact with each other and reach out into the world. The discussions regarding AVI and the International Zone are of course on-going, and we hope to be able to formulate a common resolution about how to work with the International Zone and with Auroville, as that's an important aspect of the AVI-work for the next years. Friederike has volunteered to report to

you about this day.

Wednesday will be our last day together, "Looking Forward" is the topic, with future directions, summarizing concrete outcomes of the meetings, sharing, and closing session.

But for now we're not yet closing, but look forward to either walk together, or visit the Monterey Aquarium, guided by Nilauro, who is well prepared for that task, as a studied marine biologist.

Please take a look at the AVI-2002 photos on the Auroville website:

http://www.auroville.org/organisation/avi_2002/avi_2002.htm

and enjoy !

with Love from the Californian redwood forest,
Tine

New Products at Pour Tous – made in Auroville!

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Product</u>
Celebration	Coconut Jam
Kofpu	All organic muesli Colloidal Silver
Naturellement	Marzipan
Royal sweet)	Gateaux Basque (vanilla Financier Cashew (sweet pie)
Sweet Russia	Day & Night Cake Beautiful Maria Cake Hungarian Cake Chocolate Cake

Now again available at Pour Tous (seasonal)

Siddharta Farm	Sugarcane Syrup
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With best Wishes,
The Team of Pour Tous

MARTIAL ARTS IN AUROVILLE ;

Philippe propose new classes of the main
TAOIST practises in PITANGA :

QI QONG - TAI CHI (chi
work, concentration, meditation, use of the
breath, towards a 100% healthy life)

tuesday thursday sunday from 5.30pm to 6.30
pm

KUNG FU (danse of shaolin, fitness
training, coordination and power)

monday wednesday friday saturday from 5.30
pm to 6.30

beginners are welcome

An Introduction to Western Philosophy

Jehuda offers introductory lectures on
Western Philosophy. The first of these lectures
will be held at Athithi Griha on 31 July 2002
from 10-12am. All are welcome.

We are also hoping to organize a two week
course in Western Philosophy by Dr. Rekha
Basu, Delhi University, towards the end of
October. If you are interested, pls. contact one
of us.

Thankyou,
Tapas Bhatt, Celestine, Bindu

AUROVILLE ADULT CHOIR

Dear Choir Members,
Choir practice will start again from Thursday, the
8th of August, at 5:30 pm in Pitanga Hall

For New Members:

The group is open to those who would like to join.
A previous checking of the voice is necessary
before joining, therefore, if you are interested
please come on Wednesday the 31st of July
sometime between 3-5 pm to my house in
Samasti. If it is difficult for you to come on that
day or during that time, please contact me at
#622310 any evening after 5 pm.

We need:

Male voices, particularly basses, the low ones.

See you soon! Nuria

NEWS FROM POUR TOUS!

Come and visit our new bakery corner! From now
on you can get at Pour Tous all kind of breads,
biscuits, muesli and cakes from AV and Ganesh
bakery, Aurosoya, Royal, Naturellement and
Galyna. By buying at the bakery corner you can
help to avoid plastic, as we pack all items in
paper. You might even bring your own containers.

NEWS FROM POUR TOUS!

Good news for the lovers of Power Syrup from
New School Crafts. If you bring your own bottle,
you can get it at a cheaper rate. A 750 ml bottle,
for example, we will fill you for Rs.60/- (instead of
Rs65/- from the shelf) at the bakery corner.

NEWS FROM POUR TOUS!

Would you like to join our team2, we still need
help to sell the bakery items and to care for the
Auroville Products. If you are interested, contact
Nevi or Liane at Pour Tous .

The Pour Tous Team

Tea in Irumbai

*"Among ants I feel an ant, among bees I
am a bee, among butterflies I share their
fluttering freedom and carefree life (*
M.S.Mani. Insects. Delhi, 1997, Preface).

A big training hall there is in a building of Village
Action Group (Auroville) in Irumbai. About forty
Young villagers gathered in it on July 4 together
with Dr Narayan, his assistants and some
Aurovilians – Rita, Njal and i. Dr Narayan gave a
lecture about insects, he used Tamil language.
Dr Narayan is an entomologist, his speciality –
biological control of pests. He is an excellent
master of dialogue with people. It was an
interesting discussion: a question asked and after
he wrote answers in black board. Of course
traditional knowledge is different from scientific
one.

Dr Narayan showed nice slides of insects, Rita
and Nijal brought posters with information about
insects and different ways to control them.
Everybody received a cup of very tasty tea.

