

# Auroville News

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## **-MESSAGE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF AUROVILLE -**

July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2002

Dear all,

The Working Committee invites all residents of Auroville for a General Meeting on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm at SAWCHU.

The Working Committee and the Support Group would like to present to the community the outcome of intensive sessions debating the various aspects of our collective organisation, proposals of activating a larger community participation, constitution of the next Working Committee, its Secretariat and other Support groups.

We aim at establishing a process of Self-Governance for Auroville as envisaged by the Mother, and recognised and promoted by the Auroville Foundation Act. In order to officially establish such a process, a series of Residents' Assembly meetings may have to be called in the next couple of months.

To assure a large participation we suggest Sundays, like the 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> of August.

Your attendance for the General Meeting on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm at SAWCHU is very much needed.

The Working Committee

# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Des yogi et des grands hommes, il y en eut qui plaisantèrent souvent avec leurs disciples et leurs amis: mais il me semble qu'il y ait toujours eu un voile, aussi ténu fût-il, de crainte et de respect qui donnait aux relations un caractère trop réservé. Sri Aurobindo nous permit d'oublier cette barrière et nous plaisantions avec lui d'égal à égal sans cesser cependant de faire la distinction entre guru et disciple.

Voici un exemple de pure plaisanterie :

Sri Aurobindo était étendu sur son lit. Nous chuchotions entre nous. Champaklal, qui avait essayé de se retenir, éclata soudain de rire et dut se précipiter hors de la chambre. Sri Aurobindo dit en nous regardant : »De quelle descente divine s'agit-il ? » Je répondis en contrôlant mon hilarité : »Champaklal a éclaté de rire. »

Sri Aurobindo : »Oh, ce fut donc l'Ananda de Vishnou qui est descendu ! » Plus tard, Champaklal dit : »Mes yeux restent toujours humides. »

Sri Aurobindo : »Virgile avait des yeux comme cela, tandis qu'Horace avait l'habitude de respirer fortement. Un jour Mycénée, le grand patron des lettres sous le règne d'Auguste César, était assis entre les deux poètes et remarqua : »Je suis assis entre les soupirs et les pleurs. »

Un sadhak, en méditant, vit une belle femme qui le regardait avec des yeux languissants. Il demanda à Sri Aurobindo la signification de sa vision. Sri Aurobindo lui écrivit en retour : »C'est votre faiblesse qui se présente à vous en chair et en os et demande d'une manière languissante : »Voulez-vous, ne voulez-vous pas, voulez-vous ? » Quand elle vient, vous devez dire : « Passe ton chemin, ô satan languissant ! ».

Moi-même : »Hier, le doigt de J. fut incisé prématurément, mais il n'y avait presque pas de pus. Aujourd'hui c'est encore enflé. »

Sri Aurobindo : « La Mère suggère de l'eau chaude mélangée à de l'eau oxygénée, dans la proportion de 3 volumes d'eau pour 1 volume d'eau oxygénée, et y plonger le doigt pendant 15 minutes, cela peut guérir de telles choses – en fait, il faudrait le faire immédiatement mais même maintenant cela peut être efficace.

Moi- même : »Eh bien, c'est presque exactement ce que nous lui avons conseillé depuis le tout début, seulement sans l'eau oxygénée. »

Sri Aurobindo : « Chaque jour vous prenez pratiquement la même chose que les Anglo-Indiens dans leurs clubs, c'est-à-dire un « verre. » Seul le brandy n'y est pas, mais l'eau y est. »

Moi-même : « Je ne pouvais pas toucher la malade sans qu'elle verse de larmes. Les dames pensent : »Quelles brutes insensibles que ces docteurs ! »

Sri Aurobindo : »C'est bien plus sûr que si elles pensaient : »Que ces docteurs sont adorables, des chéris, des anges ! »

Moi-même : »Je suis plongé dans une mer de sécheresse et j'ai terriblement soif de quelque chose. Et avec des vagues d'un vieux désir. Avez-vous un remède pratique ? »

Sri Aurobindo : « Une piqûre eucharistique d'en haut, un rejet purgatif d'en bas, régime liquide, jus de fruit psychique, lait de l'esprit. »

# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Yogis and great men there were, who used to joke with their disciples and friends; but it seems to me that there was always a barrier of awe and reverence between them. And though Sri Aurobindo allowed us to forget that and we cut jokes with him on equal terms, the sense of his being our Guru was there.

An example of pure fun:

Sri Aurobindo was lying on the bed. We were talking in whispers among ourselves. Champaklal who had been trying to suppress his laughter let go suddenly and had to run away from the room. Sri Aurobindo, looking at us, said: "What divine descent was it?" I replied, checking my mirth, "Champaklal burst into laughter."

Sri Aurobindo: Oh, so it was Vishnu's Ananda that descended!

Later on, Champaklal said, "My eyes always remain watery."

Sri Aurobindo: Virgil had eyes like that, while Horace used to breathe hard. Once Mycaenas, the great patron of literature in the reign of Augustus Caesar, was sitting between the two poets and remarked, "I am sitting between sighs and tears."

A sadhak, while meditating, saw a beautiful woman looking at him with plaintive eyes. He asked Sri Aurobindo about the meaning of the vision. Sri Aurobindo wrote back, "This is your weakness presenting itself to you in a concrete form and plaintively asking, "Will you, won't you, will you?" When it comes, you have to say, "Get thee behind me, plaintive Satan.'

Myself: Yesterday J's finger was incised prematurely but there was hardly any pus. Today the swelling persists.

