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# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Et la Voix de répondre:

« Est-ce suffisant, ô esprit ?

Et que dira ton âme lorsqu'elle se réveillera

Et saura que le travail n'est pas fait pour lequel elle était venue ?

Ou bien est-ce là tout pour ton être né sur la terre

Chargé d'un mandat de l'éternité ?

Ton être qui a écouté la voix des ans

Qui a suivi la piste des dieux

Passera-t-il en laissant inchangées les vieilles lois poussiéreuses ?

N'y aura-t-il pas de nouvelles Tables, un Verbe nouveau,

Pas de lumière plus grande qui descendra sur la terre

Pour la délivrer de son inconscience,

Et délivrer l'esprit de l'homme de son destin inaltérable ?

N'es-tu pas venue ici pour ouvrir les portes du Destin,

Les portes de fer qui semblaient à jamais closes,

Et conduire l'homme à la vaste route d'or de la vérité

Qui va des finitudes à l'éternité ?

Est-ce donc là le récit que je dois faire

Tête baissée, honteusement, devant le siège de l'Éternel :

Ce pouvoir qu'Il a allumé dans ton corps a échoué,

Son ouvrière revient, sa tâche inaccomplie ? »

Alors le cœur de Savitri est tombé muet et n'a rien dit.

Mais retenant son cœur rebelle tourmenté,

Brusquement debout et ferme, calme comme une montagne,

Dominant les mers de l'ignorance mortelle

Tel un pic immuable au-dessus de l'air mental,

Un Pouvoir en elle a répondu à cette Voix tranquille :

« Je suis une part de toi ici, chargée de ton travail,

Comme toi, mon siège est à jamais au-dessus ;

Parle à mes profondeurs, ô Voix souveraine et immortelle,

Commande, car je suis ici pour faire ta volonté. »

La Voix a répondu :

« Souviens-toi de ce pourquoi tu es venue :

Découvre ton âme, retrouve ton moi caché,

Dans le silence de tes profondeurs cherche l'intention de Dieu,

Puis change cette nature mortelle en nature divine.

Ouvre la porte de Dieu, entre dans sa transe.

Rejette de toi la Pensée, cet agile singe de la Lumière :

Dans ce formidable silence où ton cerveau s'arrête,

Sa vaste Vérité s'éveille au-dedans et sait et voit.

Rejette de toi les sens qui voilent la vue de ton esprit :

Dans l'énorme vide de ton mental

Tu verras le corps de l'Éternel dans le monde,

Tu sauras qu'Il est dans chaque voix que ton âme entend :

Dans les contacts du monde tu rencontreras Son unique toucher,

Toutes les choses et toutes les créatures t'enlaceront dans Son embrasse.

Conquiers les tressaillements de ton cœur, laisse ton cœur battre en Dieu :

Ta nature sera l'instrument de ses œuvres,

Ta voix portera la puissance de son Verbe :

Alors tu abriteras ma force et conquerras la Mort. »

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The Voice replied: "Is this enough, O spirit?  
And what shall thy soul say when it wakes and knows  
The work was left undone for which it came?  
Or is this all for thy being born on earth  
Charged with a mandate from eternity,  
A listener to the voices of the years,  
A follower of the footprints of the gods,  
To pass and leave unchanged the old dusty laws?  
Shall there be no new tables, no new Word,  
No greater light come down upon the earth  
Delivering her from her unconsciousness,  
Man's spirit from unalterable Fate?  
Cam'st thou not down to open the doors of Fate,  
The iron doors that seemed for ever closed,  
And lead man to Truth's wide and golden road  
That runs through finite things to eternity?  
Is this then the report that I must make,  
My head bowed with shame before the Eternal's seat,—  
His power he kindled in thy body has failed,  
His labourer returns, her task undone?"  
Then Savitri's heart fell mute, it spoke no word.  
But holding back her troubled rebel heart,  
Abrupt, erect and strong, calm like a hill,  
Surmounting the seas of mortal ignorance,  
Its peak immutable above mind's air,  
A Power within her answered the still Voice:  
"I am thy portion here charged with thy work,  
As thou myself seated for ever above,  
Speak to my depths, O great and deathless Voice,  
Command, for I am here to do thy will."  
The Voice replied: "Remember why thou cam'st:  
Find out thy soul, recover thy hid self,  
In silence seek God's meaning in thy depths,  
Then mortal nature change to the divine.  
Open God's door, enter into his trance.  
Cast Thought from thee, that nimble ape of Light:  
In his tremendous hush stilling thy brain  
His vast Truth wake within and know and see.  
Cast from thee sense that veils thy spirit's sight:  
In the enormous emptiness of thy mind  
Thou shalt see the Eternal's body in the world,  
Know him in every voice heard by thy soul,  
In the world's contacts meet his single touch;  
All things shall fold thee into his embrace.  
Conquer thy heart's throbs, let thy heart beat in God:  
Thy nature shall be the engine of his works,  
Thy voice shall house the mightiness of his Word:  
Then shalt thou harbour my force and conquer Death."

## Green Group meeting 5<sup>th</sup> September 2002

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

Guest: Islan

### 1. Land behind Minati

Islan would like to settle on 4 acres of land behind Minati (between Revelation and Fertile Windmill). Following the endorsement of the Forest Group we will send a letter to LEM to say that Islan has the support of Green Group and Forest Group. Cristo and Patrick will be assisting him.

### 2. Proposed road through Evergreen

Gemma read out a letter resulting from last week's meeting with the IDC (Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August at SAWCHU). With a few changes the group endorsed the letter to be sent out under the name of the Green Group.

It was suggested that a proposal should be written that can be presented to any forum that results from this discussion as an alternative to the road proposed by the IDC. The principle alternative is the existing road situation, but another may be the easing of the difficult curves and increasing visibility around them.

### 3. Government projects in Sanjeevnagar and Alankuppam

There is a government development project already accepted for a rural tourist development program in Sanjeevnagar. This is proposed to include demonstration workshops, an internet café and boutique, and has implications especially regarding road access for the Green Belt. The government people involved are keen to collaborate with Auroville groups and accept their input.

### 4. Banyan Nursery

LEM wants to exchange the Banyan Nursery land for land in the city area. The site is well positioned and has two good wells, and could be put to much better use for Auroville than at present. However, due to its location the land is highly priced and there is a pressure to secure land nearer the city rather than outside. There is quite some potential for consolidating scattered Auroville lands in this area, going towards Auroville from the Tindivanam road, and it would be a shame to lose this site with all its possibilities.

### 5. Mandate.

We will wait for 2 weeks for feedback about our mandate before putting in on the Intranet.

### 6. Liaising with Harvest

Gilles from Harvest is willing to give more detailed presentations of his water data to a small group on interested people from the Green Belt. We will communicate the information he gives us to the wider Forest and Farm Groups.

### FAMC Report August 2002

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

Ananda (ABC) Auroasha (Entry Group) Bunty (SAIER) Dharmesh (IDC) Peter (LEM) Inge (Housing) Jeff (Green Group) Joster (ABC) Judith (Economy Group) Otto (Central Fund) Pala (Maintenance Fund) Rathinam (AV Fund) Selvaraj (Working Committee) Tency (CSR) Ulli (Working Committee) Matrimandir currently sends no representative.

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

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

**Auroville Water Service:** *It is important to note that this report covers the period from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August and that it summarises, in chronological order, the discussions and presentations of several different meetings.*

At the beginning of August the sub-group presented a brief report on the situation. The steps that had been taken until then had been recorded. The sub group had decided to form a temporary Emergency Team. It was proposed that all financial transactions would pass through the Auroville Maintenance Fund for the time being. The sub-group believed that taking back the four Aurovilians who had been working in the Water Service would be counter productive to making a fresh start, but proposed to integrate one of them into the Emergency Team. The new team would be a temporary team to deal with emergency situations. They would be allowed to use the equipment of the former Water Service.

The FAMC gave its approval to the setting up of the Emergency Team to deal with the immediate situation. It was proposed and agreed that the emergency team would be located at Reve rather than Abri. It was agreed that the Emergency Team would be allowed to use the equipment of the former Water Service.

The sub-group was asked to contact the support group of the four Aurovilians to inform them about the creation of the Emergency Team, and to carry on talks with them with a view to finding a permanent solution to the deadlock that existed at that time.

At the next meeting a report was submitted by the sub group of their joint meeting with the support group of the former team leaders. It was reported that the support group proposed to set up a water service run by Aurovilians only, and that they were looking for a team of 6 to 7 people with an able executive, who had yet to be found. It was felt that this might be a good direction to pursue. Talks with the support group continued.

