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**The General Meeting of September 24, 2002
resolved to call for a**

**RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY
ON MATRIMANDIR**

to be held on (the earlier announced date of)

Monday, Sept 30th '02, 4:30 pm @ SAWCHU

**~~ proposal details available on the AVnet ~~
everyone is welcome**

RA DATE IS CHANGED BECAUSE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Dear members of the Working Committee,

This is to inform you that the Secretary of the Planning Commission, Mr. Lakshmi Ratan, has informed me that he is directed to visit Auroville on 29th September 2002 in order to examine the proposals of allotment of funds for the Tenth Five Year Plan for Auroville. (Earlier, his visit was scheduled for 28th September.)

As his visit is extremely important for Auroville and its future development, a large number of residents of Auroville are being requested to participate in various items of the programme of the visit of Mr. Lakshmi Ratan.

I am aware that the Residents' Assembly is scheduled to meet on the 29th of September 2002 at 4.00 pm. This programme will clash with the programme of participation of a number of residents connected with the visit of Mr. Lakshmi Ratan, particularly because the community will be invited to participate in a meeting at SAWCHU at 5.00 pm where audio-visual presentation will be made on the development of Auroville.

May I therefore request you to kindly postpone the meeting of the Residents' Assembly to the 30th September 2002?

Yours sincerely,

Signed

(Kireet Joshi)

26th September 2002

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Pavitra a classé des vieilles lettres, et alors... Je t'ai dit, n'est-ce pas, que depuis le 24 il y avait une insistance **CONSTANTE**, de chaque minute, pour donner le plein appui à **L'HARMONIE** et ne pas permettre au désordre, à la désharmonie, à la confusion, de se manifester : au point de vue physique, au point de vue vital, au point de vue mental. Comme cela, comme quelqu'un qui pilonne quelque chose, depuis le 24 (je t'ai dit l'autre jour, la Force qui est venue : depuis c'est comme cela). Et alors hier ou avant-hier, Pavitra qui classait a retrouvé quelque chose que j'ai écrit en anglais à quelqu'un :

*Yes, the good-will hidden in all things reveals
itself everywhere to that one who carries goodwill
in his consciousness.
This is a constructive way of feeling leading
straight to the future.*

Voilà mon français que j'ai fait spontanément hier:

En vérité, la bonne volonté cachée en toutes
choses se révèle à celui qui porte la bonne
volonté dans sa conscience.
C'est une manière constructive de sentir qui
conduit tout droit à l'avenir.

J'ai trouvé cela très intéressant (ça a été écrit il y a des années, en tout cas plus d'un an, et Pavitra m'a dit qu'il ne l'avait même pas trouvé dans une lettre : c'était comme cela, au milieu des dossiers), et alors, c'est comme si l'on me disait : « Tu vois, tu disais comme cela avant, déjà. » Parce que la 'bonne volonté', c'est **L'HARMONIE** (psychologique, n'est-ce pas), c'est vouloir que tout aille bien psychologiquement. J'ai trouvé cela assez intéressant.

Mais c'est bien que ce soit revenu : une forme tout à fait à la portée de tous, qu'ils peuvent comprendre – on ne vous demande pas des choses extraordinaires : on vous demande de la bonne volonté. Quand j'ai retrouvé cela, j'ai souri, je me suis amusée, j'ai dit : « Tiens, j'aurais pu écrire la même chose à propos de la bonne humeur ! J'aurais pu dire : soyez de bonne humeur et vous verrez la bonne humeur partout. » - On peut dire beaucoup de choses (*Mère tourne lentement sa main comme si elle présentait diverses facettes*) : cela me fait toujours l'effet d'un kaléidoscope des arrangements de couleur pour exprimer quelque chose d'autre qui... se rapetisse, se diminue, se généralise, devient enfin à la portée de tous, dès que c'est exprimé. Mais il y a quelque chose : comme un conflit **FORMIDABLE** qui se passe au-dessus de la terre, en ce moment, et avec cette Grâce divine merveilleuse qui aide toujours, qui veut toujours pour le mieux, et qui fait une pression : » **Mais soyez de bonne humeur, mais soyez de bonne volonté, mais ayez, oui, ayez cette HARMONIE intérieure du contentement, de l'espoir, de la foi. N'acceptez pas les vibrations qui... décomposent – qui diminuent, qui dégradent, qui vont vers la destruction. »**