Sri Aurobindo: Mother suggests hot water 1 part peroxide, 3 parts water and dipping the finger for 15 minutes. Some of these things are cured by that – it ought really to be done immediately, but even now it may be effective.

Myself: Why, that is almost exactly what we have advised him to do from the very start, only peroxide was not given.

Sri Aurobindo: You are taking daily almost exactly the same thing as Anglo-Indians take in their clubs i.e. a peg. Only brandy and soda are not there – but the water is.

Myself: Couldn't touch the patient without making her shed tears. The ladies are thinking, "What heartless brutes these doctors are!"

Sri Aurobindo: Much safer than if they think, "What dears these doctors are, darlings, angels!"

Myself: I am plunged in a sea of dryness and I am terribly thirsty for something. Along with it waves of old desire. Any handy remedy?

Sri Aurobindo: Eucharistic injection from above, purgative rejection below; liquid diet, psychic fruit juice, milk of the spirit.

**MEETING ABOUT THE WATER SERVICE**

Solar Kitchen coffee Shop 5pm 26th Friday July 2002

Present: About 50 (20 partially, 30 fully)

Note: Stuart

The meeting was called because of our concerns about the way in which the Water Service has been closed down and the way the FAMC have behaved towards the Aurovilians who worked there.

Without any dissension, the meeting totally rejected the FAMC plans to terminate the services of the four remaining Aurovilians. The meeting strongly condemned the closure of the Water Service and the entire process that has been followed by the FAMC for the last 4 months. The dismissal of people (paid worker or Aurovilians) with more than 10 years service was considered to be inhuman especially when everybody knows that the Water Service has been a long time victim of negligent management. The workers strike and collapse of the Water Service grew principally out of the negligence of its executive rather than from the people who worked there without any direction.

It was also expressed that in the past if problems went to the W.C. or E.C, they were properly investigated. All the parties would be called, a process of dialogue would be established and after much thought and discussion then a formula or plan solving the problem would be suggested. This just and fair method the FAMC has clearly failed to follow.

It was felt that as the FAMC were not able to see their mistake, that the issue should be opened up to the whole community for a general meeting. The FAMC should not be allowed to impose their decision upon Auroville.

One member strongly opposed the calling of a general meeting he felt that we should speak to the FAMC and try to open a dialogue with them so that a more suitable process and final decision can be worked out.

Many felt that we could try both.

**After much discussion the meeting came to the following final conclusions:**

1. The Water Service should be reopened with the four Aurovilians as members of the working group.
2. A support group of at least 4 people be set up to start immediate negotiation with the FAMC sub group on the Water Service and report back to next meeting. As members Stuart, Wazo, Karna, Narayanaswamy and Kumar were proposed, two others yet to be named would join them.
3. Next Friday we would meet again at 5:30pm to decide upon our future plans and action.
4. If all fails, we will call a general meeting to solve the problem at on all Auroville level.
5. Minutes to be sent to the FAMC and Working Committee and published in the Auroville News and the Auronet.

### Report of the Working Committee.

For the last two months the Working Committee rarely had full attendance. Kathryn and Jill have been out of station since a month and the regular office work has suffered due to their absence. Additionally we lost our secretary Deep who resumed full time his work as a physics teacher in After School. Before he left he was able to hand over to Valli, who had returned from two year IB course in Hastings, England. We still hope for assistance from the community with secretarial work. The Working Committee is operating from extremely inadequate space.

We had announced in the news that we want to concentrate on the major issues for the remaining two and half month, before a new Working Committee will put in the place. These major issues are:

- i) **Reorganisation**
- ii) **Preparation of the Meeting of Governing Board.**
- iii) **Relation with the District, State and Central government.**
- iv) **Matrimandir.**
- v) **Conflict Resolution**

#### i). Re organisation

In the talk of the Chairman Kireet Joshi on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June at SAWCHU this issue was taken up. This was further elaborated in a meeting with Kireet Joshi on 25<sup>th</sup> of June with the Working Committee and on the 27<sup>th</sup> of the June with the Support Group. Various attempts were made to find understanding and agreement for our internal organisation like by a reply of Kireet Joshi to Kathryn's question, Ulli's note called "The Experiment" and finally a two days retreat of the Working Committee and a part of the Support group. The latest effort in integration of the various perspectives by Support Group and Working Committee members is to send a personnel invitation to all the Aurovilians to participate in a forum.

#### ii) Preparation of the meeting of Governing Board.

We understand that the next Governing Board meeting will be held on the September the 21<sup>st</sup>. The minutes of the previous Governing Board meeting has been sent to the Working Committee for information before approval in the forthcoming Governing Board meeting. The Working Committee is preparing a report on the on-going activities and new developments. We request, that any item which the community feels should be included in this report, be communicated to the Working Committee. We have

forwarded the Auroville Budget to the acting Secretary Mr. Srinivasamurthy. We have also tried to facilitate a meeting of Dr.L.M Singhvi Member of the Governing Board, with the honourable Chief Minister requesting protection for the land of the master plan and received a favourable response. The Working Committee had mooted the idea of a City Centre Task Force jointly with the Development and Planning Group and discussed the concept in a general meeting in May. It was clear that it required a clearer definition of work and purpose. The Working Committee also participated in the establishment of Joint Development Council so that the concept and implementation of the master plan and the partnership area can be jointly undertaken.

The Entry Group initiated a joint meeting with Working Committee to debate the present practice of accepting Newcomers and Aurovilians. The Entry Group conveyed their discussion with the Chairman and a fresh look is being taken on the very important aspect of Auroville. Auroville is moving into a new face of interchange with the world at large and this should be reflected in the policies of entry and stay in Auroville.