Kumar from Djaima volunteered to be the executive of a new water service operating only with Aurovilians including all four of the former team leaders. He was asked to present more information about their future plans to the sub-group. The sub-group compiled a list of conditions they felt needed to be accepted before the proposal of the support group could be agreed to. The conditions were:

- The existing support group with Wazo, Karna, Selvaraj, Stuart, and Patrick (FE) would take full responsibility that the terms and conditions of the settlement are respected. Stuart should undertake to ensure that all financial transactions are carried out properly.
- The FAMC would retain the right to allow other parties the use of the special heavy-duty equipment at Abri in the case that the water service personnel were not performing their duties as agreed upon.
- Two executives are required, out of which at least one has to be committed to full time work. In other words Kumar would have to be present in the morning before the staff leaves the premises and after they return from work, to assure that the job was carried out as planned and that the equipment has been returned in good order.
- It is agreed that no outside labour will be hired for a period of at least six months. It would however be acceptable that an additional one or two Aurovilians might join the team on a trial basis. In case additional hands are required for heavy-duty jobs, they can be hired on a contract basis.
- A monthly trial balance would have to be submitted to the FAMC with full financial details and transactions as well as details of all jobs carried out.
- The Central Fund would continue to cover maintenance to the Aurovilians, at the present level, for a period of two months. After this the unit would have to be able to provide maintenance from billing for work. The Central Fund will provide a financial subsidy for the running expenses for a period of two months. The exact amount will be based on the cash flow statement received from the support group.
- It is understood that all the efforts will be made by the support group to resolve the personal problems of one of the former team leaders, which otherwise will continue to have a negative impact on the daily work.

The FAMC proposed a few additional points: The sub-group of the FAMC should have regular meetings with the support group and monitor the situation. Ponnuswamy, Rama and Hari should all be Executives. The assets register and a stock list would have to be prepared before the unit was handed over. There needs to be objective criteria for judging whether the situation is healthy or not. There should be an agreed upon point at which the service can be closed without the same situation arising again. There should be a six-month trial period after which the situation should be reviewed and it should be made clear that this would be the last opportunity for the former team leaders to prove that they can run a good service.

The team has to agree to step back if it fails.

It was also agreed that although some dialogue had taken place between the support group and the FAMC/WC sub-group, the above-mentioned proposal needed both more time, more dialogue and, to be further worked on before finalizing.

At the next meeting the sub-group presented a report of their meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2002, attended by Rolf, Ulli, Ponnuswamy, Hari and Tency. The sub-group proposed that the four former team leaders be given a chance to form their own unit whose composition and set-up would be completely up to them. Financial help would be provided to build up the unit. The name and location of the Water Service would not be used. The location that would be offered to the new unit, was explored in depths; the space at Reve seemed to be promising. The stocktaking would have to be started as soon as possible, with Gilles B, Hari, Maurice and one member from the Support Group. A list would be handed over to the FAMC to decide on the reallocation of the equipment to the different activities based on the recommendations from the sub-group.

AVES agreed to take up the generators and the repair of gensets.

The Solid Waste Management unit has agreed to take care of the tractor and the sludge tanker.

Aureka would build up a team for repair and removal of pumps from bore wells.

Harvest would co ordinate the drilling of new bore wells.

The sub-group members present felt this to be the best possible solution as it provides a framework of support for the four Aurovilians while they prove themselves.

It was said that a financial overview is needed to know how much it has cost Auroville to close one unit and then to reopen it again. The IDC member remarked that the water service should find a place in the Service Area rather than Reve. It was decided that the proposal should be taken back to a joint meeting of the support group and the sub-group and a mutually acceptable proposal brought back to the FAMC.

A report of the meeting between the sub-group and the support group was presented at the next meeting. A proposal for the reorganization of an Auroville water service was received from the support group. It was accepted that Abri compound would not be used for the new unit, except for the storage of the common pool of equipment.

It was agreed that the new unit will be named 'Auroville Water Maintenance' and will start with the equipment for the removal and maintenance of pumps, the supply of water, plumbing work. There will be a common pool of equipment, which will stay for the time being at Abri compound. The sludge unit, which belongs to the Auroville Health Centre, will be kept at Abri until more information is forthcoming from the Solid Waste Management unit. The site, which is most suitable to start, is in Reve. Any other place, which can be found and is acceptable to the community, can also be used for the start up operation. The IDC prefers the unit to be located in the Service Area, when the layout is ready. Kumar would present the combined group with a budget request for the FAMC, at the earliest. An advisory group to assist the new unit will be formed with the following persons: Maurice, Ponnuswamy, Wazo,

Selvaraj, and Karna.

A request was made to cover the maintenance of six Aurovilians for the trial period. AVES will provide a watchman for another month, until the end of September 2002. It was pointed out that the investment required to establish the unit had not been determined.. The sub-group has already said that the unit would be helped with a minimum amount to get started, although it has not been clearly stated whether the help would be by loan. However, with reference to what had been said about investment funds, i.e. from where they could come and how much etc., it was emphasized that the matter needs to be looked at more carefully, to see what assets are there and what was the financial situation of the Water Service when it was closed. It was reported that Stuart has volunteered to take care of the financial side of the new unit, but it was felt that to determine the present situation it needs someone who knows the history of the service rather than a new person. Concern was raised that the assets of the Water Service are being disbursed. If the assets are to be disbursed then they should be paid for. The sub-group reported that no assets of the Water Service are being given to Aureka. The Sludge Unit was bought with a donation given to the Health Centre. The support group had strongly opposed the disbursement of the assets.

It was said that the unit has to prove itself before being incorporated in the Service Trust. It was agreed that the sub-group would determine the financial status of the Water Service when it was closed and the amount needed to start the new unit. We should be aware of the financial implications of closing down a unit, as was done in this case by the FAMC/WC, for future reference.

**Aqua Dyn:** Fairly recently, an agreement with an outside party, concerning the distribution of the water, has been signed by the executives of Aqua Dyn without consulting or obtaining the agreement of the FAMC sub-group. The sub group has objected strongly to the signing of this agreement without their knowledge and advice.

The question was raised again whether it is worthwhile to continue the unit.. It was proposed and agreed that the sub-group reconvene and that Ulli would be asked to join the sub-group as Guy is out of station.

It was agreed to give a few more months to the unit before deciding whether to close it. Subsequently, the appointment of Maurice as executive of Aqua Dyn was approved and welcomed.

**Altecs Subgroup recommendation re: the "Altecs building":** The sub-group had a meeting with Matthias. Matthias has answered all the questions that had been raised. The financial statement of last month shows an operational profit. Matthias has agreed to give revised statements of the liabilities and loans. It was reported that Auroville Energy Products might be interested to take over the Altecs Building. It was reported that there might be a second party interested and that would be clarified by the end of this month. The amount they would be able to contribute still has to be negotiated. It was agreed that negotiations would take into account the value of the building rather than the extent of the debt. It was again emphasised that the two lower floors of the

building should be used for an industrial purpose and not turned into residences. The existing apartment on the top floor may continue to be used as a residence.

**Altecs:** It was reported on behalf of ADPS that Altecs had moved to ADPS building under certain conditions and one of them was to pay three months rent in advance. Altecs has not paid this deposit despite repeated reminders. The Trust has decided to give them a final reminder after which they will take action.

**Interest on Altecs loan:** It was reported that negotiations have been made with the Manager of the State Bank of India, Auroville, regarding the rate of interest charged on the loan taken by Altecs using the fixed deposit of ADPS as security. A letter from the Foundation was given to the bank stating that Altecs is a unit under the Foundation and on that basis the bank reduced the interest by 2% to 11.5%. The discussion proposed by the FAMC between Matthias, the sub-group and the Auroville Maintenance Fund to see whether the loan could be transferred from the bank to Auroville Maintenance Fund has still to take place.

The sub-group was requested to verify and sort out the pending issue regarding the Rs 70,000/-, taken as advance from Auroville Fund by the Prayatna Housing Project and given to Altecs but for which Altecs has not yet provided any billing to Auroville Fund.

**Colours of Nature:** Colours of Nature requested a loan of Rs 5 – 7 lakhs to meet an order from DW Shop. It was explained that the credit line of Colours of Nature with the ABC revolving loan fund stands at Rs 10 lakhs. Colours of Nature has received an order from DW Shop of Rs 13.5 lakhs, for which the additional loan is necessary. Colours of Nature is assured of a repeat order of the same size as soon as this one is fulfilled. Inge on behalf of the DW Shop reconfirmed the information. The loan was approved on condition that a scrutiny of the balance sheet by Divya does not reveal any unknown problems with the unit's viability.

**Bommaiyur Toy Carpentry:** The resignation of Dr Kamala as an executive was approved.

It was reported that Rainier, who is the main customer of the Bommaiyur Toy Carpentry, would be in Auroville for two weeks. It was proposed and agreed to set up a sub group with Ananda (Auroma), Lucas, and Dara, (Trustees of Auroville Export Trust) to meet with Rainer.

**Animal Care Trust** – the routine 5 yearly reappointment of Trustees:

Auroma, the accounting unit, reported that the financial management of the Trust needs to be improved. So the reappointment of the Trustees stands pending. They will be asked to contact Ananda of Auroma, who keeps their accounts.