BORIS

Janina Stroka was born in Lvov, Poland, in 1909. She studied pedagogy and psychology, and after obtaining her M.A. became a teacher in a teachers' training college. The Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939 put an end to this career and Janina became a refugee, escaping over Poland's eastern border into Slovakia and from there through Hungary and Turkey to Palestine, which she reached in January 1941. It was while working in a school for Arab girls in Jerusalem that she came into contact with the message of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, through the exiled German pastor Heinz Kappes, who later translated Sri Aurobindo's Savitri into German. She returned to Poland after the war and worked there as an educationist for nearly nine years. But she fell ill in the destructive atmosphere of soviet communism. In 1956 she was able to visit a friend who lived in Germany. As she recovered she found that she could not possibly go back. With the consent of the Mother she embarked for India, arriving in Pondicherry on December 17, 1957.

Janina's paintings and graphic works were an important part of her life in the Ashram - a means of offering herself to the Mother and a visual expression of her aspiration, devotion and love. A selection of them, along with some of her letters have been published by the Ashram in the book "A Captive of Her Love" (1998).

The "Little Ball" series was offered to the Mother by Janina on her 54th birthday, July 18 1963. She passed away just a year later, on July 17, 1964, after completing another series of forty-eight pictures to be offered to the Mother on her 55th birthday.

FROM ROYAL AUROVILLE

Henri informs the community that Ready Made food will be available in POUR TOUS STALL FROM 16th July.

- Veg. Dishes : Everyday
- Fish Dishes: Tuesday, Friday
- Chicken or Meat: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday

Thanks.

FOR SALE

DOUBLE BED MADE OF PINE WOOD
WITH MATTRESS KURL ON VERY GOOD CONDITION
IF U WANT ONLY THE MATTRESS ALSO POSSIBLE.
VERY GOOD PRICE.
DON'T HESITATE TO CALL AT 622646 after 7 p.m and before 9.am.-Tanvi

"In Mother's Room: 1960 - 1972"

*Photographs of Mother and
some of Her personal possessions
can be seen for the first time.*

Many Aurovilians want to see new and different photographs of The Mother. These photos have been selected for that purpose. They show something of The Mother's life in Her room. There are photos of Her at work, alone, or with Her attendants and the Ashramites who worked with Her.

The Ashram has also allowed us to display some of Mother's personal articles, which will be available for viewing for the whole month.

There will be a special Meditation Room for those who want to meditate.

The Pitanga team will take orders for purchase of the exhibited photographs. Some of the regular, traditional photographs of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo also will be on sale. Proceeds go to the Matrimandir.

Exhibition at Pitanga
August 1 - 31, 2002
Mon - Sat 8 am to 5 pm

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

Odissi dance classes

Beginners between the age of 8-13 can join the dance class at Pitanga on Saturdays 8:30AM

Beginners 13 and above can join the class at 4PM in Pitanga

ALL are welcome!

Dîner Dansant, Samedi 3 Août, Cafeteria
Visitor's Center- Réservation Jusqu'au 2 Août!!
(Gérald 622248)

Dear friends,

**Pourtous is missing many shopping baskets.
If you have any baskets hanging around,
Please bring them back to Pourtous.**

Greetings

Thank you,

Pourtous team

Some Information about AVES

Recently the Economy Group has been in contact with the Auroville Electrical Service looking at ways to help improve the present situation in the Central Fund where there is not enough income to cover the budgets of all the activities under its umbrella. In this context, AVES has revised its billing policy so that it could become a self-supporting service that would no longer rely on the Central Fund. Current articles from the Economy Group give a fuller description of the overall picture.

Therefore, starting in August, for each service call a bill will be made that will include overhead expenses — such as the salary of the electrician doing the maintenance work, transport etc. and as at present, any materials used.

Aside from this, there will be 2% surcharge on bi-monthly bills for domestic electricity connections over Rs 200/=.

There is already a 5% surcharge on the bi-monthly consumption bills for commercial units, which will remain the same. Originally this amount went to recover the costs of AVES expenses related to the earlier embezzlement case, but once these expenses are paid, the amount will go to support AVES running expenses.

These changes are expected to bring in an average of Rs 5 lakhs a year, which is roughly equivalent to what the Central Fund has been giving to AVES

I'm actually new in Auroville and coming there as long term guest.

