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REGARDING BALA AND IYANAR

Bala and Iyanar are presently remand prisoners in Cuddalore and another bail application will be before the Magistrate on Thursday, 5th. The fact that both of them have been absconding is adversely effecting the request for bail.

Their conditions in prison have improved since the Working Committee made a direct appeal to the prison authorities. As you know, both are innocently accused and urgently require funds for all their legal expenses.

How to visit them:

Name of the prison is 'Kepar Hills' and you get there as follows:

When going through Cuddalore go over the bridge, then turn left immediately, continue and also pass through 'Old Cuddalore'. After some 5 kms continuing on the road you come to a small railway crossing. Turn right BEFORE the railway crossing and follow the narrow tar road through the

country side. After about 2 kms you see the building and find the prison gate on the right.

Bring some good energies and nice food!!

For further info, phone Vidya # 622.786

At the hour of printing we had no further information, please see AVNet.

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Vijnana ou Gnose

Le **vijnanamaya pourousha**, par contre, vit dans le Soleil même, au sein du corps flamboyant de la vraie lumière; il sait que cette lumière est son être même, lumineux en soi, et il voit la vérité totale de la triplicité inférieure et de chaque chose qui s'y trouve. Il ne voit par réflexion dans un organe mental de vision : son œil est le Soleil même de la gnose. Car le Soleil, dit le Vêda, est l'œil des dieux. L'être mental, même intuitif, ne peut percevoir la vérité que par une réflexion brillante ou une transmission limitée sujette aux restrictions et à la capacité inférieure de la vision mentale ; l'être supramental, au contraire, voit la vérité par la gnose elle-même, du centre même et à la source jaillissante de la vérité, telle qu'elle est en sa forme pure et dans son propre mouvement illuminateur spontané. Car le **Vijnana** est une connaissance directe et divine, à l'inverse de la connaissance humaine indirecte.

La nature de la gnose ne peut se décrire à l'intellect que par contraste avec la nature de l'intellect, et même alors, les mots que nous sommes obligés d'employer ne peuvent éclairer que s'ils s'accompagnent d'une certaine somme d'expérience pratique. Car, comment un langage forgé par la raison pourrait-il exprimer le suprarationnel ? Fondamentalement, la différence entre ces deux pouvoirs peut se définir ainsi : la raison mentale progresse laborieusement de l'ignorance à la vérité, tandis que la gnose a le contact direct, la vision immédiate, la possession aisée et constante de la vérité – elle n'a pas besoin de suivre des méthodes ni de chercher. La raison part des apparences et, sans jamais perdre sa dépendance des apparences, ou rarement et partiellement, elle s'efforce péniblement d'arriver à la vérité qui est derrière : elle montre la vérité à la lumière des apparences. La gnose part de la vérité et montre les apparences à la lumière de la vérité : elle est le corps même et l'esprit de la vérité. La raison procède par inférence : elle conclut ; la gnose procède par identité ou par vision : elle est, elle voit, elle sait. Beaucoup plus directement encore que la vision physique ne voit et ne saisit l'apparence des objets, la gnose voit et saisit la vérité des choses. Là où les sens physiques entrent en rapport avec les objets par un contact voilé, la gnose s'identifie aux choses par une unité sans voile. Elle peut donc connaître toutes choses comme un homme connaît sa propre existence, simplement, directement, d'une manière convaincante. Pour la raison, seul ce que montrent les sens est connaissance directe, **pratyaksha**, et le reste de la vérité s'obtient indirectement ; pour la gnose, toute vérité est connaissance directe, **pratyaksha**. Par conséquent, la vérité acquise par l'intellect est toujours entachée d'une certaine ombre de doute, elle est incomplète et entourée d'une pénombre de nuit et d'ignorance, ou de demi-connaissance, elle peut être altérée ou annulée par une connaissance ultérieure. La vérité de la gnose est exempte de doute, évidente en soi, irréfutable, absolue.

Le premier instrument de la raison est l'observation – générale, analytique et synthétique ; elle s'aide de comparaisons, de contrastes, d'analogies et procède de l'expérience à une connaissance indirecte par des procédés logiques de déduction, d'induction et toutes sortes d'inférences ; elle dépend de la mémoire, se dépasse par l'imagination, s'assure par le jugement – tout est tâtonnement et recherche. La gnose ne cherche pas : elle possède. Même quand elle doit éclairer, elle ne cherche pas : elle révèle, elle illumine.

LA SYNTHÈSE DES YOGA :

Le Yoga de la Connaissance Intégrale, p. 303ff.

SRI AUROBINDO

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Vijnana or Gnosis

But the **vijñanamaya** Purusha lives in the Sun itself, in the very body and blaze of the true light; he knows this light to be his own self-luminous being and he sees besides all that dwells in the rays of the sun, sees the whole truth of the lower triplicity and each thing that is in it. He sees it not by reflection in a mental organ of vision, but with the Sun of gnosis itself as his eye, - for the Sun, says the Veda, is the eye of the gods. The mental being, even in the intuitive mind, can perceive the truth only by a brilliant reflection or limited communication and subject to the restrictions and the inferior capacity of the mental vision; but the supramental being sees it by the gnosis itself, from the very centre and outwelling fount of the truth, in its very form and by its own spontaneous and self-illuminating process. For the **Vijnana** is a direct and divine as opposed to an indirect and human knowledge.