**Appointment/ Resignation of Executives and Trustees of commercial Units and Trusts in the absence of a functional ABC:**

As the Auroville Board of Commerce is not functional at the moment, the Chair wanted to lay down a procedure to be followed by Trusts and Units, while applying for the appointment/resignation of Executives and Trustees of the commercial Units and Trusts. It was proposed that the Units should contact their Trustees for their recommendation, as it is the Trustees who will be directly affected by the success or

failure of a unit. The Trustees would forward the application to FAMC, who on approval, will forward it to the Working Committee to be further forwarded to the Auroville Foundation for the issue of the Office Order. The Working Committee was requested by the Chair to take action on the resignations and appointments of Trustees and Executives as confirmed in the notes of the FAMC, to simplify and facilitate the secretarial work all around. It was also suggested that applications for appointments and resignations be published in the AV News. The representative of ABC reported that ABC had only been compiling the proposals from the Trustees and he offered to continue to do this through e-mail. It was agreed that Joster would continue to coordinate ABC's existing function through e-mail. This means that when a unit executive of a commercial unit is to be appointed or their resignation accepted, the application should first be sent to the Trustees of the relevant Trust. The Trustees should forward their approval by e-mail to Joster of the ABC, who will forward the recommendations to the FAMC. Once the recommendation is approved by the FAMC, the Working Committee will forward the application to the Foundation for the issuing of the Office Order. In the case of service units the applications will be first be passed to the Economy Group. In case a Trustee wishes to resign or a Trust wishes to appoint an additional Trustee, the active Trustees must pass a resolution, which they will forward to Joster by e-mail and by hard copy to the FAMC for the records. (If there are any questions about these procedures, you can contact either Joster or e-mail famc@auroville.org.in)

### Land and Land Use Issues

**New Farm:** A letter was received from V Kannadhasan and V.K. Kumar of Chellaperumalpet, Pondicherry, requesting permission to purchase New Farm from the Auroville Foundation. New Farm comprises 14.63 acres and the buyers are offering Rs 3 lakhs per acre. Approval in principle to sell of these lands was already given several years ago. The offer was approved and LEM was requested to go ahead with the sale.

**Brihaspati – Allocation of Stewardship:** An e-mail was received from R.E.R.S making two proposals for sharing the land of Brihaspati. The letter expressed their dissatisfaction with both the process and the reporting of the FAMC of this issue. The representative of LEM reported that he had believed that both parties were moving towards some pragmatic solutions, but after the e-mail from R.E.R.S, he felt that more contact is needed with them.

It was reported that the Farm Group had decided that Iyanar can apply to the Farm Group if and when he is allocated the stewardship of the farm. After the application, the Farm Group would actively monitor the situation of the farm for a probation period of a year; attendance to the meetings will be required; accounts would be seen; and all liabilities would have to be disclosed. The FAMC requested that the Farm Group assess the viability of the farm at Brihaspati under Iyanar's management, to help in arriving at a decision about the allocation of stewardship.

In response to the chairperson's query as to whether the subgroup had drawn up a plan to divide the area available

between the two projects, farm and riding school, as previously agreed upon, the LEM representative reported that he had not followed this up since he felt it was more practical to engage and involve the two parties in order to try to reach a mutually acceptable arrangement, and that was what he had been trying to do, although in recent weeks he had had very little time or energy to follow it up further. He pointed out that in any case the first practical task to be achieved was to find alternative accommodation for Kadhira, who had clearly expressed his willingness to shift, when the sub-group had met at Brihaspati. Only after this has happened could any of the possible arrangements that were being worked towards actually be implemented. Part of the sub-group (Jeff, Jacques and Joseba) had met but they were waiting for the evaluation from the Farm Group before proceeding further. The chairperson requested that the sub-group do their part as quickly as possible. The Housing Service representative reported that Kadhira is wavering from his commitment to leave Brihaspati. He has said that he is ready to do farming if that is the criteria to be at Brihaspati and if a house is offered somewhere it has to be a very good house. He is presently number 8 on the Housing Service's list, and the group is really trying to find him a place. It was decided to wait for the Farm Group's evaluation.

The Farm Group representatives went to Brihaspati and assessed the farming operations. It was reported that the farm seems to be working. It was proposed to give the vegetable garden, the cow grass and the cashews to the farm, to keep it viable. Most of the financial help Iyanar has received is from his family and friends. Peter and Jeff met Erik and Katelijne (R.E.R.S) and explained this proposal, which was not acceptable to them.. It is their point of view that if the cashew thope is given to the farm then the horse projects would be left with only 11 acres, which would not enough to meet their needs. Since then R.E.R.S and Pony Farm have made another proposal for sharing. The chairperson requested the sub-group (Jeff, Peter Jacques and Joseba) to continue mediating between both the parties. The fact that it is difficult for Peter to find the time for this work was noted.

**Request to build village toilets for the women of Kottakarai on Auroville land:** The BDO has requested permission to build village toilets for the women of Kottakarai on a piece of Auroville land in the middle of Bharatipuram. The FAMC has no objection but it was proposed that LEM should recheck that IDC has no-objection.

**Corpus Fund for Land:** The representative of the Working Committee explained that the topic relates to the proposal from the Chairman of the Governing Board to approach the Government of India for establishing a corpus fund for land acquisition together with support for a soft loan from the banking system. At the next meeting Mr. Srinivasamurthy explained that the proposal is that the Government would grant a lump sum to be invested, the interest of which would be used for the development of Auroville, including land purchase. However if the Government agreed to this proposal they would then not give any other grants. The interest would also have to cover the expenses of the Foundation office at Auroville. Another option is to ask the Government to guarantee a line of credit from the SBI for a total infrastructure development fund.

In this way the land would not have to be mortgaged to the bank.

It was asked if there would be a limit on the line of credit. It was pointed out that Land Fund is already Rs 1 crore in debt to the Auroville corpus fund, and that LEM is also in substantial deficit for the administration of land purchases. It would have to be seen how soon the Land Fund would be able to return the Rs 1 crore before undertaking further loans from the bank. A member suggested that with the money from the line of credit the Auroville corpus fund could be refunded and the land debt consolidated with the bank. Concern was shown by various members as to the financial implications of this and as to whether Auroville would be able to service the interest charges on the loan let alone repay the principle. It was proposed that the details of the financial implications should be worked out. It was agreed that land purchase is definitely a burning issue and that the land needs be purchased as quickly as possible. It was emphasised that we would be making a special request that the land not be mortgaged, as that would raise many objections within the community, instead we would be asking the Government to stand as guarantor. It was reiterated that it is the proposal of the Chairman of the Governing Board to approach the GOI for a corpus fund and /or a guarantee for a soft loan from the bank for land purchase in the city area and the FAMC is being requested to give its support for this initiative. It was agreed to write a letter to the Chairman of the Auroville Foundation requesting him to approach the GOI with this proposal.

A sub-group was formed with Divya, Otto, Rathinam, Guy, Ulli and Peter, to look into the details of how much is really needed to acquire land and the financial implications of the repayment of a loan.

### Issues Related to Housing

**Sve Dam:** The IDC pointed out that the issue at Sve Dam was building without permission rather than the alignment of the radial road and they proposed the formation of a joint sub-group with members of FAMC and IDC. The question was raised whether the FAMC was the appropriate forum to address specific cases of building without permission. It was proposed that it is only when a general strategy has to be formulated or a question of policy arises that such issues should come to the FAMC. Regarding this particular problem, the FAMC has already written to the residents of Sve Dam requesting them to give a proposal for a time frame for removing all the unauthorised buildings on the line of the proposed radial road. With respect to the IDC's observation that there was a conflict of interest within the Housing Service as one of their members is a resident of Sve Dam, the Housing Service representative reported that on the contrary, the member in question had been instrumental in sorting out some of the problem cases. The Housing Service was requested to submit a report on the progress at Sve Dam and Bunty was asked to join the sub group with the IDC on this issue. At the next meeting it was reported that no-one from the Housing Service was prepared to join the sub-group that IDC had proposed to the last meeting but one member has offered to help with the any information on the developments at Sve Dam, if required by the sub-group.

The sub group subsequently circulated the following report:  
Report of subgroup 1st meeting on Sve Dam 24/08/02

- We propose that all illegal houses are handed over immediately to the Housing Group.
- Occupants of all illegal houses should move out of Sve Dam within 2 years.
- When the people have moved out, the housing group will manage the building until the need of the radial road arose and at that time the house will be destroyed.

It was proposed to call all the residents one by one to speak to the sub group. Questions to be asked by sub group to the residents: Are you ready to move soon? Do you have any idea where you would like to move? Do you have the means to move? Who has built the second guesthouse?

The FAMC decided to leave the follow-up to the IDC sub-group.

**Sadaca Project – report from Housing Service:** The project holders were invited to the Housing Service to present their project. They are proposing to build a block of nine apartments, which they propose to finance by raising loans from Aurovilians and others. They propose to pay interest on those loans in the form of Aurovilian maintenance. The loans would be repaid by receiving donations from the residents or from charging rent on the apartments, which would continue even after the construction costs had been recuperated. The Housing Service does not support this method of financing. It was pointed out that the section of the Housing Policy concerning renting of houses is on the agenda of the FAMC and the implications of this proposal can be seen while making that review. The project holders were open to discussing all aspects of the financing proposal.