#### iii) Relation with the District, State and Central government.

The Working Committee had meeting with the district authorities including the Collector regarding the location of the village self help project. An agreement has been reached to participate in the establishment and management of this project for which Auroville is offering the use of land next to the Edayanchavady-Kottakarai route. In collaboration with the Auroville police Liaison officer we tried to improve the communication with the police so that later sense of protection and vigilance, is created. The new DSP has been very helpful and effective in recovery of stolen goods catching the culprits. There have been various meeting with the Housing Secretary and Revenue Secretary and the Chief Secretary in order to find a regulation for the land use.

A letter of congratulation is been sent to the newly elected President of India, Dr. Abdul Kalam.

The Working Committee had a meeting with the Chief Immigration officer on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2002. We requested that the case of Gilles (Sri Ma) might be reviewed. He promised to look at the case sympathetically, if it is referred to him. The Chief Immigration Officer expressed his surprise that not more Aurovilians, who declare that they want to live in Auroville, have asked for Indian nationality. We spoke

to him about the Mother declaration of 1954, in which she asked to be given double nationality. A recording of mother's declaration will be sent to Chief Immigration Officer.

We had the visit of the Chief Commissioner of Income Tax (Pondy region), the Comptroller & Auditor General of India, a constitutional authority, Jt. Secretary from the Customs Department, New Delhi, Additional Commissioner, Customs, Chennai and Member Distribution, Tamil Nadu, Electricity Board

#### iv) Matrimandir

The Governing Board, in their meeting in February had asked the Working Committee to refer the matter of Matrimandir to the Residents Assembly, after the Matrimandir Design and Study Group had presented their report. Continuing in this effort the Working Committee issued a letter to the former members of the M.D.S.G, the community at large and others to give to the Working Committee any information on the Mother's stated visions of the Garden, Park and Lake, so that an agreement among all can be found. It is endeavoured to present to the coming Governing Board Meeting a positive clarification of all pending issues. Harald Krafft promised to give a report on the Lake in August.

#### v) Established of conflict resolution.

We had requested Michael (Petite Ferme) to facilitate conflict resolution group and asked through the Auroville news the help of the community. This help is still needed. A few urgent issues had to be dealt with by Working Committee:

- i) The Abri Water Service department has been closed down. A new service is being considered by a special sub-group.
- ii) Brihaspati: The members of the Brihaspati group have gone to the France and we are trying to contact them there in order to settle the issue of the Solar Panels.
- iii) Elumalai resident of Sve-Dame lost his house and his properties due to a fire. In a discussion with the community of Sve-Dame and Elumalai, It's clear that that Elumalai requires assistance to settle in another community, be compensated for his belongings. To what degree this is possible is being seen together with Sve-Dame and the Housing Group.

iv) Laurent: The community's first priority is the welfare of Johan. We will see that the other implications like the stay of Laurent in Auroville and continuance of his units is being handled fairly.

v) Shyam Sunder: The Working Committee would like, with the approval of the Entry Group, re-enter the name of Shyam Sunder in the registry of residents.

vi) Bala and Iyanar: The Working Committee has been supporting all efforts to clear Bala and Iyanar from the unjust accusation. Paul Vincent has moved a bail application.

### IDC Meeting Report 19.07.02

Present: Jacques, Aurovici, Joseba, Dharmesh

Secretary: Sonja

Absent: Jill, Peter A., Eugen, Stuart

#### Brihaspati

Brihaspati was again on the table for discussion. Jeff has been invited to update us on Farm Group position about it . Unlikely they did not have time to speak about it in their last meeting on 16th of July. But it seems that there is a great pressure from local aurovilians to use the emptied houses there. The concerned group should take a quick decision before the situation there becomes irreversible.

#### Jayavell's Taxi Service

Jayavell has finally sent his application to move to Edayanchavadi Plot No. Kalya will move on the same spot with his granite unit "Progress Landscape". They will share the infrastructures. Jayavell will be encouraged to shift also his channel making activities from Acceptance.

#### Sadaca

Rolf and Francis came to clarify few points of their project of expanding Sumark activities.

They proposed to build apartments and sale or rent them to Aurovilians, Newcomers, long-term guests etc....

Clarifications were asked about the future of the apartments once the rent has paid the building costs and maintenance. The answer was that it will take probably twenty years for the reimbursement then if it appears that somebody wants to purchased it, it will be sold for the "market price " or renting will continue with most of the rent back to Auroville for development via Auroville Fund,, Housing Group, etc...

IDC is happy to see such schema being developed in Auroville but would prefer that Auroville at large take it up and not a particular unit.

**IDC Meeting Report 23.07.02**

Present: Jacques, Joseba, Dharmesh, Stuart, Gemma

Secretary: Sonja

Absent: Jill, Aurovici, Peter A., Eugen,

Old Kottakarai Farm

Ricardo came to complain that Sundaram went to Farm Group to object to his workshop being build in old Kottakarai farm.

We invited Jeff to our meeting to have some clarification about Sundarams statement. It seems that Sundaram still is a Farm Group member technically even if since few years is not participating to any meeting, does not submit any accounts etc... Gur's feeling is that he does not care of any group, does not respect the processes needed for us to live harmoniously together and does what ever he want. In that case visiting old Kottakarai farm we where very surprised to see his huge house (G+2) when he has apply for a change of roof (Keet to channel) and later a small extension on the ground floor. More and more people use the group to which they are associated even if there is no active participation against other groups. This should not be permitted.

We reached the conclusion that IDC is going to send a letter to Farm Group requesting them to drop any claim on lands used actually in the city area as farm land progressively, starting with old Kottakarai farm.