The nature of the gnosis can only be indicated to the intellect by contrasting it with the nature of the intellect, and even then the phrases we must use cannot illuminate unless aided by some amount of actual experience. For what language forged by the reason can express the suprarational? Fundamentally, this is the difference between these two powers that the mental reason proceeds with labour from ignorance to truth, but the gnosis has in itself the direct contact, the immediate vision, the easy and constant possession of the truth and has no need of seeking or any kind of procedure. The reason starts with appearances and labours, never or seldom losing at least a partial dependence on appearances, to arrive at the truth behind them; it shows the truth in the light of the appearances. The gnosis starts from the truth and shows the appearances in the light of the truth; it is itself the body of the truth and its spirit. The reason proceeds by inference, it concludes; but the gnosis proceeds by identity or vision, - it is, sees and knows. As directly as the physical vision sees and grasps the appearance of objects, so and far more directly the gnosis sees and grasps the truth of things. But where the physical sense gets into relation with objects by a veiled contact, the gnosis gets into identity with things by an unveiled oneness. Thus it is able to know all things as a man knows his own existence, simply, convincingly, directly. To the reason only what the senses give is direct knowledge, **pratyaksa**, the rest of truth is arrived at indirectly; to the gnosis all its truth is direct knowledge, **pratyaksa**. Therefore the truth gained by the intellect is an acquisition over which there hangs always a certain shadow of doubt, an incompleteness, a surrounding penumbra of night and ignorance or half-knowledge, a possibility of alteration or annihilation by farther knowledge. The truth of the gnosis is free from doubt, self-evident, self-existent, irrefragable, absolute.

The reason has as its first instrument observation general, analytical and synthetic; it aids itself by comparison, contrast and analogy, - proceeds from experience to indirect knowledge by logical processes of deduction, induction, all kinds of inference, - rests upon memory, reaches out beyond itself by imagination, secures itself by judgment: all is a process of groping and seeking. The gnosis does not seek, it possesses. Or if it has to enlighten, it does not even then seek; it reveals, it illumines.

THE SYNTHESIS OF YOGA:

The Yoga of Integral Knowledge, p. 481 ff.

SRI AUROBINDO

Report of the Working Committee August 02

Besides the overload of an unending number of internal conflicts, emergencies and unexpected event, the Working Committee has tried to concentrate more pro-actively on the following issues.

- 1) Protection of the land
- 2) Ratification of the Auroville Resource Group (ARG) and the Experiment
- 3) Strengthening of the work of "Harmony"(Conflict Resolution) Group
- 4) Agenda for the forthcoming Governing Board Meeting
- 5) Matrimandir

Protection of the land:

In the discussion with the concerned authorities in the Tamil Nadu Government, it emerged that a joint development and planning effort between Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu State, with particular reference to the Auroville Master plan is being actively considered. This would pick up again the original idea of a partnership and bioregional joint development. The Working Committee is also assisting the concerned Auroville Working Groups to seek remedies for the depletion of sand in front of the Auroville beaches, saline intrusion into the coastal ground water and the dumping of Pondicherry town refuse in the Green-belt. An understanding with all concerned parties regarding the land use within the Master Plan area is being pursued with the Town and Country Planning Office (TCPO) and in regular joint development meetings with the Panchayat. It is hoped that when the ARG and the Experiment is operational, a further strengthening of a joint development will be achieved.

Ratification of the Auroville Resource Group and the Experiment:

After intense internal consultation and debates the "ARG" and "the Experiment" (as published in the previous AV News) was finally ready for presentation and ratification in one community meeting and two Resident Assembly meetings. We would like to mention that a fresh spirit of seeking agreement and working in collaboration was experienced. Even the one or two, who held strong reservations and expressed serious cautions, were ready to allow the ARG and Experiment to be approved unanimously for a trial period of one year.

Strengthening of the work of the Harmony (Conflict Resolution) Group:

A much needed relief for the Working Committee was the establishment of the "Harmony Group". Right away the group started working on internal conflicts. The Working Committee member Anna Maria is liaison between Working Committee and the Harmony Group. Though the Working Committee has been trying to disentangle itself from internal conflicts, it should be mentioned that a lot of sympathy, time and energy was spent on the following:

- Elumalai problem in Sve-Dame:

Kripa has studied the problem at great length and has given a report to the Working Committee. The issue has not been solved yet.

- Water Service:

A tentative solution has been reached with the assistance of members of the Working Committee.

- Laurent:

Laurent and Annabelle have filed custody rights for their child in India and are threatening to do so in France. Therefore the Working Committee and the Entry Group do not recommend the extension of Laurent's visa until they go to France and straighten out their custody problem.

- Bala and Iyanar:

The case against Bala and Iyanar is before the Cuddalore Magistrates' Court.

Bala and Iyanar are presently remand prisoners in Cuddalore and another bail application will be before the Magistrate on Thursday, September 5th. The fact that both of them have been absconding is adversely affecting the request for bail. The conditions in prison have improved since the Working Committee made a direct appeal to the prison authorities. Both innocently accused are under severe mental stress, but doing transcendental meditation in prison every morning. They require urgently funds for all their legal expenses.