**Igor's House:** The Working Committee had sent a letter to the Housing Service instructing them to set aside the funds received from any new occupants of the house in Auromodel where Igor used to live and keep them to provide a house for Igor if he should be allowed to return to Auroville at a future date. As this instruction contradicts the decision made the FAMC at their meeting of 17.05.02 and it is a decision to be taken by the FAMC rather than the Working Committee, the chairperson requested the representatives of the Working Committee to try to avoid this kind of confusion. The Working Committee representatives asked the FAMC to consider the letter as a proposal: that some of the money, if not all, should be safe guarded for Igor in case he is allowed to come back, as otherwise there would probably no funds available at that time to enable the community to keep their word that they will provide him with suitable accommodation. In the meeting of 17.05.02 the FAMC had asked for an independent evaluation of the house. The Housing Service reported that Andre H. (who had built the house), had been contacted and had said that the house cost Rs 13 lakhs when built though Igor had spent more later. It was also reported that Auromodel community is saying that Igor was occupying more land than was given to him and this should not continue. With regard to complaints that the Housing Service was only considering two applications when there was in fact a longer list of people interested, the Housing Service representative said they were not aware of the longer list. The minutes of the FAMC of 17.05.02 state that all



applications for occupancy of the house have to be submitted in writing to the Housing Service and the FAMC. To date the FAMC has not received any applications. As there were very differing views on whether the funds should be set-aside for Igor or not, it was decided to compile a compendium of all the minutes on the topic and discuss the issue at the next meeting. It was suggested that having copies of the minutes of the Auromodele community meetings in which the topic of Igor's house was mentioned would also be useful.

The Housing Service enquired whether they could use the house for short-term occupancy. It was decided that the Housing Service should consult with Auromodele community and then bring any proposals to the FAMC.

A compilation of the minutes of the meetings on Igor's House was referred to and it was pointed out that it had been decided and Igor had been told that any money that might come from the transfer of the house would not be put into a separate account for his future housing. If and when the community decides that he could return then some appropriate housing for him would be found. The policy is that collective assets cannot be used as though they were personal assets and be liquidated to benefit the donor. When an Aurovilian leaves, the assets are left behind. A few proposals were made on how the money could be used. 1) To put it into a revolving fund for Housing. If and when the community decides that Igor could return then some appropriate housing for him would be found. The money should not be frozen for Igor. 2) It should be invested wisely. Maybe half the amount could go to housing and half be set aside for Igor. There should be a time frame. 3) The money should be deposited in the Housing Fund with the commitment from the FAMC that if and when the community decides that Igor could return then some appropriate housing for him would be found.

No decision has yet been taken on this matter.

#### **Housing Policy:**

**Percentages:** Under the Housing Policy it was proposed and approved to modify the paragraph under point 5 (f) to read: All funds for the building of individual houses shall pass through the Auroville Fund, or any other channel recognized by the FAMC and the 10% for the Housing Fund shall be deducted at source. Standard administrative charges shall also be deducted on the full amount of the donations.

*(A few more points of the Housing Policy are under review and when the work is finished a revised version of the Housing Policy will be published in the AVNews and on the AVNet for information and feedback.k)*

#### **Issues Related to Projects**

**AVES – request for funding for 3 phase continuous feeder for Auroville:** It was explained that Auroville is at present receiving 3-phase continuous supply of electricity from Kalapet. TNEB are going to disconnect from there. When that happens Auroville will again receive electricity as a rural sector, with all the disadvantages that we remember well from the past. The request from the Auroville Electrical Service for Rs 30 lakhs to provide a separate three phase continuous feeder for Auroville was discussed. It was confirmed that IDC has approved the project. It was proposed that Auroville

Maintenance Fund would advance the money, to be reimbursed by the consumers, on the basis of consumption, by adding a small contribution to each electricity bill over a long period of time. It was explained that this internal grid could also be used in the future for renewable energy. It was clarified that by paying for the proposed feeder Auroville would in effect be making a donation to TNEB and would not acquire any rights of ownership. It is clear that the feeder is necessary but negotiations have to continue. Clarification was sought as to who will be the beneficiaries. The feeder would be dedicated to Auroville almost exclusively except for a part of Kuilapalayam. At present the lines to Bommapalayam, Kottakupam and Chinnamudaliarchavady are rooted through Auroville and we will have to pay Rs 7 lakhs to disconnect them. It could be less expensive if the feeder served them also. A sub-group was formed with Tency, Ulli, Joster and Bunt. To determine the terms of repayment of the loan by the consumers, AVES needs to provide details of Auroville's average monthly consumption pattern. It was proposed and agreed that AVES may take a loan of Rs 30 lakhs from AVMF to pay for the continuous 3-phase feeder and the sub-group will prepare a proposal for repayment of the loan.

**Maitreye Project:** Joseba and Lila came to present the project. They explained that the project is to be a replica of the Sangamam Housing Project, which has demonstrated that houses can be provided at Rs 2 lakhs per house. They explained that there is an urgent need for housing, especially low cost housing between Rs 2 to 3 lakhs. In the first phase, 20 to 25 houses are planned. The project holders are requesting a line of credit of Rs 20 lakhs from Auroville Maintenance Fund so the project can start immediately. They expect funds to flow in from the future residents, when the apartments are ready. It was said that the infrastructure cost would be Rs 12 lakhs, which would raise the cost per house to Rs 2.6 lakhs. It was proposed that the project holders should already start looking for future residents and sign up agreements. The question was raised as to the advisability of having the IDC as the project holder. After some discussion it was concluded that IDC had proved reliable in finishing projects even when the individuals dropped out. It was proposed that a model should be presented for feedback and to help fundraising from other sources. It was requested that the project use the services of Buildaur for the bulk purchase of building materials. It was suggested that the FAMC should evolve criteria to determine which projects should be pre-financed and how. A suggestion to give matching financing was made, where Auroville Maintenance Fund would loan an amount equal to the amount raised from future residents by the project holders. A line of credit was approved on condition that:

- There should be at least four future residents willing to put up the money for their apartments.
- That at a time frame is set for finishing the project.
- That a percentage is added to the estimate per house to cover cost overruns.

The project holders mentioned that Maitreye Project is asking for community support, as it is non-profit making. The members felt that a project cannot be built without there being

overheads. And if a construction unit is not charging overheads then it is contributing to the project from its profit on other projects and this contribution needs to be recorded and honoured.

**Allocation of Public Spaces – The AVFund/Financial Service Offices:** It was reported that there are three interested parties, Connections, the Pour Tous office and the Kulapalayam Browsing Centre, who have all submitted requests in writing to take up the space which will be vacated by the Auroville Fund and part of Financial Service when they move to the Centre of Urban Research. (*A fourth request from the AVI desk was later acknowledged to have been received.*) It was proposed and agreed that as a first step all the parties should meet and see if they can arrive at a harmonious sharing of the available space but if that fails, a group of disinterested people will be asked to work out the best use of the space according to the criteria already agreed upon. It was pointed out that it had been intended to use this opportunity to work out a mechanism for general application with regard to allocating public spaces. It was agreed to organize a meeting with the four applicant parties and the present occupants.

**Accounting procedures for farms outside the Farm Group:** The representative of the Green Group reported that Gratitude Farm has not been keeping accounts but that it has become big enough to warrant doing so. It was proposed that the accounting work be given to Auroma. It was not felt necessary to make a general rule for all farms outside the farm group, as most of these are small operations selling their produce within Auroville. The Farm Group may report any anomalous situations if and when they arise.

**Progress Report for the Governing Board:** Through the WC, the FAMC has submitted a Progress Report for the Governing Board covering the period from March-August 2002.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please e-mail famc@auroville.org.in

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### Meeting of ARG September 15, 2002

Present: More than 100 people

Facilitator: Alan

Notes: Janet

#### 1. Talk by Kireetbhai

The Working Committee had invited Kireetbhai to attend the first meeting of the ARG and he spoke for the first fifty minutes. He felt that “the Experiment” represented an important step, not only in the history of Auroville but also in the history of mankind. It represented a true synthesis of all points of view. Each argument put forward had been sufficiently underlined. By starting with a new organization, one of his concerns about Auroville was diminished.

He remarked that in the last few verses of the Rig Veda there was an aspiration and an injunction, both of which are being fulfilled here, i.e. being intellectually sound and asserting a

greatness of mind, but also realizing that there is a divine intelligence beyond mind, which awaits us. It concludes by saying that all must move and commune together.

He recalled that in 1976 several Aurovilians were sent to prison and the Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi asked him to try and find a solution. Mother had wanted no police and no court of law in the Ashram or in Auroville. If men and women can meet together for a common goal there is no need of an outside authority and the AV Foundation Act was written so that Aurovilians could find their own kind of organization, which included everyone. The ARG is this kind of organization as its purpose is to promote agreement.

He then spoke of one of Auroville’s most acute problems, which is at the Matrimandir, and the importance of solving it by the power of agreement so everyone is happy with the outcome.

He pointed out that there are two ways to solve problems, one is with the mind and the other is by intuition. The latter is by the grasp of reality directly. The mental way is much more slow and we are often impatient. He requested us when discussing things at the mental level to be impartial, sincere and to look at all the facts. The movement of the intellect is slow and we have to accept this and not to try and move too fast. We must continue even if the meeting goes on and on.

According to Kireetbhai there are three issues at Matrimandir:

- 1.) The relative position of the park, lake and garden. There is a good deal of material available and Gilles has put it recently into one volume. There is an issue about what Mother did and did not say and he urged us to study it, saying if we did, we would arrive at a good conclusion.
- 2.) Mother said very little about the issue regarding staircase and railing at entrance and the problem of safety, but it has to be studied.
- 3.) There are many biases and philosophies in Auroville. Some of the groups say they are not groups. This is a good sign. Recently a commission, which came here to study Auroville in relation to a grant concluded that groupism was widespread in Auroville. Kireet has explained to them that this is changing. Groupings must be overcome in Auroville. We have to be able to evaluate facts without the bias and philosophy of a group.