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Pavitra has been filing old letters, and ... I told you, didn't I, that since the 24th there was a **CONSTANT** insistence, every minute, on giving full support to the **HARMONY** and not allowing disorder, disharmony and confusion to manifest - from the physical, vital and mental points of view. Like that, like someone pounding something since the 24th (I told you the other day about the Force that came; it's been like that since then). And yesterday or the day before, Pavitra, while sorting out those letters, came across something I had written to someone in English:

“Yes, the good-will hidden in all things
reveals itself everywhere to that one
who carries goodwill in his consciousness.
This is a constructive way of feeling
leading straight to the future.”

I found this very interesting (it was written years ago, at least more than a year ago, and Pavitra told me he hadn't even found it in a letter: it was loose among the files). And it was as if to tell me, “See, you were already speaking like this before.” Because the “goodwill” is the **HARMONY** (on the psychological level, of course), it's the will for everything to go well psychologically. I found this rather interesting.

And it's good it came back; it's a form quite within everyone's grasp, which they can understand - you aren't asked extraordinary things: you are asked goodwill. When I found this again, I smiled and found it amusing, I said, “Well, I could have written the same thing about cheerfulness! I could have said, ‘Be cheerful and you will see cheerfulness everywhere.’” - One can say many things (*Mother rotates her hand slowly as if to present various facets*), it always makes me think of a kaleidoscope with color arrangements to express something else which, as soon as it is expressed ... shrinks, becomes diminished, generalized and finally within everyone's grasp. But there is one thing: like a **FORMIDABLE** conflict taking place over the earth at this moment, with this wonderful divine Grace always helping, always striving for the better and exerting a pressure:

“Come now, be cheerful, come now, have goodwill, come now, have, yes, have that inner HARMONY of contentment, hope, faith. Do not accept the vibrations of ... decomposition - the vibrations that diminish, degrade and lead towards destruction.”

SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL MEETING ON MATRIMANDIR OF SEPT. 18, 2002

Approximately 75 people attended the General Meeting of September 18, 2002, held in SAWCHU at 4:15. p.m. Chair: Ulli, Note-taker: Jill.

Ulli welcomed everyone to the General Meeting on Matrimandir. A few announcements preceded the meeting:

1. The A.R.G. (Auroville Resource Group) would have its second meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 25th., to look at how the ARG functions and how it can understand the functioning of the Working Groups.
2. A discussion followed about the importance of having a Resident's Assembly – a topic which had been debated earlier in the WC's meeting with the Support Group. Several people felt it necessary to have an RA to establish a way to deal with problems expressed in "The Experiment" document. It was decided that a decision to go ahead with an RA was subject to a 2nd. Meeting of the ARG.

Alain B. gave an introduction to the "Experiment" – a new way of looking at problems and coming to an agreement. A new spirit of decision-making, worthy of Auroville, was invoked.

Ulli read out the Call for a Resident's Assembly petition, signed by approx. 150 people. The petition invoked the urgency to find a solution now to the problems at Matrimandir and invited all who felt this urgency to come together and reach a decision in a mature and time-bound manner.

The invitation was then extended to those who wanted to talk about their experiences at Matrimandir. Several people, such as Carlos, Ellen S., Anandamayi, Anupama, Dhanapal, Sigrid, Dominique, Jean P., Annabelle, Gilles G., Paulette, Paul VC and Vladimir, came forward and their stories were presented in a very heart-felt manner. They expressed their frustration with the MM Worker's Team. They felt that their attempts to continue the work in a harmonious and efficient manner had been side-tracked and diverted. They felt the lack of support, and often, the withholding of finances and means to continue the work were cited.