**Building Applications**

**These building applications are waiting two weeks for feedback:**

Bobby/Ramu, Isai Ambalam, extension

Jayamoorthy, Aspiration, residence, on Devary plot

Acceptance Jayavel, Taxi Service, at Eyanchavadi

Kalya, Aspiration, Granite Workshop (together with Jayavel) at Eyanchavadi

Arumugan Aspiration Residence in Shakti.

**Attention!!! Closing of a road Attention!!!**

Dear Community,

IDC would like to inform you that one branch of the road in front of Line of Force "Progress" near Prayatna will be closed to allow development of Green Corridor.

The IDC

**MEETING OF THE MATRIMANDIR TEAM 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2002**

Present: Amar, Arjun, Divakar, John, Kussumben, Lakshmi Narayan, Luca, Paneer, Saravanan, Samrat, Selvam, G. Selvam, Shiva, Somu, Victor, Walter.

Chair : Luca.

**1. Samrat (Youth Camp)** introduced himself and expressed his interest to join the work at Matrimandir.  
The meeting welcomed him!

**2. Financial Requests Approved:**

FR #32 reroofing the laundry area sheds and one hut

FR #33 SS bars and rods for disc fixation (next two rows) 850 kgs

**3. Regarding the Matrimandir Visitors Center Room**

- We discussed the situation at the Visitors Center Matrimandir room in the light of the possibility of putting a new TV-VCR there.

We saw that before getting this new equipment we urgently need more people to work at the information room there in the Visitors Center.

There is also a need for more information material and panels there, including a new and good video on Matrimandir. Some of the new panels and the video on Matrimandir should be available in Tamil, as many visitors do not understand English. Sales of information materials can also be started there.

**4. On the shifting of the Northern Service road out of the Peace Area.**

(Five Matrimandir workers had met the IDC on the 9<sup>th</sup> concerning the service road)

·The Service road, which runs between Town Hall and the Matrimandir, was built by Matrimandir as a temporary lorry access to the Workshop areas.

·We are now seeking to move this road to the northern limit of the Peace area, or beyond, to free the Peace area for what is to come.

·The IDC did not respond positively to the call to shift the road.

**MEETING OF THE MATRIMANDIR TEAM 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2002**

Present: Amar, Arjun, Charu, Divakar, Igor, John, Kussumben, Lakshmi Narayan, Marianne, Manimaran, Samrat, Selvam, Walter.

Guest: Marti.

Chairman: Charu.

**1. New Requests for personal maintenance (all approved).**

Four people working since some time in Matrimandir were added to the maintenance list. Two are working full time and two are half time.

**2. Material Requests approved**

- #34. 500 pairs of socks for the Chamber
- #35. Cement for Petals general (50 bags)

**3. Regarding the request of the Working Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> July for any further information regarding Mother's recorded statements on the Matrimandir/Peace Area.**

- We would very much like to know how and when they intend to present all this material to the community. A note with these questions will be sent to the Working Committee.
- One must be careful to keep the distinction between what has been written by Mother, (or recorded on tape) and what various people have recorded from memory.

**4. The AVI meeting in USA (July 19<sup>th</sup>)**

- Michael B will make a presentation on Matrimandir to the AVI annual meeting.
- The AVI board has also been requested to look at our objection to the recent practice of AVI UK to retain with them the government 30% tax rebate given on donations to Matrimandir.

**5. Gold Waste.**

In the production of the gold disc tiles, some gold waste is produced. We have now obtained all the government clearances needed to sell this waste gold.

The meeting agreed to proceed with the sale of this waste gold now that the clearances have been obtained.

**6. New Watchmen.**

As we have a need for a number of new watchmen, four men now being trained will be taken on probation from August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**7. Presentation by Marti.**

Marti came to the meeting and explained that she is going soon to the "Rio + 10" conference in Johannesburg. She was ready to carry some information on Matrimandir to the conference, as she said that the Matrimandir is a main symbol of Auroville in the eyes of the world.



**CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM**

FRIDAY 9 AUGUST - 7:30PM (Film show starting at 7:45 sharp)

INDRA DHANURA CHAI (The Shadows of the rainbow)

Directed by: Susant MISRA - india (Orissa), 1995

Synopsis: Three generations of women, living on their own, therefore together, contemplate their future in a rural India, yet punctuated with scattered and precursory signs of important industrial disruption...(Selected in the "Un Certain Regard" section at Cannes festival, 1995 under the french title: "Les Ombres de l'arc-en-ciel") Original Oriya version, with English subtitles- Duration: 1h50' - 35mm film - Color

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## **LAND FOR A DIVINE MANIFESTATION ON EARTH**

### **Land for AUROVILLE**

Silent gathering at the Amphitheatre **Friday, August 9th, 6.00 to 6.30 p.m.** to invoke collectively the Divine's Grace.

A sincere collective call always generates a response from the Invisible.

Let us come together and concentrate on our collective aspiration for the realization of The City of Dawn. In Her Service,  
The Land Fund Team

### **Exposition de "dessins flottants" Inspirés de Kolams**

Par : **Marie Thérèse latuner**

(Professeure agrégée d'arts plastique au Lycée International de St Germain en Laye près de Paris)

accompagnée de: **Grace** (Danceuse)  
**Stephano** (Musicien)  
**Bhavani** (Artiste de Kolams)

**Lieu :** Boulevard de la plage à Pondy (avant le Center Guest House de l'ashram)

**Date :** Le 9 août à 18heures

Actuellement: « **Exposition permanente de photos de Kolams** » de Marie Thérèse et Bhavani à l'Alliance Française et jusqu'au 10 août.