Kireetbhai will be available for the next 15 days to help us.

**It was almost 5:00 before the meeting got to the proposed agenda, which was to decide on a time and venue for an RA on Matrimandir and to see how to choose the new WC. These two subjects were looked at under a lot of time pressure and also towards the end about 30 people left because it looked like rain.**

#### 2. General Meeting and Residents Assembly on the Matrimandir

Around 150 people had signed a petition asking the WC to call a general meeting and a Residents' Assembly with the aim of moving forward towards the completion of Matrimandir. It was suggested by the Chair that we have a general meeting on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> at SAWCHU. This was eventually agreed to although some people thought it should be at the Banyan Tree and others thought we should wait for the ARG to take up the matter.

It was also difficult to come to a decision about when to call a Residents' Assembly. Some people thought this should be decided at the Wednesday meeting, but others thought it should be called right away. Eventually it was decided to have an RA on the Matrimandir in two weeks. Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM at SAWCHU was tentatively chosen.

### **3. The Selection of the next Working Committee and the proposal of the Working Committee and Support Group to form an Auroville Council**

A member of the WC announced that 117 people had volunteered to be part of the ARG and a further 200 were proposed by others. Of these 200, 100 had already signed up. Those who have been nominated will be invited to join and asked to inform the Working Committee within one week of their intention. Also everyone was asked to help in contacting these people. (Lists are on the AVNet and in the News). It was also suggested that for efficiency all members should be contactable by email. It was proposed that if a person did not have his/her own account another member would see to it that he/she was kept informed

The Chair reminded us that the WC would be resigning at the end of September. He inquired if everyone had received the email circulated by the WC proposing the creation of a 15 member Auroville Council, of which the Working Committee would be a part. Most people had not received this proposal, so it was explained by a member of the WC. (See the proposal following this report)

The suggestion of the WC was that each member of the ARG would nominate seven people from the members of the ARG. The seven with the highest number of nominations and who agreed to be part of the WC/Council would co-opt eight more members, which could be chosen from the entire Residents' Assembly, and would not be restricted to the ARG. Then these fifteen people would decide among themselves who would be the Working Committee, and who would take up the various other functions of the Council, i.e. chairperson, secretary, and liaison with different working groups and the local population. It was also added that there needed to be a staggered turnover of members to ensure continuity.

It was also explained that the 15 members as well as the proposal itself would be put in the News for the feedback. Only if there were no substantial (i.e. from more than 50 persons) negative feedback would either the Council or its membership be ratified.

### **Discussion:**

-before we elect we must know who wants to do it; the will must be there first

-many people refuse to be part of the WC or Council because they have other responsibilities; as a consequence the same people always come forward as there are no other people to do the job.

-we must have universal suffrage; not right for only members of ARG to do the selecting.

-need to analyze the last process we went through with WC and Support Group before deciding to do something new;

-we are going too fast; it's not clear to some why we need a new organization

**Clarification:** In the proposal we also ask for a Support Group. The new thing is that we need more people at the core. Otherwise we cannot do all of the work that is required, that was previously being done by the EC and WC.

-Working Committee must not be subordinate to another group. It must be answerable to the RA and not to the Council

-the most important quality is to be able to work on a team

-we need to know more about what is required for the work and qualities to make a conscious choice

-it is one thing to offer oneself and another to push; we should not choose people who are promoting themselves

-in the last selection process, the fact that others nominated was very powerful; the community voice works better than self-nomination.

-WC must have approval of RA

**Clarification:** It is in the proposal that the entire AV Council as well as the proposal itself must be put in the news and wait two weeks for the feedback of the community before being approved.

-this will lead to professionalism; what is the point? the WC and ARG can handle the matters that come up; and where will you find all the people?

-we do not have a group of professional meeting goers; anyway such people loose touch with base reality

**Clarification:** Professional does not mean political, but we do want people who are professional about what they do.

-the question is are we educating ourselves for having civic consciousness.

-let's try it and see if it works instead of debating all the points

The Chair asked if in the spirit of experimentation, we should try the WC proposal. Then there was a discussion about the method of selection. There were two other proposals besides the one put forward by the Working Committee and the Support Group

1. Selection by the full community from the full community. Three people were in favour.

2. The method used to select the last WC. No one raised his/her hand.

3. The method proposed by the Working Committee/Support Group. Each member of the ARG would nominate seven people from the ARG members. The seven with the

highest number of nominations and who also agreed to be part of the WC/Council would be asked to select eight more members from the entire Residents' Assembly, i.e. they would not be restricted to the ARG. Then these people would decide among themselves who would be the Working Committee and who would take up the various other functions of the Council. About 60 people of the 76 still left in the room raised their hands in agreement with this proposal.

It was also decided that even though the proposal has yet to be ratified, in order not to lose time, the selection process could already be initiated with the understanding that a petition of 50 or more members of the RA could stay the process.

Please give your feedback to this proposal to the Working Committee within two weeks.

#### **PROPOSAL FROM THE WORKING COMMITTEE AND THE SUPPORT GROUP TO FORM AN AUROVILLE COUNCIL**

The following proposal received the approval of the ARG meeting on Sunday, September 15. However it also needs the approval of the Residents Assembly. Therefore we are requesting your feedback within the next two weeks. In the absence of substantial feedback, the proposal will stand ratified.

#### **Background information:**

The previous Working Committee and Executive Council, which together comprised about 15 people had made a proposal to come together and form an Auroville Council. This proposal was put on hold when the Platform Experiment started, but during a series of discussions between the Working Committee and the Support Group, it was felt, that indeed a single body is needed, which fulfills the functions previously handled by the WC and EC.

The Auroville Council would be a body of about 15 people, which would include the Working Committee. Below please find a brief summary of our ideas for an AV Council.

#### **The Auroville Council**

It is proposed to constitute an Auroville Council, consisting of 15 members. This Council will fulfill the functions earlier handled by the Working Committee and the Executive Council.

#### ***A. Process to establish the Council.***

Every member of the ARG will nominate from the entire list of ARG members up to seven persons to serve on the Council. The seven persons with the highest number of nominations **AND** who accept to serve on the Council will co-opt an additional 8 members. These additional members do not have to be part of the ARG. In other words, the originally nominated members have the freedom to invite any member of the RA to serve on the Council. The membership of the Council thus formed will be announced to the Community for feedback. If no substantial negative feedback is received within the two week feedback window, the membership of the Council stands ratified.

#### ***B. Functions of the Council.***

The Council will fulfill all functions of the Working Committee as defined in the Auroville Foundation act. It will appoint up to 7 members as official signatories of the Working Committee.

#### **The Council will appoint a Chairperson and secretary to the Chairperson.**

Other than fulfilling the functions of the Working Committee the Council will have the following duties, for which individual council members (one or more depending on the task) will be responsible:

1. Organize ARG meetings (identify chairperson, note taker, assist in preparing the agenda)
2. Liaison with our local neighbors via AVAG, SEWA and possibly LEM. This is a very important task, which should be handled by residents, which are thoroughly familiar with the local language, customs and problems.
3. Liaison with the FAMC and Economy Group as an active member of the FAMC
4. Liaison with the IDC as an active member of the IDC
5. Liaison with the Conflict Resolution Group (Harmony) as an active member of the Conflict Resolution Group
6. Liaison with other Working Groups such as: Matrimandir, SAIIR, Entry, Housing, Green Group, etc.
7. Encourage the creation of Working Groups, where there is an obvious need, e.g. today we need one Group to which all Health Workers relate.

#### ***C. Duties of the Chairperson, secretary (and assistant)***

- a) Prepare agenda for meetings & circulate supporting documentation
- b) Meeting notes for internal and external circulation
- c) Follow up on decisions taken
- d) Follow through with Trust creation, Trustee appointments, unit holder appointments
- e) Process the land purchase and land exchange requests
- f) Implement an efficient filing system
- g) Manage the monthly budget of the Council

#### ***D. Term of Office:***

In case members resign, the remaining members can co-opt new members, subject to the two weeks feedback process. The term of office is proposed to be two years, but a process should be established, which assures continuity of the Council. (One suggestion is that each year half the members resign. )

#### **E. Support Group**

The Auroville Council may be assisted in its tasks by a Support Group, which would serve as a sounding board to the Council and which would be constituted from amongst the members of ARG.

**C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM**  
**FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER – 7.30 PM (film show**  
**starting at 7.45 sharp...)**  
**WILD STRAWBERRIES**  
**(SMULTRONSTÄLLET)**

Directed by: **Ingmar BERGMAN** – Sweden, 1957  
 With: Victor Sjöström, Ingrid Thulin, Bibi Andersson, Gunnar Björnstrand  
 Synopsis: Professor Borg, in the evening of his life, reviews memories of his childhood and the disappointment of his life, while travelling by car with his daughter-in-law to receive an honorary degree. With superb use of flashbacks and brilliant performance of Swedish film director Victor Sjöström.  
 Original version in Swedish with English subtitles -  
 Duration: 1h35' – 35mm film – Black & White

**C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM**  
**VENDREDI 27 SEPTEMBRE – 19h30 (le film**  
**commence à 19h.45 précises)**  
**LES FRAISES SAUVAGES**

Directed by: **Ingmar BERGMAN** – Suède, 1957  
 With: Victor Sjöström, Ingrid Thulin, Bibi Andersson, Gunnar Björnstrand  
 Synopsis: Le Professor Borg, au soir de sa vie, doit recevoir un prix honorifique à l'université de Lund. Sa belle-fille, Marianne le conduit en voiture et pendant le trajet, il revoit ses souvenirs d'enfance, ses erreurs et son égoïsme.... « Une belle utilisation des flash-back et une remarquable interprétation de Victor Sjöström. La maîtrise de Bergman est confondante. »  
 Version originale en Suédois avec sous-titres en Anglais  
 – Durée : 1h35' – film 35mm – Noir & Blanc

**The recently purchased 50 acres of land next to the Botanical Gardens** by an outside agency and the shocking barbed wire fencing of Greenbelt land inspired one of our long-time friends, Axel Kroeck, from Germany, to donate some of his artwork to Auroville.