Agenda for the forthcoming Governing Board Meeting:

The Working Committee has submitted to the Secretary a number of items to be included, i.e. reports of the major units of Auroville like SAIIR, Economy Group etc and is proposing discussions on the land situation, district and state relations and other matters. It will give

a presentation on the Auroville water and power situation.

Matrimandir:

The Working Committee has received answers to its letter to the former members of the Matrimandir Design Study Group and community at large regarding The Mother's stated visions for the Matrimandir:

Gilles G. presented his "Aspiring for Perfection" History of Matrimandir.

The MM Team inquired as to how the information is being presented and which sources of The Mother's words have been included.

For the R.A. on 1st of September the issue of Matrimandir has been listed as top priority for deliberation by ARG.

FIRST AUROVILLE RESOURCE GROUP

(ARG) MEETING will be held on Sunday, September 15th '02, at SAWCHU, 4 pm

Everyone who has nominated him/herself is invited. Aurovilians whose names have been suggested by others, will be contacted and invited as well.

While we are aware that quite a few crucial issues are urgently demanding the community's attention, we stress here that at present main priority is given to a clear formulation of the functioning of the ARG, establishment of a new WC, its Secretariat and its other support groups. Only when thus a clear instrument has been created, the organisation is ready to tackle the various pending matters.

Working Committee

MEETING OF THE MATRIMANDIR TEAM

AUGUST 22ND 2002.

Present: Amar, Arjun, Charu, Divakar, Grace(part), Igor, Jean P., John, Kusumben, Lakshmi Narayan, Manimaran, Samrat, G.Selvam, Sergei, Somu, Walter.

Guests: Alain G., Andrei (Promesse), Frederick and Vici (for the Working Committee).

Chair: John.

1. Weekly meeting for Work Organization.

Given that there are many specific issues of work organization to be discussed, it was proposed and agreed that we will call a regular meeting of the Matrimandir Team on Monday mornings (10:30 am) to address these topics. The regular Thursday meetings will focus more on wider issues.

2. Financial Request:

40 - Cement for the Petals/general work 100 bags
Rs.12,200.00

3. Amphitheater Stage – Safety.

The point was made that the groove and edge running around the stage in the Amphitheater (when the bonfires are built) is still a cause for accidents. It was agreed that some modification was needed – perhaps a grill to cover the groove. This must be followed up.

4. Main Topic: Discussion Regarding the Central Staircase Entrances:

Summary:

a. The conversation quickly focused on the issue of looking at how to decide together on the correct width for the entrances to the staircase. Other questions, such as who would do the work, and where, would follow after this decision had been made.

As a practical way of looking into this particular question of "width" it has been recommended that the actual full sized model of the entrance blocks be again set up and worked with to see its practicability. The member present on behalf of the Working Committee restated this proposal in our meeting and included the setting up of the alternative model (wider) also for study. This proposal was acceptable to most, but not all of those present, - consensus was not reached on this point.

b. There was a clear request to find out what the Indian rules are regarding the width of the doorway and the numbers of people permitted to be "above" it at any one time.

c. It was evident that the question of whether Matrimandir is to be regarded as a "public building" or a "building open to the public", or neither is regarded by many as a key point in looking at the issue of the width of the entrances. This question should be resolved to the satisfaction of all.

d. It was proposed that a full study of the safety of Matrimandir for the public be made, and that a sample handrail down the slope between the petals, and up the steps be made.

e. The point was made that Alain is on his own involved in discussions regarding the setting up of Nirmana Trust meant largely to carry out marble works for Matrimandir. He has even written to the FAMC about this but has not communicated this move at all to the Matrimandir team. The question was put as to whether the 10 lacs donation he refers to (in the letter to the FAMC) is a donation for Matrimandir or for a separate workshop (to be under the Foundation). Strong reservations were expressed about this attempt to set up such an independent trust.

MEETING OF THE MATRIMANDIR TEAM **AUGUST 26TH 2002.**

Present: Amar, Arjun, Auroculture, Booma, Charu, Divakar, Dhanalakshmi, Grace, Igor, Iyanar, John, Jurgen, Lakshmi Narayan, Luca, Manimaran, Samrat, Sergei, Shivaraj, Shiva, Somu, Sumati, Rakesh and Walter (part).

Chairman: Jurgen

Guest: Chris.

Introduction: These Monday meetings are to be devoted to the details of the work on the site. A round of the meeting was made and a list of several topics was prepared, which require our attention now.

1. Preparation of a list of pending works

Luca will take input from all sections and prepare a list of Pending Works, so that we can take them up when possible.

2. Filling of Amrit's Responsibilities during his absence.

a). It was agreed that Shiva would take care of the Security.

b). For the question of Nursery coordination during Amrit's 3 month absence, we decided to request all the Nursery people to come next week to look at the work organization there.

c). Regarding the work of Visitors' Reception:

- The present team, with the addition of Manimaran, seems to be managing well. The group of people on duty around the second banyan – Walter, Selvam, Kumar and Manimaran will deal with any difficult situations that might arise with the visitors.

- Regarding the coordination of duties and details for the Chamber, Charu will meet those directly involved and look at the points that need attention now.

The list of points for those on duty at the Chamber will be updated and distributed to the duty people.