Le 6 août installation de « **Bols flottants** » à la Galerie Aurodhan

**Wastewater Survey - Concerns all Aurovilians**

In recent weeks our surveyors, Elumalai, Hervé, Velmurugan and Francis (many thanks to them for their dedicated work) have been visiting all communities in Auroville asking questions about your sewage treatment system. In most cases they have been well received wherever they went. For this, many thanks to all those surveyed for their kind participation! However some of you were out of station during these past 2 months. We therefore kindly invite whomever has not been visited to contact us to plan for a visit of your place. Our report is almost completed. We will publish for information a short excerpt before end of August . If you have not been surveyed, kindly contact Cristo, Govind Ranjan or P. Kanmanipriya at 622056, or e-mail at [developmentgroup@auroville.org.in](mailto:developmentgroup@auroville.org.in), before August 14th.

With our anticipated thanks for your collaboration,  
-Cristo-

*Consultant to The Development Council*

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SPEAKER MERCURY

HP DJ640C PRINTER

UPS COMPACT 700

UPS 500B

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Phone at 623407 or 623424 - EMANUELE

**Dear Aurovilians,**

I would like to remind you that Auroville Printers situated in front of the AV Health Centre, can do the following work for you:

**a. Printing items:**

Vouchers, Bill Books, Invoices, Receipt Books, Delivery Note Books,  
Price Tags, Labels, Visiting Cards, Wages Register, Statement Pads etc.

**b.Binding work:**

We also carry out binding work for new and old books.

Any special order such as for photo albums, boxes etc. can be done. Die cutting work is also being done here.

We thank all the units working with AV Printers and kindly request others to give their work here and thereby help an Auroville unit to grow !

Thank you very much.

At your service,

Auroville Printers. Phone: 622534

**TAXI SHARING?**

Anybody to share a taxi from Chennai to Auroville on 4th or 5th August?  
Please contact anandi (623568 or 622232)

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

**AUROVILLE ADULT CHOIR**

Dear Choir Members,  
Choir practice will start again from Thursday, the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

**AUROVILLE CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Dear Children,  
Choir practice will start again from Saturday, the 3rd of August, at 2:30 pm in Pitanga Hall

New Members:

The group is open to all those who would like to join (ages 8 to 14).

If you are interested, please let me know before Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August. You can contact me at #622310 any evening after 5 pm.

See you soon! Nuria

***Video in French***

présente :

***Histoires de mondialisation***

19h30 : ***Globalement contre***, (2000) Documentaire, 50 minutes, version française, d'Alexis Mital, sur la formation et les luttes des mouvements anti-mondialisation.

20h30 : ***The Big One***

Film américain de Michael Moore

90 minutes – English version/Sous-titres français

***The Big One*** est à la fois un film comique, dur et lourd de contenu d'un côté le décor insolite d'une Amérique démesurée; de l'autre des milliers de salariés précaires, sans couverture sociale, licenciés sans préavis, victimes d'une globalisation sauvage et d'une flexibilité sans prise en compte de la personne humaine.

Un empire s'est écroulé, un autre survit et dans ce dernier existe l'injustice sociale, tout comme dans le premier l'effritement d'une liberté humaine si nécessaire à la justesse d'une égalité entre les hommes.

« *I hope people leave the theater laughing and shaking their fists, not in despair but in outrage. A democracy is only as good as its participants. If it becomes a spectator sport, it's all over.* »

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>

## THE MOTHER’S “Entretiens”

A new series focussing on the Mother’s  
recorded talks  
with  
Aster and Beena  
every Tuesday (5 – 5.45 pm), starting  
August 6<sup>th</sup>

## TAMIL PROGRAMMES

Every Saturday 5.30 – 6.30 pm  
August 10 - S. Mahalingam  
August 3, 17, 24, 31 - Sankaran

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Jet Airways and Indian Airlines have cut the fares 40-60% to major Indian cities for **Indians and Residential Permit Holders**.

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The fares are very **restricted** and valid from August 1 to October 31, booking has to be done **3 weeks in advance**.

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For details please contact Ms. Soma Tel 62 30 30 or mail us [travelshop@auroville.org.in](mailto:travelshop@auroville.org.in)

The Travelshop Team

## LOST &amp; FOUND

A TVS Suzuki key with an AV Foot 1999 key ring.  
Please call Cecilia @ 623 039 to pick it up.

## 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 ShraddhavanThe 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 open 9 – 12, 2 – 5, Monday – Saturday

*Everyone is welcome*

### **News from Auroville Food Processing/ Naturellement**

Dear Friends,

We will from now on keep the same max. retail prices on the labels of our products in Pour Tous, as we do in the shops in Pondicherry. But on our products sold in Pour Tous we will put a sticker, giving a 20% discount on the price, to the Pour Tous customers.

Our crusade against multinational companies like Coca-Cola and Nestle continues. The popsicles, our fresh alternative to Pepsi, Coke and commercial ice creams, are still kept at a cost of only Rs 5 after almost 3 years of production.

We are also introducing more products in our new product line "Cakes and Confectionaries", such as pure marzipan and cashew marzipan. You will find our products packed in pressed leaf plates and cellophane sold under the name "Auroville Homemade". The products with the name printed in green, contain only organic jaggery and no white sugar. BON APPETIT !  
Naturellement Team

### **Looking for a house**

We, Peter and Eva, a couple and since six months newcomers are looking for a house to stay.

To make house-sitting, with or without pets, for a couple of months would be nice. This would be our third house we take care of, so we have some experience.

But we are also thinking about renting or "buying" a house.

So every good conditioned offer is mostly welcome.