**MOVING LINES** - a sales-exhibition of his calligraphic paintings is taking place in Savitri Bhavan from 16th of September to 19th of October. All benefits will go directly to Auroville Land Fund.

Anybody interested to buy one of the paintings, please call biggie 622384, or Land Fund 622168

**UKIYO-E**

Exhibition of Japanese Woodblock Prints

Prints by  
 Shuncho, Sharaku, Hokusai, Hiroshige, Hiroshige, Hiroshige,  
 Hirosada,

Kunisada, Kunishika, Yoshitoshi, Yoshiiku, Chikanobu

at Pitanga, Auroville  
**from 17th September to 3rd October**  
**Mon – Sat 8 AM to 5 PM**

There will be an introduction in the history of Japanese Woodblock Printing

by Franz

on Sunday 22nd 10.00 a.m. at Pitanga.

Japanese woodblock prints, or ukiyo-e, occupy a singular position in the lexicon of world art. They enthralled such Western artists as Whistler, Manet, Degas and van Gogh and gave rise to a wave of Japonisme in the salons of Paris, London and New York that left a lasting impression.

As the successor to previous aristocratic traditions, the ukiyo-e print represents the last flowering of traditional pictorial art before Japan entered the modern era. These "pictures of the floating world" reflect the world of the townspeople of Edo (Tokyo), focusing on the popular entertainments of the day, landscapes of favored scenic spots and portraits of well-known geishas, kabuki actors and sumo stars.

**REPEAT OF VIDEO ON NATUROPATHIC INSTITUTE** <http://www.naturecure-inys.org>

At the request of quite a few Aurovilians, the 50 mnt video on INYS, the Institute of Naturopathy & Yogic Sciences in Bangalore, will be shown again, and this time in the evening:

PLACE: Quiet Healing Centre

DATE: Monday, September 23rd, 8 pm

**SPEAK SAMSKRIT SHIBIR**

Monday September 23rd to Friday September 27th. SAWCHU Building. 4-6pm.

Its been many months since we had a Speak Sanskrit camp.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy learning basic Sanskrit through this ingenious format which makes learning Sanskrit fun and enables enormous immediate progress. You don't need to be able to read Sanskrit to attend. You only need a desire to learn Sanskrit!

For all who missed the previous camps, here is another chance!

Old students > please come back and encourage our new Aurovilian Sanskrit teachers, who have returned from the Samskrit Teachers Training Camp at Chennai. Remember our shared commitment to reviving Sanskrit.

New students of all ages, sizes, colours, predilections > welcome! Swàgatam!

Kiran, Katia, Mala and Mita, for ALL (Auroville Language Lab).

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**NEWS FROM FUTURE SCHOOL**

Dear Parents, Parents-to be, Grandparents and all Aurovilians,

The construction of Future School is nearing completion. The science labs are beautiful and will provide a great learning environment for our students. Under the guidance of Marguarita, we are formulating a project in environmental rehabilitation which will involve the students and the teachers. The first project will be to take care of and control the chemicals that will be produced in the chemistry lab using EM. We hope tht this is just the first of many projects which link Future School to other Aurovilians and Auroville projects.

Remember, we made an appeal for help a few weeks ago. We are happy to tell you that there is now RS 100,000 in the Future School PT account and RS 100,000 has been promised! This is a great beginning, but as you see, more help is needed. Donations 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, plants for the grounds, 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:

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
Total 1,085,000	

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

**LOOKING FOR A PLACE?**

Aspiration put up a note sometime back in the AVNews for available accommodation. At the moment we still have 1 hut available for newcomers, for a couple or 2 individuals.

The place has recently been renovated by the Housing Group. In case you are interested, you are welcome to come share a meal with us and feel Aspiration out.

Contact Adil, Arumugam, Auroprem, Banu, Mark or Nicola.

Call us 622283 at lunch (12.30 - 1pm)  
or dinner (7 - 7.30 pm).

From Aspiration with love.

"Through Mozart we become (more) intelligent" is one of the many books written through his long experience by the parisian medical doctor **Alfred Tomatis**. In his book he emphasizes the impressions a child gets during the 9months in the mother's womb quite determinating its future life; it's a potential hardly looked upon (at least officially through medical care). I suggest to **pregnant women** not only to listen to **Mozart's** string music half an hour a day (the most powerful for stimulation/harmonization Tomatis found out after checking almost all types of music world wide but also to carry on at home and during the child's following 2-3 years. ) therefore I will distribute a recording. And I suggest also to do conscious **sounding** together for the well being, strengthening, prevention & resonance with the child.

If you are interested please leave a message with Sophie at Pitanga Hall. I am waiting for your feedback/reactions.

Elicha (an Austrian musician/linguist)

« Mozart nous rend plus intelligent » est un des nombreux titres que nous a légué à travers sa longue expérience, le médecin parisien **Alfred Tomatis**. Dans son livre il insiste sur l'importance des impressions que reçoit l'enfant pendant les 9 mois dans le ventre de sa mère et qui influenceront sa vie future. C'est un énorme potentiel, négligé par la plupart dans le milieu médical conventionnel. Je propose aux **femmes enceintes** d'écouter de la musique à cordes de **Mozart** une demie-heure par jour. Après avoir vérifié toutes sortes de musique en provenance de toutes les parties du monde, Tomatis s'est rendu compte qu'elle était la plus effective pour la stimulation / harmonisation. Pour les femmes qui sont prêtes à poursuivre durant la grossesse et aussi pendant les 2-3 premières années de l'enfant, je distribuerai un enregistrement de cette musique. Je propose aussi de produire consciemment des **sons ensemble** pour le bien-être, la prévention, la fortification et la résonance avec l'enfant.

Si vous êtes intéressées, laissez un message avec Sophie, à **Pitanga**. J'attends vos réactions.

Elicha (une Autrichienne musicienne et linguiste)

#### FOR SALE

1.A set of wooden shelves used in a shop, made without any chemical treatment. It includes a small table. For sale is also a separate wooden bar.

2.A 100 year old Dumpy Level, a instrument used in surveying land.

Please contact 622102, if you are interested.  
Vijayalaxmi Kinhal

# MOVING LINES

by

Axel Kroeck



## MOVING LINES

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Axel Kroeck was born in Germany in 1951.

He attended the Academie der Bildenen Kuenste in Stuttgart 1971 - 1978. From 1972 to 1976 he studied art history at the University of Stuttgart. In 1979 he visited Auroville for the first time and stayed for three months. He is now teaching art at a gymnasium in Stuttgart. Since 1975 he has been painting in watercolours and making drawings in ink and pencil. Also since 1975 he has been practising Za Zen with several teachers. His watercolours are inspired by Japanese paintings and western art - specially informal art and tachisme.

**16th September - 19th October**

**Monday to Saturday 9-12 a.m. and 2-5 p.m.**

Savitri Bhavan, Auroville

#### REQUEST:

A call to units or individuals upgrading or discarding old systems. The school requires basic computer systems. Your donation to Udhavi will be highly appreciated. If necessary, the school would be able to pay a nominal amount for the system.

Please contact Sanjay at Udhavi School at 622144 or at 623563.

## Pitanga Newsletter

**Sunday 22nd, 2002 - 10 am**

Introduction to the history of  
Japanese Woodblock Printing  
by Franz

Duration: approx. 1 hour  
Everyone is welcome!

## UKIYO-E

Exhibition of Japanese Woodblock  
Prints by Shuncho, Sharaku,  
Hokusai, Hiroshige,  
Hirosada, Kunisada,  
Kunishika, Yoshitoshi,  
Yoshiiku, Chikanobu

Open on 22nd: 10 a.m. to 12 noon

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Upon request we are changing the timings  
of

**CAPOEIRA** guided by Gemma

**TUE 4 - 6 pm** All are welcome!

For those who still do not know what  
capoeira is: It 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 commu-  
nication and playfulness.

Pitanga, Ph: 622 561, mail: [pitanga@auroville.org.in](mailto:pitanga@auroville.org.in)

## TWO FAKE TEXTS POSTED IN THE AVNET UNDER MY NAME

On August 24 two provocative texts, written in  
fluent English, have been posted in the Avnet,  
deceitfully signed with my name; one as 'latest  
feedbacks', the other one under the 'Mobilizer'. I  
was in Kanceepuram attending special Vedic  
functions, so from August 20 to August 27 I did  
not access any computer. This is not an incidental  
mistake, but a deliberate move, and a serious  
criminal offence, by someone fooling around with  
my password. Paulette

FOUND A LADIES WATCH "ESPRIT" IF IT IS YOURS  
PLEASE CONTACT  
PHONE NUMBER # 622 213 DURING WORK HOURS.