One of the most important obstacles was the lack of harmony between Roger's design team and the management team. In fact, Vladimir stated that there was no clear management structure at Matrimandir; instead, a large group of people were meeting and taking decisions. Falling out of favor with this group meant that your support (financial, workers) vanished and you were left with no way to go forward.

Joseba invoked the need for the Will to Collaborate. He asked that a new management group be constituted, one that could relate to the entire community.

In defense of the Worker's Team, Selvam came forward and spoke, asking the Meeting to consider that mismanagement

occurred everywhere; that there is a proper administration and before complaining, one should know both sides. Lack of attendance at the Worker's Team meeting had resulted in plans being stalled. Gajendran reminded us that we are all together and those who are complaining should look first at themselves and see where the fault lies.

Several people then asked the question: How can we go forward? Where do we go from here?

How can we recover the spirit of working with playful joy at Matrimandir that has been lost? How can we create a good working atmosphere and finish the Matrimandir?

Martina expressed her frustration at the meeting. She wondered why we did not invoke the "Experiment" now, in this situation. She urged the Meeting to find something more positive and focus on what can be done – perhaps some positive brainstorming. She urged the Meeting not to simply exchange one group for another.

Serge brought us back to the search for Truth, that we are meant to resolve our issues, according to the "Experiment", in a different manner, so why not give it a try? Put in practice what we have agreed upon. This would mean:

1. Enunciate the nature of the problem clearly, in a written form and communicate it to all Aurovilians.
2. Invite all concerned to state their points of view.
3. Constitute a TORA (Task Oriented Residents' Assembly) which may create a study group, if needed, who would come with some recommendations which could lead us, finally, to reach an agreement. This process includes defining a time frame and sticking to it. This point was especially supported by several others. A deadline must be given!

Several people expressed the opinion that now was not the time to create new study groups, that we have already done enough studies, so let us find proposals very fast and not waste time.

The Chair then asked the Meeting to consider who is responsible to finish Matrimandir. It has to be a group of people who have the confidence of a large part of the community.

A proposal was then put forth: To create a new management team, comprised of a few people who are accountable to the community and supported by a larger group. They would be given a time frame in which they could study the current situation and assess the work to be done.

Kireet Joshi added that there should be a study group, who would work together in a spirit of agreement, and was sorry that some people were not present. Kireet emphasized the fact that time is running out and urged the Meeting to fix a time and invite those who were not present to join – include all. Perhaps decide on a deadline by 29 September.

The Chair then asked the Meeting to discuss the possible topics for a Residents Assembly:

1. Look at Mother's Vision, especially considering points of agreement concerning the lake and gardens.
2. Propose a criterion for qualities of people who could be chosen to manage Matrimandir. Perhaps choose 5 people who have these qualities.

Jean P. and Joseba urged the Meeting to separate the topics of the lake and the gardens from the completion of the structure itself. Some things can be done now.

Kireet invited all to attend a meeting the next day so that he could share with us his findings and conclusions from his 8 month study of Matrimandir.

A Meeting was also called for Tuesday, September 24th., at SAWCHU to determine the qualities required for a new MM Management Team. Prior to this meeting, all were urged to send via email to Ashatit their thoughts on the qualities necessary for this new team.

Kireet ended the Meeting by praising all present for their willingness to collaborate and search for the Truth.

Report on 26th Governing Board Meeting

The Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation met in Auroville on September 21st-22nd. Participating members were Dr. Kireet Joshi (chairman), Dr. Subash Kashyap, Shri Gajapati Maharaja Dibyasingha Deb, Smt. Jyothi Madhok, Mr. Roger Anger, Shri V.K. Pipersenia and Shri C. Balakrishnan. Dr. D.P. Chattapadhyaya and Dr. L.M. Singhvi were unable to attend this meeting.