You can reach us (till 18th August) by phone: 622-238 or anytime by e-mail: [eva\\_peter@auroville.org.in](mailto:eva_peter@auroville.org.in)

"ERRATA" with the correction. It is in the next to last section, Nr. 3, the 6th line, 2nd sentence from the end. It reads, "If female cats are over a year old..." but it should say, "If male cats..."

Thank you very much, - Merry, Surrender

### **Performance of**

### **"Floating Dawings"**

(Inspired by the Kolams)

By : Marie - There'se Latuner

(aggrated professor of fine arts in the international High school of Saint - Germain of Laye)

**Dancer : Grace**

**Musician : Stephano**

**Kolam artist : Bhavani**

Venue : Boulevard Beach Road Pondicherry

Date : 9th of august at 6pm

Also by Marie - There'se a exposition of her work in photo's at the Alliance france up to 10th august.

And an opening of art wotk instalation of "Flaoting bowls" Galary Aurodhan.

>From 6th august at 6.30pm up to 15th of august

### **AMPHITHEATER**

**All are welcome to experience**

**Book 1o The Book of the Double**

**Twilight**

**Canto I the Dream Twilight of the Ideal**

**Canto II The Gospel of Death and Vanity of the Ideal**

**Canto III The Debate of Love and Death on Thursday 8.8.2002 at 6 p.m.**

**"But Savitri replied to mighty Death :**

**"My heart is wiser than the Reason's thoughts,**

**My heart's stronger than thy bonds, O Death.**

**It sees and feels the one Heart beat in all,  
It feels the high cosmic Spirit at its work;  
In the dim night it lies alone with God.**

**My heart's strength can carry the grief of the universe**

**and never falter from its luminous track,  
Its white tremendous orbit through God's peace.**

**It can drink up the sea of All- Delight**

**And never lose the white spiritual touch,  
The calm that broods in the deep Infinite."**

**Discover the atmosphere in the center of Auroville.**

**Sigrid**

## Connections

**Here are some activities that may give you what you want out of life in Auroville.**

*Dear Aurovilians, Even if you are too busy, please think of your friends who might be interested in these activities. **Connections** and Auroville thanks you.*

### v **Joining Connections**

Connections is looking for help both **temporarily** and **permanently**. Due to serious illness in the family, of one of our team members has to leave Auroville unexpectedly. So we are urgently looking for a person who in her absence is willing to **temporarily** take over some of her tasks in close cooperation with Don and Jaya. Concretely this means:

- Attending the office at least, for three mornings a week, to serve the Aurovilians and Newcomers who come with a request for work, as well as keeping contact with the Units, Services and Project who have a need for people to work with them.
- To take care of all the follow up secretarial work which comes out of these mornings, to keep the information in the computer updated.

At the same time, we are inviting a new person(s) to **permanently** join the **Connections** team. In particular we need people who under the umbrella of Connections would like to set up activities, which broaden, upgrade and support Auroville's human resources.

**Contact:** Connections at the SAWCHU building or 623440

### v **THE FOREST PROJECT at Buddha's Garden**

This is a three-month project, which will take place from August to October 2002. It is a part-time project in which a number of people can participate. We have recently taken over some land adjacent to the original garden on which we will have an orchard, an organic cashew plantation and a chicken project. Some of the land, however, is too poor to farm and so we will be planting a small forest. This is very degraded land and would present a wonderful opportunity for anyone wishing to learn about and practise various land regeneration techniques.

Work will include:

- \* bunding to retain water on the land
- \* tree planting which will include choosing the right kind of species and deciding where they should be planted
- \* planting a living fence

The person who takes on this work will have the opportunity to learn all the necessary skills from experienced green workers in Auroville. At the same time s/he will have responsibility for a small piece of land on which they will be able to practise green work in collaboration with Priya. This would be a good project for a young person or anyone wanting to learn and experience the full process of regenerating degraded land.

**Contact.:** Priya, Phone: 622653 / 622940; Email: [priya@auroville.org.in](mailto:priya@auroville.org.in)

### v **Friendly Chef for Guests**

A guesthouse is looking for an Aurovilian, Newcomer or even a long-term guest to prepare both breakfast and dinner for guests. This person must have four essential qualifications: 1) is a happy and skilful cook; 2) is friendly and mixes easily with the guests; 3) speaks English well; 4) is neat and tidy in both the kitchen and own room. Yes, that's right...own room... This work provides board and lodging plus partial maintenance.

**Contact:** Connections at the SAWCHU building or 623440

### v **AV Bakery Sales at Pour Tous**

As part of the new focus at Pour Tous on Auroville products, the Soruba team is looking for people to sell at the AV bakery counter at PT. The timings are from 8:30 to 13:00 and 15:30 to 17:30. Either full- or part-time are possible.

If interested, please talk to any member of the Soruba team at the Bakery Counter.  
(Marc, Inge, Liane, Nevi, Krishnaprem, Ursula)

**Connections is open Monday through Friday morning from 9.00am till 12.00 am and on appointment. From August 12, this may temporarily change to Mon, Wed and Fri only.**

The **Connections** team  
Paulien, Jaya, and Don  
SAWCHU Building,  
Tel.: 623440, email: [connections@auroville.org.in](mailto:connections@auroville.org.in)