3. Other topics which were listed for future attention:

- a). Looking at workers' problems/relations
- b). How to follow up on decisions taken in the meeting, to see if they have been implemented.
- c). How to improve communication between the area

coordinators

d). Looking at the problem of accounting for unused materials issued from stock

e). Preparation of works pending in the Petals, with cost estimates (Carlos)

f). Feedback on working with the scaffolding team (Samrat)

Green Group meeting 22nd August 2002

Present: Gemma (notes), Jeff, Jonah, Kanniappan, Lucas, Michael, Sydo

Guests: David (Aurodam), Gundolf, Kireet, Peter (Adventure), Renu.

1. Rubbish dumping on Bommayapalayam road

Lorry loads of Pondy waste are being dumped on the road between Utilite and Bommayapalayam, posing a serious health risk (rotting rubbish brings flies which bring disease such as typhoid). We acknowledge that it is a sensitive issue to tackle, and for now we (via the WC) will write a letter to the Panchayat president about the serious health risks involved.

2. Salinisation of Repos and other coastal wells

Every one of us must increase our consciousness about water and acknowledge the severity of the water shortage situation. Only by each individual making an effort and adjusting his daily practices and water usage can any progress be made. Gilles from Harvest has proposed forming a group of people who will stay informed about the whole water situation.

3. Canyon land for lease in Aranya/ Hermitage/ Brindavan area

Saravanan is continuing with his application for leasing this land. The Forest Group and Green Group are monitoring the process of the project and lease application.

4. IDC feedback

The IDC had expressed their dissatisfaction with the phraseology of the notes in the News of 17th August (that we the Green Group had 'Granted' building and stewardship applications), as they said the final decision of whether such applications are granted or not rests with the IDC. The communication between our two groups needs to improve so that the recommendations we make are based on all the available information rather than a selection of it.

5. Green Group organisation and GB Guidelines

We are inviting input from Forest and Farm Group members on the Green Belt Guidelines, and to act as a 'support group' to offer advice and feedback on such issues.

If anyone has a matter they want to discuss in the Green Group, we ask that they let us know prior to the meeting. We will also email the upcoming agenda to the support group (presuming it is approved) for their comments.

6. Mandate

Before publishing our mandate on the Intranet, as has been requested, we would like to ensure that any feedback or comments about it have been received. So if anyone has any comments on it (as published in the News of 17th August), please let us know as soon as possible.

Saravanan is continuing with his application for this land. There is concern about the process in which this project and lease application have been made. However, since our priority is to avoid this sensitive area from being developed industrially, we will at present support Saravanan's application.

We are inviting input from Forest and Farm Group members on the Green Belt Guidelines, and to act as a 'support group' to offer advice and feedback on such issues.

Announcement from the Entry Group

The Entry Group is happy to announce the following persons:

as Newcomers to Auroville:

Sanjay (Indian) living in Prarthna and working in Udavi School. Contact person: Jean Francois

Isak Helman (Israel) living and working in Quiet. Contact Person: Kancha

Lee Mi Heng (Korea) living and working in Quiet. Contact Person: Juanita

Liselotte Dobais (French) living and working in New Creation. Contact Person: Lourdes

Andre Samuel (France) Soazig's son. Lives in Vikas. He is a student. Contact Person: Jean Francois

As Returning Aurovilians:

Jayaram who is living and working in Matrimandir

Soazig who is living in Vikas, and working in Transition

As Aurovilian:

Sandrine , partner of Gilles. She lives in Shanti and teaches French in Transition

Has left Auroville:

Dominique Guillet and family from Annadana, Revelation

We welcome your feedback (within 2 weeks please!)

The Entry Group needs more CONTACT PERSONS! Especially for young people and for mothers with children. Please offer your time (it doesn't take much!) for this very important task!!!

Attention All Units and Services !!!!

Please contact the Entry Group before initializing maintenances for Newcomers.

Thanks and love,
From the EG!

AMPHITHEATER ... the next step

Dear community members and friends
The Amphitheater being a place for collective aspiration central to the unfolding of Auroville we would like you to take in consideration the following :

- A) A permanent soundsystem with microphone and mixing table
- B) A permanent lighting - integrated in the steps- and lighting for the access pathways.
- C) A toilet facility under the Amphitheater (which is already 80% ready) are a necessity to upgrade the Amphitheater .

We invite all Aurovilians to discover this wonderful place of resource and inspiration....surely more often than a few days per year !
See you there....

For more information please contact the members of the Amphitheater group:
Carlos, Joy, Srimoyi, Sigrid

We are proud to announce the birth of Sheba. Lady Govida, the mother, is doing fine and giving extra creamy milk. If you are interested in a regular milk supply, kindly contact Hilde or Tency at Centre Field (622174).

Video in French presente :

Visitor's Center – Jeudi 12 septembre

19h30 : Je parle aux animaux

Documentaire américain de Peter Friedman (1991) - 55 min-Version française

Samantha, dit se contenter de traduire en mots les images que lui envoie l'esprit des animaux. Sans pour autant avoir l'air d'une illuminée. Elle est même drôle et sa personnalité donne tout son attrait à un documentaire truffé de moments charmants : un éléphant qui souffre et réclame des massages de pieds, un cheval qui fait grève pour non-respect de ses congés annuels au pré...