I wonder if you can put a small note in the news, cause like all the new comers, I'm looking for a house... It's very fine to go a little bite every where and ask if a house is available, like this I can meet people, but a small note in the news can help me also.

We are two adults and two children (4 and 6 years) and looking for a house for almost one year.

You can contact Isabelle in Dana 622 350

Thanks for your help

From the Economy Group $\frac{3}{4}$ The Central Fund, July 2002 (Continued)

Last week we highlighted the positive response to appeals for contributions to the Central Fund that brought together sufficient income to cover all the regular expenses. We also mentioned that there is a need for this form of support to continue even more substantially in the months to come.

In an earlier article we noted that the amount of guest contributions was lower than that of last year. Clearly there have been fewer guests this year, but it has also been observed that only 50-60% have guest cards. Out of this figure there are a small number of people who come for 2-3 days or just over the weekend and may not get a card, which is understandable as it may not seem necessary or be convenient to do so. But aside from exceptions such as these, we call upon all those who welcome guests to Auroville to encourage them to obtain a card, as this movement would inject a flow of both energy and income.

There is also a move to assist those services that can become self-supporting in doing so. It is recognized that this measure is suitable for only a few services and that given the present circumstances of financial constraint, it will be appreciated wherever it can be done appropriately. For example, the Auroville Electrical Service will begin the process starting in August; the details of which are outlined in another article in these pages. It is important to remember the need to be aware of the resources at our disposal, to use them well, to avoid wastage or negligence, to take care of our material assets and of each other. In some instances they may be a need to take responsibility, perhaps even to take on more responsibility, so that all we have is managed consciously, so that Auroville can grow harmoniously, even through times of difficulty.

We also encourage everyone to become familiar with the Central Fund Receipts and Payments chart that is printed every month $\frac{3}{4}$ elsewhere in this issue of the AVNews you will find the chart for July 2002. Suggestions on how to create a more ample base for our Central Fund are most welcome.

Certitude Sports Ground Bulletin:

There are numerous repairs and new facilities being worked on at the moment . There is now a toilet at the back of the dome building - which remains open till 6pm. The children's climbing structure is to be repainted once the necessary repairs are made , we also plan to add another large rope climbing structure and a seesaw nearby. The Basketball court will be fixed up with new backboards, and the whole area will get a new coat of paint in the next couple of weeks. Please take notice that the sports ground is now a NON SMOKING area.

The 5th International Ecocity Conference, Shenzhen, China

Dear Community

It all started with simple and delayed exploration! While searching Net, I happened to land at this Ecocity Conference site and I found that an international conference on Eco cities is proposed during 19-23 Aug at Shenzhen, China (near Hong Kong).

Already, 4 conferences on this theme have happened around the world. What I found on their site that the last date to submit the paper abstract has already gone but I thought of giving it a try and wrote to them about AV and importance of AV being their in such important conference and forum with a recommendation of having a look at our website which they did and asked me to submit my late paper.

Few days back, they responded by saying that my paper has been accepted and I need to give a full paper. At this juncture I told that we have no financial support here to attend this conference which otherwise will benefit a lot from AV's presence and asked for the funding from them only to which, a bit later they responded positively in the form of covering all my local expenses and asked me to arrange the air fare. I tried a lot and wrote back to them saying that it is looking difficult to get one – can you help? To my utter happy surprise, they again responded positively! Now they are covering the airfare and local expenses there. I am also trying to explore the possibilities of making Auroville presentation in Bangkok, Hong Kong and Singapore at universities, institutes and potentially interested people/groups. I have been receiving positive responses in this regard.

I still need some money to cover trip related various expenses such as visa fees, accommodation, photo documentation, preparation and other small expenses in above cities. I estimate it approx Rs. 20,000/- (Rs Twenty thousand only). It would be a great help if people could help me arrange this sum. The related account no is 251107 (Lalit Ecocity Conference). If anyone has any questions/suggestions in this regard, please feel free to contact me at 622170. Thanks. **Lalit**

EDITOR FOR AV WEBSITE

The Auroville web team is still looking to train an Aurovilian or Newcomer to eventually take over the job of editor, or content person, for the Auroville website (international pages). You would work in the Auroville web office in Aurelec, with Manoj and Kovalan, Emanuele, Bobby and Mauna (who would train you and be there for you as long as needed). Maintenance available.

Get in touch!