**JOHANNESBURG South Africa**

As many of you know, the United Nations Conference (Rio plus 10), is picking up momentum. The official nation states end of it will probably not be that exciting with the big nations refusing to sign the Kyoto protocol on global warming and reneging on Agenda 21 and the hard-earned steps that were made in Rio nearly 10 years ago. But there will be a very interesting side conference with a people's democratic campaign, lots of NGO partnerships linking north and south, and exchanges from citizen's groups in the south. (South Africa and India have many points in common.) There will be mini conferences, workshops on sustainability and poverty alleviation, meetings with UNDP and UNEP reps, the EU and UNESCO on everything from land restoration, Aids, global warming, and urban planning. Through the GEN, which has United Nations EcoSoc status, we will be able to put up some exhibit material on Auroville. As I have been delegated to represent the GEN advisory board for the network at large, which includes some 17,000 communities worldwide, this means that I won't be able to focus on Auroville to the extent to which it deserves. So it would be GREAT to have someone in Joburg specifically representing our community to give full potential to this opportunity to share our work with other like-minded people in the world. We would need someone who could answer questions, describe our projects, and show real enthusiasm for who we are. (Findhorn, which has gotten very involved in earth restoration partnerships in recent years, is sending 12 people, and most communities with our size and some of our diversity are going to be well-represented.)

Is someone interested who can raise the funds at this moment in time? I know it's difficult with our community financial situation. I could probably get free accommodation through the GEN for the person on site, but we would need to raise an airfare, as the Gaia Trust only funds its own board members. Is anyone interested who has funding sources? Is anyone interested in funding someone? There is already an excellent person from Auroville who could go and who has solid experience with our own CSR sustainability programmes and would be able to represent both an environmental and urban perspective. But this person would need funding for an airfare...Please contact us if you have any ideas.  
best, Marti@auroville.org.in

**DAMANHUR PRESENTATION**

Two members of the community of Damanhur will be staying at Centre Guest House from August 4<sup>th</sup> –10<sup>th</sup>. During their stay, Esperide Ananas and Lepre Viola will give a video presentation on Damanhur and answer questions.

Damanhur is a very active community of about 800 people living in several geographical areas north of Turino in Italy. Damanhurians are well known for their works of art, spiritual philosophy, food products, renewable energy installations (largest photovoltec in Italy), crafts,

celebrations, and healing practices. They are members of GEN-Europe and are working to set up an international conference center. Everyone is welcome.

Merriam Hill Centre, Wednesday August 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8 PM

**INDIGO SPIRIT**

We will have an informal, but hopefully lively workshop on Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> on the "indigo spirit". It will be a kind of creative brainstorming. What is the indigo spirit? Is it new or just a different way of expressing an age-old phenomenon? Is it present in Auroville and if so, how does it manifest? And beyond that, what do we need to know to reorient our educational values for children in a changing world.

Interested teachers and parents are especially welcome, but anyone can come. Anecdotes and personal experiences are most welcome.

Marti Miriam Hill Centre 2-5 PM Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of August  
Tea and snacks

**NADA BRAHMA**

For me sound is deeply connected to a sense of well-being. If we were all chanting the same beautiful mantra, the earth might be a different place.

I've dreamed for years of a centre where we could play with sound, experiment with musical instruments from all over the world, work with resonance, space, and silence; listen to dolphin and whale sounds underwater, have music listening rooms that function like reading libraries, work with harmonics, low frequencies, high frequencies, mantras, music therapy, etc.

Several years ago, I wrote up a project and it touched the heart of a young acoustical engineer, Carsten Maelstroms, who asked me if he could draw up the architectural plans for such a centre. He came at his own expense to Auroville, worked on it for nearly a year, and with the help of Gundolf and Anupauma defined a potential site for it. Carsten won a prize for his designs, which were exhibited in Hanover, where his original Nada Brahma model was stolen. I took this as an auspicious sign. If it's good enough to be stolen, it's good enough to be developed further. In Paris, where it has been shown in some music circles, I was advised to copyright it, otherwise people would steal the idea. All the better, I thought, if such centres were to exist all over the world. But still my dream is that the original centre will happen here in Auroville.

Anyway, I would like to share Nada Brahma with all of you and get some community feedback. Some of you involved in music here have already seen the original proposal, and Dr. Pascal has expressed interest in the therapeutic aspects. An outside garden is also planned with sound sculptures and the possibility of working with our schools. The project is exhibited at Bharat Nivas near the office of the Secretary of the Foundation. Please come and see. I'll be happy to try to raise money for Nada Brahma if the community wants it to happen. It will certainly be something that everyone would be able to enjoy and it would further Auroville as a centre for research. It could also be a lot of fun.

love, Marti marti@auroville.org.in

July 27, 2002

Dear Friends,

We are happy to tell you that the name for the new high school has emerged. The school will be called "FUTURE SCHOOL". The construction site is very active and teachers and students are enthusiastically planning for the move. The first group to move will be the 35 students of CFL and the CFL Team. This will happen in early 2003. Admission applications for new students for the next school year (July 2003) will begin in March .

The money to build Future School was generously donated by Ulli through Gateway. With this money we have been able to construct the building. We have also received financial help from The Foundation for World Education and Stichting de Zaaier. With this money we have been able to start getting materials for the science labs, lay the ground work for a waste water treatment plant, buy 2 computers and purchase some books and teaching materials. We need your moral support and financial support so that the students will be greeted with a stimulating, new learning center.

#### **Furniture:**

In order to start we need desks, tables and chairs. We estimate that we need about **RS 4,00,000** to furnish the classrooms, office, and chairs for all of the labs.

Library bookshelves are estimated at **RS 1,80,000**.

#### **Electrical Fittings:**

To finish the building we will need fans and miscellaneous electrical fittings. It is estimated that this will cost about **RS 80,000**.

#### **Computer Lab:**

Right now we have 4 computers. We would like start with a minimum of 8 computers and we need a UPS and batteries to support the lab. To do this we estimate that we need about **RS 2,00,000**.