20h30 : Un homme parmi les loups

Film américain de Carroll Ballard (1983). 104 min Version française

Jeune biologiste, Tyler est chargé par le gouvernement canadien (qui envisage l'extermination des loups de l'Arctique) de vérifier si ceux-ci sont bien responsables de la disparition des caribous. Tyler va donc vivre seul, en pleine nature sauvage, pour étudier les loups et leurs habitudes. Le soin apporté à la réalisation a rendu passionnant ce sujet, inspiré d'un récit autobiographique de Farley Mowat. Mêlant réalité et fiction à un style rigoureux, Ballard dénonce l'action corruptrice de l'homme envers la nature et signe une oeuvre curieuse, qui ne ressemble à aucune autre.

New Phone Numbers

All telephone numbers are going to change to a 7-digit format some time within the next few weeks. They will be prefixed with the digit 2, indicating that it is a phone connection provided by BSNL. Accordingly, 1 will stand for Reliance and 3 for Bharti. More providers might follow.

The prefix scheme will be applied in a phased manner to all phones in the country. Already some cities in Tamil Nadu such as Cuddalore and Vellore have implemented it.

Mobile-phone numbers will not change, their prefix was "fixed" to 9 a long time ago, already.

The Telephone Service

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All Tamil Women Poets Meet at Auroville

(From Tamilnadu & Pondicherry)

On 11th September 2002, Wednesday

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ilaignarkal Education Centre (New Complex)

Presided by Mrs. R. Meenakshi of Auroville.

The sessions are exclusively for women poets. But 3 to 3.30 p.m, friends, interested in Tamil Poetry and Women's Poetry are welcome to say 'Hello'. The open session will be held at Poet Bharathi Memorial House at Pondicherry, on his anniversary, same day between 4 p.m and 6 p.m. We expect nearly 20 poets to attend. Welcome.

A painting exhibition by Benitta will be displayed at the same meeting venue.

Meenakshi

Hatha Yoga Workshop



**3 days intensive course
September 14, 15, 16**

Dear friends,

Shri ARUN from Bangalore

is coming to Auroville in order to offer a 3 days intensive course. Anybody who has been practicing Hatha Yoga in the tradition of Shri B K S Iyengar regularly for at least one year is welcome to participate.

If you are interested, please put your name down at the Pitanga desk as soon as possible. We are asking each Aurovilian and Newcomer participant to contribute towards Arun's expenses as generously as possible. Visitors and Guests are requested to contribute a minimum of Rs. 1,000/-.

There will be 2 classes of two hours daily and possibly one class on Friday 13th evening. We shall give exact timings soon, but it is likely that the morning session is from 7.30 to 9.30 am and evening 6 to 8 pm.

See you soon... Abha, Dodo, Rosa, Sophie

For further information please contact us at Pitanga, PH 622 561, pitanga@auroville.org.in

GERMAN VIDEO @ Visitor Center

Wednesday, 11.9. 20:00

DIE FANATIKER VON WACO

(USA, 1993 89min)

Regie: Dick Lowry

Darsteller: William O'Leary, Dan Lauria, Tomothy Daly, James Marsden

Psychologischer Kriminalfilm um die Person des texanischen Sektenführers David Koresh, der sich im April 1993 mit seiner Sekte von fanatischen Anhängern auf einer festungsartigen Ranch in Waco, Texas, verbarrikadiert und den Weltuntergang predigt. Als die Polizei das Anwesen stürmen will, weil Verdacht auf Kindesmissbrauch und illegalen Waffenbesitzes besteht, eröffnen die „Davidianer“ das Feuer...

Inszenatorisch eher ein ‚Schnellschuss‘, im direkten Anschluss an die wahre Begebenheit gedreht, als ‚Sektenhema‘ aber hochinteressant.

Dear Aurovilians,

Since last year, Auroville's Future has been building up a digital image bank for all our publications, projects, etc. We are trying to document the events that take place currently in Auroville, as well as the normal activities and working areas. This requires a lot of work and the use of specialized equipment. We have already around 9000 photos. Pino is the person in charge. We are constantly being requested for copies of the images from individuals, working groups, and units and always with the expectation to get them for free. We would like to inform everybody interested in these images that from now onwards, we will have to charge for copies of these images at the two following rates:

- a) For Aurovilians who do not need the images for commercial purposes: Rs. 10 per image
- b) For Aurovilians who use the images for commercial purposes and/or for outside people: Rs. 20 per image.

These charges will contribute to maintain the equipment and the staff involved in this necessary work.

Thanking you for your understanding
Auroville's Future

AMPHITHEATER

On **TUESDAY 10.9. at 6 p.m.** there will be Mother reading "Savitri" accompagnied by Sunil's Music.

Book 1 The Book of beginnings

Canto IV The Secret Knowledge

"The Master of existence lurks in us and plays at hide-and-seek with his own Force; In Nature's instrument loiters secret God. The Immanent lives in man as in his house; He has made the universe his pastime's field, A gymnasium of his works of might. All-knowing he accepts our darkened state, Divine, wears shapes of animal or man;"

On **THURSDAY 12.9. at 6 p.m.**

"The Four Aspects of the Mother" of Sri Aurobindo read by Mother

"Mahalakshmi"

"Les quatres aspects de la Mere" de Sri Aurobindo lit par Mere.

All are welcome to enjoy and recharge in the very center of Auroville.