## Notice to everyone who ordered photos at the exhibition at Pitanga "In Mother's Room: 1960- 1972"

Many photos of Mother have been  
ordered by people from Auroville,  
Ashram and even abroad.

While the team of Pitanga has been  
receiving the orders from people, it is  
Loretta, the co-ordinator of the  
exhibition, who has taken charge of  
the work of ordering as well as  
organizing the delivery of the photos  
once they will arrive at Auroville. The  
orders were e-mailed to the Dehli  
Ashram once a week by Loretta during  
the time of exhibition.

The Dehli Ashram has just informed that  
they are ready to process the orders  
but to speed up the work they will wait  
for the last orders to come. In this way  
all photos can be developed from  
each negative at once. The last orders  
are now being sent as people kept  
ordering photos with Loretta even after  
the exhibition was over.

**The arrival of photos will  
be announced in the News.  
Therefore watch for further  
details in the coming weeks.**

If you have any particular question  
please contact Loretta at 623 144.

My Umbrella (colour -orange) fell down somewhere in  
Auroville when my father was carrying it on the back of his  
bike yesterday i.e on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

If anybody has found it may kindly hand it over to me. I'll  
use it in the ensuring rain.

With thanks

Om

Aspiration

You can call me at 622 283 between 7 to 7.30 pm. any  
evening.



Dear Friends:

**We are very happy to announce that the Auroville Theatre Group** is working on a play by Rabindranath Tagore called "Sacrifice". We hope to perform for you during the first week of February. We will include music and dance in our performance.

This story is particularly relevant to the world today, where countries are at war, or contemplating in earnest the terrible choice of violence as a way to solve conflicts. In "Sacrifice", a good king realises he must help his people to see that there is another choice - that the goddess Kali no longer demands blood sacrifice. It is the power of the voice of a child which opens his heart, showing him another way and offering redemption from the perpetual motion of horror and bloodshed that war demands. Of course he immediately meets opposition by those who do not want to give up the "old ways" of worship. Many questions arise: Does he convince his people? Do they follow him on another path? Does he have the right to impose his new vision on the people? Can one small voice make a difference? How do we let go of old habits and ways of thinking?

We would welcome your energy if you would like to help us create this story. Already, we are receiving some theatre people from the Dartington School of the Arts in England who will come in October and spend 2 1/2 months with us, working on the design of "Sacrifice". Pushkar is writing the music, Joy is helping with the dance and Uma is creating the costumes. The actors are: Loretta, Nico, Anandamayi, Partha, Charu, Suresh and Swar. Jill is directing. Our rehearsal schedule for October will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 in Bharat Nivas.

We still need some actors to play the Minister and the townspeople. Or you can help with the props or set design, or with a financial contribution through our "Theatre" Pour Tous account: 0057. From abroad, through AV Fund: Theatre/ "Sacrifice".

Please contact any one of us for more information about "Sacrifice".

Thanks, and see you at the theatre!

Love,  
The Auroville Theatre Group

## Video in french présente : Visitor's Center - Jeudi 26 septembre

### 19h30 : Profils Paysans

Film documentaire de Raymond Depardon –2eme partie - *France 2001*

Raymond Depardon, a patiemment tissé des liens au rythme lent des saisons avec une douzaine de petits cultivateurs de la France profonde. Il filme dans leur cuisine, lien central de la ferme, un peuple en voie de disparition sociologique, hors du temps.

*«Ils incarnent à merveille ce mélange de clairvoyance et de méfiance qui ressemble beaucoup à la France, et à nous tous au fond.»*

**20h30 L'éternité et un jour Un film (Grec) de Theo Angelopoulos** - 2H 10 Version Française Palme d'or Cannes 1998.

Demain, lundi, Alexandre rentrera à l'hôpital : il va quitter la vieille maison sur la mer où il a toujours vécu. Il retrouve des lettres d'Anna, sa femme morte depuis longtemps, et prend conscience de l'amour qu'elle lui portait. Cet amour qu'il n'a pas su voir. Soudain, il rencontre un petit albanais clandestin qu'il va aider à passer la frontière. Il lui raconte l'histoire d'un poète grec qui vivait en Italie et qui, de retour en Grèce, acheta des mots aux gens du peuple pour écrire ses poèmes dans sa langue d'origine. Alors, pour aider l'écrivain, le petit garçon va à son tour lui vendre des mots. Grâce aux mots, Anna va revenir, et avec elle la vie. Fût-ce pour une seule journée... pour l'éternité.

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### NEWS FROM QUIET

A five day course in Traditional Thai yoga massage for advanced students (only) will be offered at Quiet, Sept. 24th - 28th ( "advanced students" are students who have completed at least one beginners' course).

There will be another beginners' course offered at Quiet Oct. 10th - 20th.

Those interested in joining either of these courses should contact the Quiet office between 8:00 AM and noon, or 1:30 and 5:00 PM, Mon. -Sat. Tel. 622 329 or 622 646.

We have already (twice) published a request that Aurovilians coming to Quiet for a massage bring their own (old) bed sheet with them as it is costly in terms of both electricity and water consumption for us to have to do so much laundry. To date, almost no one has bothered to comply with this request. So we repeat it once again. Please do cooperate.

**Pavilion of Tibetan Culture**

Presents

**'The Art of Healing'**

An Exhibition of the Tibetan system of  
Medicine

Medical and Astro Consultations will also  
be given  
(for prior appointment phone 623338)

This is an event organised in collaboration  
with  
Tibetan Medical & Astro. Institute,  
Dharamsala.

**September 22 & 23, 2002 at the Pavilion**

H.E. Shri K.R. Malkani , Lieutenant  
Governor of Pondicherry

has consented to bless the event

on Monday 22nd at 4:30 p.m.

**ALL ARE WELCOME****TALLY****Auroville Computer Institute now offers Tally classes,**

No need to have prior knowledge in accounting,  
We only need your interest.

Join us and we will train you to become an  
accountant.

Don't hesitate, act now to be the first one to  
complete the course.

We do also offer many other courses, to get more  
details.

Come in person between 4pm – 7pm to fill in the  
form:

Auroville Computer Institute

After School

Last School Campus

Aspiration

E-mail: arjunan@auroville.org.in.

**NOTE FROM AV OUTREACH**

= Please know that Mr. Akira Fitton of New Phase Productions, USA, will be filming in Auroville for the coming ten days. Mr. Fitton is a relative of Don in Prarthna, and intends to "create 'AV, a portrait', a 30 to 45 minute documentary about its residents. What brought them there or why they came. Who they are and what they do there. A human interest piece on a unique community. It is intended to explain the common spiritual motivation that brought together a diverse group of people to live in Auroville."

= In the context of the 'Inner Architecture' design event organised by the IFYA forum and taking place in AV these weeks, you may have met filmmaker Hans Pfeleiderer from Los Angeles, USA, who intends to document the research & study sessions on the International Zone during the seminar, as well as make profiles of active Aurovilian architects. Mr. Pfeleiderer has interviewed many world-known architects and townplanners with the intention to document the spirit behind their work. <http://www.vagabondimages.com>

= We are, once again, strongly requested to ask Aurovilians to collaborate with AV Outreach in regard to guidance/assistance to filmers, be they from India or 'foreign'. As the Auroville name is protected by the Indian Government, an official authorisation is required for filming in the township. AV Outreach can easily facilitate in this, provided contact is established well beforehand.

For further information, contact members of the AV Outreach team,

Cecilia, Mauna, Tim (Ann R. and Tapas B. are presently out of station).

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

**TWO HOUSING PROBLEMS**

~~A Friend in need is Friend indeed~~

About 5 years ago a canyon attacked my house. Auroculture advised me to ask Mother what to do. Mother answered: you need to create a wooden wall between the canyon and the house. It was a divine idea, now this wall defends my dwelling.

Not long ago an another problem appeared: water didn't come out from the shower and toilet. Jothy proposed me to visit the Housing Group. And this idea was good too: people of Housing Group helped me though the work was long and complicated. Now I am again a happy Aurovilian who can think not only the housing problems but also about Heaven. Thank you sweet Mother, Auroculture, Jothy and the Housing Group!

In Russian bolshoe spasibo means grand merci .

Boris

## FOLLOW-UP ARG MEETING

The Working Committee has received feedback regarding the Sunday ARG meeting from several ARG members, expressing that more time should be provided to invite ARG members to submit alternative proposals for the possible formation of an Auroville Council & Working Committee.

As a result, it was felt during a joint meeting of WC & Support Group that a follow-up ARG meeting be called, where the original decision taken last Sunday can be further debated and alternative proposals be tabled. These proposals should be sent to the WC not later than Sunday evening 22/9, and will be forwarded to all ARG members straightaway.