#### **Science Labs:**

We are missing material for Physics.

To start well we estimate that we need about **RS 50,000**.

#### **Books and Teaching Materials:**

To start well we estimate that we need about **RS 75,000**.

#### **Landscaping of the grounds and outdoor dining area:**

We estimate that we need about **RS 1,00,000**.

Help in cash or kind would be great. For example: if you are able to donate cloth for cushion covers, good literature from your personal collection, or have any other ideas please contact any one of us. Future School has a Pour Tous account: #0700. Money can also be given through SAILER.

#### **Summary of Needs:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Rupees</b>
Furniture	400,000
Library Bookshelves	180,000
Electrical Fittings	80,000
Computer Lab	200,000
Science Labs	50,000
Books and Teaching Materials	75,000
Dining Area and Grounds	100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,085,000</b>

If you would like any more information please contact any one of us. Information is also available on the AV web page.

With Hope for the Future,

Mary, Lyle, Chali, Sergei, Bunt, Anton, Sanjeev

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German Video @ Visitor Centre

Mittwoch 07.08.02 today @ 20:00

#### **Jackie Brown**

Regie: Quentin Tarrantino

Darsteller: Pam Grier, Samuel L. Jackson, Robert de Niro, Michael Keaton, Bridget Fonda, Robert Forster

Pulp Fiction's Tarrantino liefert mit Jackie Brown eine neues Meisterwerk seiner Regiekunst. Das spannende Verwirrspiel um eine Stewardess die von Drogendealern zum Kurieren von Geld gezwungen wird. Von der Polizei verdächtigt und beschattet, um mithilfe bei der Aufklärung des Falles gebeten wird und am Ende..., aber das wird hier natürlich nicht verraten.

Nur soviel: Nicht soviel Blut und Tote wie in Pulp Fiction, aber trotzdem nicht weniger spannend.

### FOOTBALL COACHING: FOR CHILDREN

There is one more day that is added for the football coaching.

Saturday Mornings: 7am to 9am for the 10yrs to 15yrs.

Saturday Mornings: 8am to 10am for the 7yrs to 10yrs.

And Mondays as usual from 4pm to 6pm.  
We encourage the children to wear shoes.

**See you on the field.....**

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**Dear Gardeners,**

**The ANNADANA SEED BANK in Revelation (Bamboo gate on the right before Auromode) is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9AM to 12PM.**

Organic seeds from tomatoes, brinjals, basil, chilies, squashes and more are available.

For more information contact  
mauricette@auroville.org.in or Ph: 622-289

### **Chariot of Souls**

"Jamais le ciel ne m'avait si profond, les étoiles si brillantes" – never the sky appeared me so deep, the stars so brilliant (Alphonse Daudet, 1840-1897, Lettres de mon moulin, 1998, imprimé en France, page 46).

Some years ago the Hindu every month published the maps of stars and planets. Now the readers are finding an information about politics, social life, business, and sport only.

Once a famous Armenian astronomer Ambartsumyan was asked, why did he prefer this profession. He answered that a pig can't see the sky and stars but man can it. Many people haven't interest in politics, they dream about the souls and like starwatching.

In Rita's library (Centre Field) I found A. Daudet's book with some pages about stars. He followed the local names of constellations used by Provence shepherds. For example, Big bear (la grand Ourse in France), in Provence has name le char des amês – chariot of souls. Boris

### **No, no discrimination!**

I am sorry if some Aurovillians took my Advertisement wrong, which I did write in French. I thought Emmanuel's design was clear enough and "Dinner Dansant" understood by more people (It means dinner where you can dance).

So, even if you don't want to eat, you can come and enjoy dancing!! The Visitor's Center is a perfect place for that!

see you all there. Gerald

AVAA( Auroville Village Action Arts ) presents

## **"Stars"**

a C.L.A.S.S -Production

( Camelion Light and Sound Studio )

Sunday, 11th Aug. 6.30 pm, Sri Aurobindo Auditorium

This is a 55 min. documentation film ( video projected on full screen) on the creative work process which led to the staging of the fantasie-dance-theatre " We are the Stars " end of April this year. It portraits the village background of the 60 participating children, the work methods of the young Tamil Aurovillian art teachers, the backstage work and preparations and then shows comprehensive sections of the actual story from the performance.

As many people and children had missed the chance of experiencing some of the magic which unfolded in this project we are happy now to be able to share with the ever young community this very entertaining and beautiful film.

The AVAA team welcomes everybody !

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**For Sale:** Kawasaki 4 stroke.

Contact Devi in Forecomers

### **Honda TCX 450 4-Stroke Engine**

Made in Japan, 500cc, Twin Cylinder, 2 Disc brake

Colour: Black

Electric Start with 6 gears

For more Contact : Anand Ph:623552, Raju 623302. e-mail: [avvehicle@auroville.org.in](mailto:avvehicle@auroville.org.in)

### **Brand new computer furniture**

A brand new dust proof computer furniture is available. There is space for battery, ups, scanner, printer and fax along with the computer and the monitor. Keyboard tray is retractable.

Made of work tree.

Contact Uma @ Upasana Phone 622939

### **For Sale**

14 inch color TV attached VCR (only NTSC playback) for 10,000. Anyone interested can contact me at the video library every Saturday afternoon.

Thank you

Suresh

**I'm going to Madras on 11<sup>th</sup> August at 19:30 p.m.** If someone wants to share the Taxi, Please call at Waves-623-340 and give the Message for Gloria.

**Who is willing to share a taxi to Madras Airport 13 Aug leaving at 5'o clock in the morning** from Douceur, Auroville you can contact me at Ph No: 622322.

Marishka