Telephone 623.424 or email webed@auroville.org.in

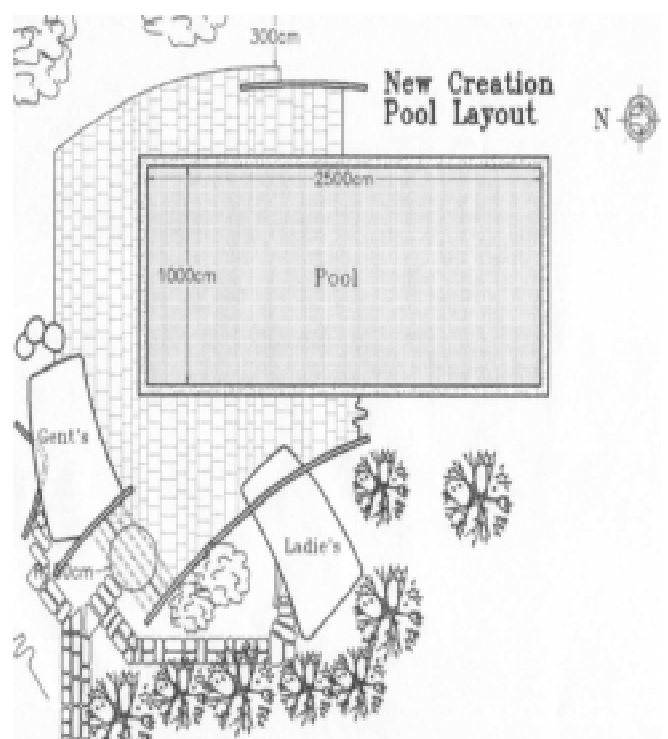
Office space available for rent :

Two office rooms, well located and recently furnished are available for rent inside Aurelec premises.

Room size : 58.22 sqm.

Room size : 43.14 sqm.

Interested people may contact Mr. Siva at Aurelec in person, or by phone 622.293/94 or e-mail: adps@auroville.org.in



SAVITRI BHAVAN**August 2002****EXHIBITION****“The Little Ball”**

paintings by Janina Stroka (1909 – 1964)
a series presented to the Mother in July 1963

July 28 – August 30
9 – 12 am; 2 – 5 pm; Monday – Saturday

THE LIFE DIVINE

Dr. Ananda Reddy
resumes his Wednesday classes (6 – 7.30 pm) from
August 7th

THE MOTHER’S “Entretiens”

**A new series focussing on the Mother’s
recorded talks
led by
Aster and Beena
every Tuesday (5 – 5.45 pm), starting
August 6th**

PROGRAMMES IN TAMIL

Every Saturday 5.30 – 6.30 pm
for details see announcement in Tamil

HEALTH FIRST

Classical homeopathy child care personal
development Consultation in eng, french, german
and tamil With Sigrid, healing practitioner
I’m back to normal timings for consultations every
morning :

Mon, Wed. Fri 9 a.m. to 12.30 a.m.

Tue, Thu 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 a.m.

And on appointment at Prayatna , phone 623669
An introductory session on Homeopathic First Aid
will take place on Wednesday 31.7 at 10 p.m.
(language according to participants..)
All are welcome Sigrid

Solar Training Course postponed

The course is postponed for one week. It will start
on Monday 29th of July and will end August 10th.
In this two-week period, you can learn the basic skills
to be able to install and maintain solar home systems
(SHS).

We will start with a short overview on the available
energy (re)sources, to get an idea which possibilities
are there and why there is a need to use renewable
energy sources. We'll go on with basic electronic
calculations.

The last two days of the first week you can learn
about the different components of a SHS and their
functions. The second week starts with the topic
'installation practises', goes on with 'how to maintain
a system' and ends with some training on costumer
interaction and troubleshooting.

If you are interested to join the course for two weeks
training, please contact Rama (Solar Service -
622263 or 622080) or Johannes
(Johannes@auroville.org.in - AuroRE 622749) as
soon as possible.

OTHER REGULAR COURSES

Sunday	morning	10.30 – 12.00
	evening	5.00 – 6.30
Monday	evening	5.30 – 6.30
Tuesday	evening	6.00 – 7.00
Thursday	evening	4.30 – 5.30
Friday	evening	5.30 – 6.30

Savitri Study Circle

The Human Cycle, led by Kittu Reddy

Cultivating Concentration, led by Jai Singh

The Synthesis of Yoga, led by Shraddhavan

The English of *Savitri*, led by Shraddhavan

Cultivating Concentration, led by Jai Singh

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

Office and Reading Room 9 – 12, 2 – 5, Monday – Saturday

Everyone is welcome