**Therefore, an additional meeting of the ARG has been set for Wednesday, September 25th, 5pm at SAWCHU.**

### Agenda Topics:

1. Review the decisions taken on Sunday
2. Table alternative proposals
3. Establish an organisation team for the ARG, which will prepare and organise future meetings, as well as the selection process of a new Working Committee and Auroville Council

***Please, do attend! Thank you!***

**Working Committee**

## REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK

Following the proposal of the General Meeting of Wednesday, September 18th '02, the Working Committee has been asked to invite all Aurovilians to submit their ideas on the qualities necessary for a Matrimandir management team via email to: [ashatit@auroville.org.in](mailto:ashatit@auroville.org.in)

**There will be a discussion of this proposal on Tuesday, September 24th '02, at SAWCHU, 5 pm.**

**Working Committee**

***After a fall don't wail and say,  
"I'm done for," but get up, dust  
yourself and proceed farther on  
the right path.***

***Sri Aurobindo***

## Lord Ganesha's Glory

"Ganesha sharanam" (Sanskrit)- Lord Ganesha, I surrender to you.

On Sept. 10 more than 100 Aurovillians (adults and children) participated in the Pooja at the Ganesh Temple between Auroorchard and Aurobrindavan. Lord Ganesha helped Mother in creation of Ashram and Auroville. He helps Kusum and Divakar in the nice keeping of the Temple. Lord Ganesha feels Himself comfortable in any community of Auroville. No one forgets Him or His parents Shiva and Parvati, His friends – the Goddesses Lakshmi and Sarasvati.

During the Pooja I asked some Aurovillians, what kind of power Ganesh has?. People gave different answers. On Aug. 15, '66 the Ashram published "Dictionary of Sri Aurobindo's Yoga" in Madras. They wrote: "Lord Ganesha is the Power that removes obstacles by the force of Knowledge". Few days ago I had talks with some Russian pilgrims in Aspiration and Wild Waves. They told me that the mantra "Ganesha Sharanam" is effective against different difficulties. Oh, Auroville permanently needs this good mantra.

Jai Ganesha – glory to You, mighty and generous Lord Ganesha!

-Boris

found a "Schoch Brite" at the hump near New Creation Corner on 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. If it belongs to you, you can collect from me at Aspiration.  
Om. Ph- 622 283 ( 7 to 7.30 pm)

## **GERMAN VIDEO @ Visitor Center**

**Achtung: Film findet nur statt, wenn der Videorecorder repariert ist.**

**Bitte Flyer beachten oder am gleichen Tag im Visitor's Center anrufen.**

**Wednesday, 25.9. 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 Waffenbesitz besteht, eröffnen die „Davidianer“ das Feuer...

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

## AVnet Login Express

### The Gunas

Never heard about Gunas, the three modes of nature governing your life?

Are you finding it difficult to read Sri Aurobindo?

We are experimenting with an illustrated series, check out the series 'Gunas' in the AVnet.

Text based on Sri Aurobindo's '*Synthesis of yoga*' CWSA, Vol 23 -24 pages 684 - 688

Illustrations: Lele

### Mobilizer

Mobilizer? What is that? It is never too late! Check out AVnet.

We have total 14 ideas in the database. Helmut's idea continues to lead the rest. The following are the top 4 leading ideas.

#### 1. An Integral Design School in Auroville

A learning and design laboratory which includes the experience of living and working.

*Started by: Helmut on Monday, July 22, 2002, 13 signatures, 6 Comments*

#### 2. Indian tea preparation

Crash-course in Indian tea preparation for all our cafeterias, snack bars and restaurants

*Started by: Mona on Monday, July 22, 2002, 9 signatures, 1 Comments*

#### 3. Gardening

Gardening with indigenous / less water-sucking plants in Auroville

*Started by: Mona on Monday, July 22, 2002, 9 signatures, 2 Comments*

#### 4. Auroville products, community pricing forum

Many of the products and services we produce is priced outrageously.... cant we ask ourselves for what and why? cant there be a conscious effort on regulating our own prices....so that everyone can afford to live and share the joy of our own products...

*Started by: Dharmesh on Saturday, August 10, 2002, 7 signatures, 6 Comments*

### Bazaar

Looking for a house? Job? Lost Key? Taxi sharing? Did you know that you could post you ads in the Bazaar directly from your computer?

### AVnews archives

You can find AVnews archives from #849 July 2000 onwards available for down load in the AVnet.

All are welcome!

AVnet team.

*Ps. send your articles to  
avnet@auroville.org.in*

**\*SENSING ONESELF IN THE BODY\*  
TO CHANGE FROM WITHIN YOUR DISCOMFORTS  
\*BECOMING AWARE OF TENSIONS\*  
IN SO DOING, RELAXING THEM.**

### BODY AWARENESS WORKSHOP

**26,28,29sept..**

Thursday, Saturday, Sunday 7.00-9.00am  
in TADVANAM HALL, in Evergreen.

for info: [tadvanam@auroville.org.in](mailto:tadvanam@auroville.org.in)  
or ph. 622586, Hans.

### TADVANAM SCHEDULE:

MONDAY: 16.30-18.30 The Art of Chi

TUESDAY: 7.00-8.30 The Art of Chi  
:11.00-12.30 Body Awareness

WEDNESDAY: 7.00-8.00 127postures-advanced  
:16.30-18.30 The Art of Chi

THURSDAY: 14.30-16.00 Body Awareness

FRIDAY: 7.00-8.30 The Art of Chi  
:16.30-18.30 127postures-advanced

**Beginners are welcome to The Art of Chi and Body Awareness classes.** The road to Evergreen lies next to the road to Abri.

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**This was meant to be in the meetings section.-Ed**

### IDC Meeting Report 10.09.02

Present: Jacques, Eugen (consultant), Aurovici, Jill, Joseba, Sydo and Peter T.

Secretary: Sonja

Absent: Peter A.

### AVI Report

Jill gave us a report on AVI USA meeting which took place in the mountains of California USA. The members of AVI and assorted friends and guests had a wonderful experience there and came up with some new tasks for the future. They want to participate and work more closely with the International Zone regarding the development of this Zone. In this sense the decision was taken that, in the future, they meet every two years in Auroville and the alternate year somewhere else. This will give the members a real view of the projects in Auroville and they can follow up the decision making process much better and also give their input and ideas to the community.

### Green Group

The Green Group requested the IDC to sign an agreement letter stipulating that the IDC will not use the fact that the Transport Service has been agreed to their future development the road should be agreed also. They also came up with a request for stewardship of a piece of land North of Minati. They were requested to present the write up of the project intended there as well as maps showing the lands in question.

**SAVITRI BHAVAN****Every Tuesday, 5.00 – 5.45 pm****The Mother's Entretiens  
Recorded talks in French**

On Tuesday September 24 we will be listening to the talk of October 29, 1958 which is based on a text from Sri Aurobindo's *'The Life Divine'* pp. 885-86. The Mother responds to the question, *"Sweet Mother, what is the meaning of 'spirituality...helps mind...to escape from itself?'"*

**Every Saturday, 5.30 – 6.30 pm****PROGRAMMES IN TAMIL**

September 21 and 28  
**Sessions led by Shankaran**

**Sunday September 21 3.00 pm****Remembering Sri Aurobindo**

through listening to people who actually had His  
Darshan -

**Prof. Kittu Reddy and a few others.**

Remembering brings His Presence to life, also  
the life of Auroville.

We invite you to come and explore with us how  
we can continue being in His Presence through  
action in Auroville.

**Everyone is welcome****theatre IMPROVisation**

It's spontaneous challenging and fun, learning  
more about communication, language, theatre and  
social skills.

Everything is improvised :story, dialogue, song,  
music, and light(n)ing.( )

You could be a classical actor, a writer, a comedian,  
a musician, an opera singer, you name it. And if  
you have no formal training or experience you're  
welcome too !.

A first gathering will be on wednesday evening the  
25th of september at 7:30 in the New Creation  
Hall. (we can still decide which evening suits the  
majority best, but the timings are fixed )

Come or contact : jeff@aurovill... or  
sydo@auroville.....

## Connections

Here are several positions and activities in the community that need filling. Would you please see if you could be of help. Please feel free to visit us at the SAWCHU building to discuss jobs and activities. **Connections will be opened on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.00am till 12.00 am or by appointment. You can also reach us by email <connections@... >**

**v Kitchen Manager**

A personable, energetic and well-organised person is needed to manage the kitchen of an AV restaurant. Responsibilities are to maintain a smooth running kitchen and help the chef to get the food orders to the customers. Some important jobs are to organise food handling with special concern for strict hygiene, to supervise the purchasing, and deliveries. If this job suits you, please contact Connections (62-3440)

**v Maitre d'hotel**

Of course, what we mean is the head waiter. He runs the serving floor and insures that all patrons are having a delectable time. Obvious qualifications are being friendly, patient, and having good appearance. Your duties are to keep the service from the kitchen flowing, keep accounts, and most important, to maintain a pleasurable atmosphere in the dining place. The timings are six evenings a week from 5-10, including Sunday. Monday evening is off. It is possible for two persons to do half the work each. Please contact **Connections**

**v Full-time secretary for the AVAG office**

AVAG at Irumbai needs a Tamil-speaking, computer-competent secretary. This is a full-time activity, 9-5 daily. If you consider the interaction of Auroville with the villages is of prime importance, than this is an opportunity to work intimately with the AVAG team. Essential members of the team include the Village Development Workers, who are young adults from the villages themselves. To be a part of this dedicated team working with village women, men and children, call Moris at 678871 or visit the AVAG office at Irumbai.

The **Connections** team

Anand, Don, Jaya, and Paulien

SAWCHU Building,

Tel.: 623440, email: connections@auroville.org.in