Sigrid

HEALTH FIRST

Classical homeopathy child care
personal development

Consultation in English, French, German and
Tamil With Sigrid, healing practitioner
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 Health First, Prayatna ,
phone 623669

An introductory session on Homeopathic First
Aid will take place on Wednesday 10.9. at 10
a.m. (language according to participants.)
All are welcome Sigrid

NEWS FROM QUIET

THAI YOGA MASSAGE for beginners. Eleven day
course: Sept. 11 - 22.

The course involves six hours per day of instruction
and practice. An additional two hours per day of
training in Hatha Yoga and Vipassana meditation is
offered (optional).

Participants will receive a certificate upon completion
of the program.

Itzhak, the course instructor, is a regulat teacher at
the Ashokananda Ashram, Changmai, Thailand.

The course will be held at The Quiet Healing Centre,
Auroville.

For further information please phone The Quiet Healing
Centre, 622 329 / 622 646, Mon.- Sat. 8:00 AM- Noon
and 1:30 - 5:00 PM

**Dear friends,
Pourtous and Financial Service
will remain open full day on Tues-
day 10/09/02.**

**Happy Ganesh Pooja.
PT& FS.**

Dear Friends,

We would like to inform you that:

"Remembering Sri Aurobindo" - An Afternoon of Dedication to the Master through reminiscences of people
who have met him physically including Prof. Kittu Reddy, Mahalingam Shyamsunder and Bithidi has been
arranged at Savitri Bhavan on 22nd September, 2002, at 3:00 p.m.

" We stand in the Presence of Him who has sacrificed His physical life in order to help more fully His work of
transformation. He is always with us, aware of what we are doing, of all our thoughts, of all our feelings, of all
our actions. " - The Mother on 18th of January 1951. From SACV:13, p.8

**THE MAHASARASWATI FREE-STORE /
EXCHANGE STORE DEVELOPS INTO A FULL
TIME REPAIR SERVICE...**

With Aurovilian LOGU as technicien, the
Mahasaraswati store (situated in the same building
as the Kulapalayam Post office) will now undertake
all sorts of appliance repairs. You can come by at
the store on the usual Saturday afternoons between
3pm and 5pm but now also any morning between
9.30 and 11.30am.

Logu will check your appliance on the spot and give
you a rough estimate and advice for the repair. But
he can also come to your house to collect anything
you wouldn't have the time to bring yourself or to
check your fridge, washing machine, TV, and just
anything, if you call him at 623014 lunch time or
evenings, or leave a message for him to call you
back. In this case we will charge you a basic 50
rupees on top of the repair charges.

All payments will be operated through the Financial
Service's Pour Tous accounts.

Here is the present list of items available for
exchange :

- Cloth iron - Coffee machine - Table fan - PL light
12 volt - Electric oven - Lady electric epilator - Table
lamp - Battery charger - Ice cream maker - Electric
kettle - Baby high chair - Baby Canne cradle - 80mtrs
Underground telephone cable 20 pairs - Mixer /
grinder Summeet - S.S. Gas stove double burner -
Sets of pottery tea cups and vases - Electric can
opener - Toaster - Motorcycle Helmet - Telephone -
Vacuum cleaner - Moped side box - Cassette player
And for kids...

- Roller blades - Boogie surf board - 8mm film
projector with cartoon films - CD Rom video games
And a lot more...

But remember the exchange store opens only on
Saturdays !

See you around,

Logu, Celestine, Olivier

**LOOKING FOR SECOND HAND ALMIRA
CUPBOARD phone 623019 Nilatangham**

Suggestion from an elderly Aurovilian:

At our public meetings (e.g. video shows in the Visitor's Centre, etc) it mostly happens that all the chairs available are taken by our young and active Aurovilians. I would like to propose to keep a few crutches ready which would help our older and handicapped members to 'stand' through the meetings, shows, or whatever.

Ellen Tessloff, Arati

PAPER FOLLY

- "... we're all mad here. I'm mad. You're mad".
- "How do you know I'm mad?" said Alice.
- "You must be", said the Cat, "or you wouldn't have come here" (Lewis Carroll. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland: July 4, 1865).

Adil asked me to visit this exhibition in Bharat Nivas and explained how to find Paper Folly. It is a collection of bright fantastic images. I saw them and remembered Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra (1547-1616), a genial Spaniard with his lovely Don Quixote. For me it seemed that I saw a silhouette of famous knight on one exhibit. But may be it was an Aurovilian.

Paper Folly is funny like dodo. In 1665 the strange wingless bird, dodo, became extinct in Mauritius Island. But Lewis Carroll (his real name is Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, 1832-1898) revived it: "At last Dodo said "Everybody has won, and all must have prizes". Of course Dodo spoke about the authors of Paper Folly Exhibition.

Boris

He! Auroville and Village people- India was described as land of plenty of milk and honey. So in Auroville and around we have already cows and milk. Why not bees and honey? I started bee keeping. For that I need to collect more bee swarms (Apis Cerena India) but no Apis Dorsata (Rock Bee) or Apis Florea.

If you see some bee swarms, please contact Marie – Windarra Farm – 622 482 - I can collect them-

Thanks a lot

Marie

If you don't know Apis Cerena. You come to Windarra to meet them- Two hives are there-

VIDEO IN ENGLISH

Visitor's Center

Saturday, 07.09.2002, 8 PM.

"Dance of the Wind"

with Kita Gidwani, Bhavleen Gosain

Dir. Rajan Khosa

1997 1h 25'

Beautiful movie about a Judian female Singer.