Through the Working Committee, the following reports and queries had been submitted:

Reports:

- Report of the Funds and Assets Management Committee
- Progress report of the Entry Group
- Report of the Economy Group
- SAIER progress report
- Land Service Report
- Report of Auroville's future\Information on the formation of a Harmony group
- Report of the Matrimandir Design Study group
- Report of the Unity Committee
- Progress Report of the Interim Development Council

The Working Committee did not receive a progress report of the Matrimandir Team. It was learned that this

report had been sent to the Governing Board directly.

Queries:

- Letter from the WC re loans for land purchases
- Letter from the FAMC regarding a Corpus Fund for Land
- Letter from the Residents' Service regarding some problems with granting and extensions of Visa and Residential Permits
- Letter from the WC to discuss how a living link can be maintained with those who have helped Auroville in the past.
- Note from Aster Patel concerning Bharat Nivas and her proposal to invite the Honorable Minister for Human Resource Development to attend the New Year celebration.
- Request from Dr. Beena for help to obtain Indian certification for foreign AV doctors.
- Note from Alain Grandcolas requesting advice to solve a design matter relating to the construction of the Matrimandir.

On September 21st, the Governing Board first visited the Matrimandir. Thereafter, at 10.30 a.m., the following topics were discussed in the presence of the Working Committee members.

1) **New Organisation.** Presentation was made by Carel, Jill and Ulli.

The Governing Board congratulated all those who had been involved with the creation of the new organization and approved of the new organization. It expressed the hope that it would help Auroville finding a solution for the problems at the Matrimandir. The Governing Board also approved of the decision that henceforth the seven person Working Committee would be part of a larger Auroville Council of about 15 people.

The Governing Board observed that the word 'TORA,' the acronym of Task Oriented Residents' Assembly' was not well-chosen and suggested that it be changed into TORC (Task Oriented Residents' Committee). Finally it advised that the deliberations of a TORC should be time-bound, e.g. restricted to a period of three to six months. The Board requested the Working Committee to keep it posted on the developments of the organizational model.

The Board further requested that the various parts of the new organization be compiled into one document, to be easily accessible to everyone. The Board requested the Working Committee to keep it posted on the developments of the organizational model.

2) Education. A presentation of ongoing work was made by the SAIER group consisting of Sanjeev, Kripa, Alain B., Mary, and Bunti.

At the explicit request of Shri Gajapati Maharaja Dibyasingha Deb, a meeting was scheduled for September 23rd between the educational researchers, Dr. Kireet Joshi and himself. This subsequent meeting centered on the organization of two internal seminars, one on “Ideal Education: Developing the Auroville Model,” – to what extent have the educational institutions of Auroville succeeded in providing appropriate conditions for the integral, harmonious and all-round growth of the child, especially in the matter of inner spiritual growth and character building; and what changes could be introduced in the existing system in order to accomplish the real aim and programme of Auroville - the other one “Making Auroville the Cradle of the Superman.” – a seminar which could review the factors, conditions and circumstances prevailing in Auroville Today, both within the household and in the community at large, in order to examine and analyze as to how far those factors and conditions are conducive for and promote the inner growth of the Aurovilians and what could be done further to create conditions most favourable for this inner growth.

3) Language Laboratory progress. A presentation was made by Mita about the plans of the Language Laboratory for building and expansion of activities. Mita thanked Sri Balakrishnan for his help on their behalf. Some teaching material created by the Language Lab was shown to those present, including computer generated Tamil alphabet “flash cards”. Mita emphasized that the method of the Language Lab is to work with students on both their oral and visual memory.

4) Land problems. A presentation was made by Judith, Tency and Peter CS.

The Governing Board approved of the ongoing contacts with the Tamil Nadu Government. The Board did not approve of the taking of loans to finance land purchases unless the method of repayment of loans and interest were clear. It was made clear that the Government of India will not grant donations for land purchase or stand guarantee for loans for land purchase. However, the Board approved of approaching the Prime Minister of India for a special grant for land purchase.

After the lunch at Atiti Griha, the Board continued its meeting at 4.30 pm

5) Interim report on the Auroville water situation. A power point presentation was made by Gilles B. and

members of Water Harvest.

6) Presentation on Bharat Nivas Development.

Aster, Meenakshi, Madhavi, Toshi, Dharmesh and Varadharajan presented the ongoing developments at Bharat Nivas. Aster presented a summary of the past accomplishments of the group and the many uses to which Bharat Nivas has been put over the years. Now they are eager to continue their role of the Pavilion of India in the work of mounting exhibitions and educating visitors on various aspects of Indian arts and culture. Budget matters were discussed and the Board was helpful in this regard.

7) Matrimandir

At the end of the afternoon Mr. Roger Anger voiced objections that the most important topic, the Matrimandir, had been kept for the end of the meeting and that the Chairman had accepted the invitation of the Matrimandir Team to visit the exhibition of Paulo's drawings on the Matrimandir gardens in the Unity Office at Matrimandir and have the presentations from the Matrimandir Team and from Alain Grandcolas there. After some discussion, the members however agreed to visit the exhibition and hear the presentations in the Unity Office.

The Meeting then moved to the Unity Office and continued there. Mr. Roger Anger was not present during these discussions.

About 25 members of the Matrimandir Team as well as Alain Grandcolas, Jean and Luigi were present during the presentation of Paulo's designs. Alain briefly stated the problems experienced by him and a discussion arose as to how to solve the problems at Matrimandir.

After these presentations, the Governing Board in the presence of the Working Committee members continued its deliberations about how to solve the problems at the Matrimandir. It was finally stated that it is the responsibility of the Residents' Assembly to solve these problems, and that then newly designed organizational model could serve this purpose, notwithstanding observations voiced by Arjun earlier that in his view the new organization had been designed with the aim of changing the management structure of Matrimandir.

By the time this discussion had ended, it was 10.00 am in the evening. There was a dinner organized with Support group and FAMC members at the Centre Guesthouse, but many people had already left by the time the meeting was over.

There was no time for the GB to listen to a presentation by the Interim Development Council in which it wanted to share the concerns on the development situation in Auroville; neither was there any time left to listen to a presentation on Auroville International and its involvement with the International Zone. The queries regarding some problems with the granting of visa and extensions of residential permits, and the request from Dr. Beena for help to obtain Indian certification for foreign AV doctors were dealt with by the Chairman before and after the GB meeting.

Sunday 22nd the Board first visited Sri Aurobindo's room in the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in Pondicherry.

The meeting started only at about 12.15 and lasted less than an hour. Though this meeting was announced as a closed meeting of the GB, three members of the Working Committee who were around to answer questions if needed were invited to attend.

In this meeting Shri Gajapati Maharaja Dibyasingha Deb made some comments on the new internal organization (already mentioned above) and a small discussion arose on the following topics:

8) Code of Conduct and Regulations

The Governing Board advised that Auroville develop a code of conduct for Aurovilians, containing, for instance, what is totally unacceptable and what is desirable. It also suggested that Auroville work on a set of regulations for the admission and termination of persons in the register of residents in accordance with the Auroville Foundation Act.

9) Honoray fellow of Auroville.

The GB also brainstormed with the WC members on how a living link can be maintained with those who have helped Auroville in the past. The idea to start a Friends of Auroville society was felt to be inappropriate, as was the idea to grant some sort of honorary title on such persons. Instead it was advised to maintain and nourish personal contacts.

Next GB Meeting

The next meeting of the Governing Board is planned for February, 2003. The term of office of the present GB members terminates on March 1, 2003.

Report by the Working Committee

The Working Committee wishes to thank all those who have cooperated to make this Governing Board meeting a success. In particular it wishes to thank Christine, Claude and Mita for receiving the GB members in Chennai and accompanying them to Auroville. We wish also to thank Bindu, Sangeeta and Srimoyi for accompanying the Maharani during her visit to Auroville; the management of Kottakarai Guesthouse, Samasti Guesthouse and Centre Guesthouse for hosting Governing Board members; and we wish to thank Banu from Atiti Griha, Tineke and Sylvano from the Centre Guesthouse and Roma from Roma's Kitchen for providing excellent quality lunches and dinners.