AURIGINAL PIZZERIA

The English and Spanish Premier Football League have started again and the UEFA CUP also. Check your local News paper for the telecast and enjoy the matches at the PIZZERIA.

We are open from 11.30 AM to 2 PM and 6 PM to 10.30 PM.

- AURIGINAL TEAM

FOR SALE : ENFIELD BULLET – DIESEL very good conditions
GERALD 622 248 (1 PM)

FOR SALE

GREEN BAMBU AND BAMBU PANEL.

Contact – 622 683.

Sallaki

I want to order another contingent of Sallaki (400mg) tablets. Those who want to take large amounts, please let me know within the next two weeks, so that I can order accordingly. The more we order, the more discount we will get. I will let you know the price, as soon as I receive their offer. Hopefully we will get something like 30% or more, as we did last time.

Dorothee (Ph: 622 238 or e-mail: dorothee@auroville.org.in)

Accountant available

AuroAnnam employs a young accountant who received practical training at the office of M/s Modi, Chartered Accountants at Pondy. We offer his services to other units in need of professional accounting on a part-time basis, upto about ten days per month. Interested parties to contact Lucas at Grace, 622044.

Lucas / AuroAnnam

Pre-Creche is looking for a person

preferably with some experience and without children of their own to work at the creche beginning 7th october.

If you are interested please contact Marie-Angele or Ira at 623-643 between 8:30am-12 noon, Monday through Friday or Marie-Angele - 623-072 (Afternoons).

Thanking you,
The Pre-Creche Team

Dear friends,

Is anybody willing to **exchange** a beautiful apartment in Prarthna for an individual house? Please contact Palani or Davaselvi - 622 612 after 4.30 to 9.00 in the evening or before 8.00 in the morning

To plants lovers.

A new nursery of ornamental, shades plants, shrubs and others are available in Botanical Garden two days a week: thursday morning from 9am to 12am, and friday same timing.

Contact pierrot .for special plants we can maybe get what you want.

AIKIDO & IAIDO CLASSES**Monday**

6 to 7.30 am : iaido with Eric

4 to 5 pm : aikido for children with Surya and Cristo

Tuesday

6 to 7.30 am : aikido with Serge

Wednesday

6 to 7.30 am : initiation to aikido with Serge and Luisa for beginners only

Thursday

6 to 7.30 am : aikido with Serge

Friday

6 to 7.30 am : IAIDO with Eric

Saturday

6 to 7.30 am : aikido with Cristo

8.30 to 9.30 am: aikido for children with Serge and Luisa

9.30 to 10.30 am: aikido for children with Surya and Luisa

For further information, please contact:

Serge 622017 - aurovillepress@auroville.org.in

Cristo 622356 cristoc@auroville.org.in

Eric ericav@auroville.org.in

LIVE CONCERT OF BAUL MUSIC FROM BENGAL

BY Mousoumi Parial and her group

Date: Saturday, 14th September'02

Venue: Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharatnivas

Time: **8 PM**

Brief introduction:

For Baul singer, life is a prayer to God.

In Baul music, the images depicted, are allegories on the state of separation existing between the souls of men and the spiritual world.

Over the generations, Baul music has been influenced by many other folk traditions in Bengal like Bhatiali, composed and sung by boatmen of East Bengal and Keertan, singing of hymns.

Organised by Kalamitra, Hall of Culture with the collaboration of the Alliance Francaise of Pondicherry.

For more information : contact Michael: 622289(Petite Ferme)

Dear Friends,

"Kaluveli Nilam" the bimonthly Tamil newsletter has entered its fourth year of publication. As you are aware it is being marked to most of our commercial units/project offices. The focus of the magazine basically is to interact between the villages around Auroville reflecting the innovative developments of Auroville.

In this context the Editorial Team of the magazine appeals to various Executives of Auroville Commercial units/project holders to write about "how your activity helps in the overall development of Auroville?"

The article could be written not exceeding one A4 page and sent to balan@auroville.org.in or isaiambalamschool@auroville.org.in. You can drop the article also at Bharat Niwas post office in Siddhartha Forest box.

Thankyou.

Editorial Team.

CAPOEIRA CONTINUES!

Oswaldo's excellent workshop finished last week, but the bug has been caught and so we do not stop there, but will continue!

There will be classes at Pitanga on Tuesdays (starting the 10th), 4 - 6 pm. Everyone is welcome, but please come on time.

Capoeira originated from the martial arts of African slaves in Brazil. Over centuries it has evolved into a martial dance that incorporates also music, singing, a powerful group energy, ritual and a spirit of communication and playfulness.

Correction to the 9th August IDC Meeting report (published in AVNews of 31st August)

The results of a meeting held at Evergreen between members of the IDC, Planning Group, Evergreen and Green Group were reported. In the report it was stated that the Service Area was 'accepted by Evergreen people and Green Group members', and 'welcomed' by Evergreen.

In the meeting all parties agreed to the Transport Service starting construction, because its location falls both within the 80 m strip that the Forest Group favours and the present proposal of the IDC. Although the individual Evergreen residents had no objection to the overall proposal, it was made clear that such a large project needed ratification from a wider group, especially since it is already known to be an issue of contention. There was very clearly no agreement made about the proposed road.