MEETINGS RE MATRIMANDIR THIS WEEK

At the **General Meeting of Tuesday, September 24th**, the qualities and functions of a Matrimandir Completion team were discussed, following up on the feedback received from the community at large. Based on the discussions during this meeting, some people have started working on exploring ways to find agreements.

The results of these studies will be brought to a **General Meeting on Friday, September 27th, 5 pm @ SAWCHU**, so as to prepare the information on the Matrimandir situation for the RA on Sunday. All who have specific study results or other relevant information regarding the topic are strongly invited to attend.

The Residents Assembly (now changed) to Monday, September 30th, 4:30 pm @ SAWCHU will hear the various presentations on the Matrimandir situation, and decide how to further proceed. In order to reach a true agreement all are strongly invited to participate and attend.

Working Committee

**C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM
FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER – 7.30 PM (Film show
starting at 7.45 sharp)**

BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM

Directed by Gurinder CHADHA, UK, 2002

*With: Parminder Nagra (Jess), Keira Knightly (her friend),
Jonathan Rhys Meyers (the Irish coach)*

Anupam Kher and Shaheen Khan (the parents)

*Synopsis: Set among the middle-class Asian community
in England, here is the story of Jess, an 18-year-old
Indian girl who idolizes soccer star David Beckham. To
the dismay of her staid parents, Jess insists on becoming
a footballer determined to make it to the professional
league... (Remember "Billy Elliot"...)*

Original English version – Colour – 35mm film

**C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM
VENDREDI 4 OCTOBRE – 19h.30' (le film
commence à 19h.45' précises)**

BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM

Réalisé par : Gurinder CHADHA, Angleterre, 2002

*Synopsis: L'histoire se passe dans la classe moyenne
Indienne établie en Angleterre. Jess, jeune Indienne de
18 ans, a pour idole la vedette de foot, David Beckham.
Au grand dam de ses parents, elle insiste pour devenir
une footballeuse professionnelle...*

*Version originale en Anglais - Durée: 1h45' – Couleur –
film 35mm*

The Auroville Central Fund September 2002

This month there were generous responses to the call to gather more funds for our Auroville Central Fund, primarily from money generating activities, whereas last month the response was mainly from individuals. Here expressed is grateful acknowledgement with much appreciation for the effort taken to make these funds available.

This focus brought us very near to covering all of the regular budgets and requirements, though there is still a gap of Rs 24,244/= and therefore the Housing Repair budget will receive that much less than the usually allotted and much needed Rs 1 lakh per month.

Over the coming months, it is important for everyone to remain aware of the needs of the continuing situation and that, together, we aim towards having enough income each month to maintain our essential services, public buildings and collective activities.

Aspiring for Perfection (Partial) History of Matrimandir

A very comprehensive compilation (250 pages) by Gilles G.

This compilation starts in 1965 and ends now. It contains all known words of the Mother, facsimiles of Mother's messages, texts of brochures, some correspondence pertaining to Matrimandir, photos, sketches and plans.

At Kireetbhai's request 100 copies of this compilation have been made and are made available to the Aurovilians for free from the Secretary's office.

Because of the enormous time pressure, besides copies of a "3rd Draft Improved" made from the original computer printout, some copies had to be also made from copies of the "3rd Draft".

For those who got the "3rd Draft", we are trying to get printed and make available addenda containing what has been added/modified from the 3rd Draft. We will let you know when it will be available.

I still intend to finalise this document so that it is not a "draft" anymore. In particular, I will remove all the **bold** as they are mine.

I would also like to stress that a lot of avoidable confusion arose in the past because Mother's conversations with Satprem (dated Dec 69 and Jan 70) were only made available when Mother had left her body and construction work was well advanced.

Quiet Healing Center

Announcing the Workshop

**Polarity Therapy and Wellness-Education:
Training in the basics****October 4th – 6th**

The system and method of Polarity Therapy hold the basic keys to the understanding of complex and simple relationships between bodily substance and structure, the full spectrum of energy frequencies, and the cognitive and emotional functions of awareness.