S A V I T R I B H A V A N

The Mother's "Playground Talks"

Every Tuesday at 5:00 pm

We shall listen to a series of recordings of the Mother's talks in the Ashram Playground to the young people of the School. These talks continued from 1951 to the end of 1958 and have been published in the original French as "*Entretiens*" and in English translation as "Questions and Answers". For these sessions, we provide the text of the talk in both French and English.

This coming Tuesday, (10.09.02) we shall play the recording of the talk of 22 August 1958.

This talk centres on a text from *The Life Divine* (p.883-885) after which a student asked, "*Sweet Mother, how can someone who hasn't much spiritual capacity best help in this work?*"

Aster, who as a girl was present when these talks were given, will be with us in this series where we would like to simulate learning from the Mother directly, through hearing the recordings and reading the prepared bi-lingual text.. Afterwards there is time to share insights on what has come up during the session.

We would especially like to invite all young Aurovilians and school teachers to come and study with us. Duration of the programme : 50 minutes. Everyone is welcome.

THERE WILL BE NO SHOOTING CLUB AT VIKAS.

This is the decision taken at a community's meeting. The announcement about a shooting club had been put in the News without consulting the residents.

SEARCHING FOR LYNNDY

Someone abroad is searching for Lynndy, an Aurovilian artist who lived here quite a while. In case you know her contact details, kindly send them to <outreach@auroville.org.in> or phone Mauna at 622.323 (home) or 623.424 (web office). Thanks!

DANCE SESSIONS RESTARTING

For all those that love to move to music...invitation to get in contact with ourselves,with the others,with time and space....discovering through breath,movement,play...

On Mondays in Verite,from 5-7(we might shift for 1/2 hour if requested),-9.9 on
>From Stilness,dancing the wave back to stilness-free improvizations...

On Fridays in Pitanga,from 4.30-6,from 13.9 on
Guided improvizations....

No previous dance experiance is required.
YOU ARE ALL WELLCOME,Dariya

Update on the Appeal from the Central Fund

Since it was announced that our Central Fund is short of Rs 1,10, 000/= for August a total of Rs 20,500/=has been gathered from a dozen responses.

This amount will ensure that the education budget can be covered in full.

Though there are 29 other minimum budgets for which funds are needed to fully cover and for this, Rs 90,000 are needed before the 31st of August

For our farms and forests, roads and cycle paths, our overall organization and communication among us, our history preserved in the archives, for safety on the roads and at the beach, the maintenance of some of our most used public buildings, our free store and haircuts, and cycle puncture repairs, and for cultural events and collective celebrations.

MESSAGE FROM AVVEHICLE SERVICE.

Dear Aurovillians..

1/ General information about transfer of driving licence:

Just to remember that all New-comers and aurovillians who have a foreign licence must come to regularize their situation and proceed to the transfers of foreign licence to Indian licence. Bring your passport, residential permit and foreign licence

2/ About renewal of LLR-form 3:

Those whose LLR date is going to be expiring must contact us as soon as possible for the renewal. Bring your original LLR and 1 photo.

3/ About your Indian Driving Licence;

We need the photocopy of your Indian Licence in order to collect the data-base and to check your date of expired of the licence.

4/ About the driving test:

We are doing the driving test, one day by week for five people only. In case of urgent [like to go out of station], come to inform us to arrange your date of driving test before your trip. Please cooperate with us for the driving test whom we call. Don't make absent on that day, because there is still a lot of people waiting to pass the driving test. We can't afford the luxury of doing the lost of one place and money, so we will have to charge you in order to share with us the lost of income.

For more details contact us as soon as possible

Thanking You...

Wazo, Raju and Velu

[ph;623 302]

e-mail--avvehicle@auroville.org.in

Furniture for sale

Furniture for sale, a few simple country style pieces and several up-polished "antiques", cupboards, chairs etc. Please contact Lucas at Grace, 622044.

"10 Poems by Sri Aurobindo"

on music CD

now available for Guests and Aurovillians at the Pour Tous Purchasing Service.

Music by Holger

Rectitation by Graeme Allwright

Discount for Aurovillians.

Fresh spirulina (prior to sun drying) has more nutritious value than dry spirulina as is the case with most food items.

Fresh spirulina has also a very mild taste and mixes very well with food or drinks.

At the farm (and also the children from the AV crèche in Bommayarpalayam) we consume daily fresh spirulina (with lemon juice and jaggery.)

Unfortunately, out of the fridge (or power cut) the fresh spirulina can ferment and go bad within a few hours.

Keep the fresh spirulina always in fridge (freezer compartment), and consume as soon as possible!!.

100 gm Fresh spirulina is equivalent to 20 gm dry spirulina.

How to use?

Just as it is.

Add it to your favourite fruit or vegetable juice (in blender)

As bread spread, alone or with something sweet(honey or jam), or make a paste with olive oil and garlic, salt and pepper, vinegar
Just take a table spoon full and eat along with your lunch and/or dinner.

Make a mix with fresh cheese

For the children: green mashed potatoes

Spirulina/ coconut chutney etc., etc.,

And of course last but not least together with curd.

Just make your daily food some more green!!!

For more information, suggestions and feedback please contact us at

Simplicity farm Email spirulina@

Tel 655718

You can find the fresh spirulina paste at Pour Tous in the Aurosoya fridge(freezer compartment) .