Polarity Therapy is in fact the esoteric healing art of Ayurvedic tradition, cultivated over the millennia and rediscovered and elaborated in modern terms by the late Dr. Randolph Stone, physician, healer and naturopath.

In this workshop basic training involves:

an in-depth study of the qualities and operations of the five elements: earth, water, fire, air, ether the three gunas (basic universal conditions): *tamas* (inertia), *rajas* (activity), *satva* (balance) the three doshas (typical energy imbalances): *kapha* (corpulent: overly physical), *pitta* (agitated: overly emotional), *vatta* (disconnected: overly mental)

The general Polarity Session incorporates manipulative bodywork for releasing energy blocks, opening energy fields and balancing energy currents. This is done within a sensitive and well-organized material, psychosocial and spiritual understanding of the body.

Applications of the principles of Wellness-Education emphasize the responsibility and creative freedom we have to awaken the healer inside and the healing power in our midst.

For more details and general information contact Quiet Healing Center: 622 329, 622 646

"Have you possibly got something in your cupboard that you aren't using?
That someone else could be using? Such as an external modem? How about checking what you've got? Good to check!"

Be so kind as to contact Kانشa@... or phone 622-298 during working hours.
Thanks very much.

AUROVILLE WATER MAINTENANCE has started functioning.

We now undertake all kinds of Pump repairs, generators, plumbing work and Windmills, (All the old activities).

AV Water Maintenance is no longer a service; It is a self supportive Unit.

Contact Phone: 622-899

Love, AV Water Maintenance Team

TAOIST PRACTISES OR CHINESE YOGA IN AUROVILLE :

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

QI QONG - TAI CHI (chi work, concentration, meditation, use of the breath, towards a 100% healthy life)
tuesday, thursday, sunday from 5.30pm to 6.30 pm

KUNG FU (danse of shaolin, fitness training, coordination and power)
monday, wednesday, friday, saturday from 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Beginners are welcome

Laptop COMPAQ LTE 5300. PC Card with modem. 2.5 GB Hard Disk. 32MB SDRAM. Transformer input 100-240v. Everything original Compaq. A very good 5 years old Laptop. Ideal for writers, translators, book keeping, capsules....

Also available a compatible Multy Bay station -also Compaq- with another two bays for Cd roms or Floppys. Very interesting if you have to work at home AND at the Unit. One only computer for both places. And you can keep it in your safe.

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American mountain bike "Muddy Fox" for tall people -at least 180 cm-

Cr-Mb.very strong, 18 gears. NO shock absorbers but super-reliable. Pepe at Quiet.

Sharing a Taxi to be at Madras Airport

October FRI 11th at 23:30hrs and SAT 19th at 17:00hrs

Contact Pepe at Quiet 622329/ 622646 or at Quiet@...

Connections

Connections always invites the Units of our community to discuss the help they need to reach their aims. There are Aurovilians, Newcomers, and Long-term Guests who are looking for activities to fulfil their commitment to Karma Yoga. Please feel free to visit us at the SAWCHU building to discuss jobs and activities. **Connections is 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 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.

v IT Management at Pitchandikulam

Pitchandikulam Bio Resource Centre is looking for an imaginative, enthusiastic, well-organized, self starter to manage a network system and create educational materials from information extracted from our databases. You will need to know construction of network systems (hardware peripherals and software), building and managing databases including data entry, media design and backup. Experience in Microsoft Office, Windows 98, Photoshop, and Norton antivirus is required. This position would be ideal for someone interested in indigenous vegetation and medicinal plants. The job will expand with the input and creativity of the appropriate person. In this environment, new ideas are always encouraged. If you are interested, put together your CV and contact Joss or Samb @ 622 365.

The **Connections** team, Anand, Don, Jaya, and Paulien SAWCHU Building, Tel.: 623440, email: connections@auroville.org.in

Free energy man arrived in Auroville,

born 21.9.02 ,7.42 a.m, Fullmoon 500 m to Cental Railway station Chennai. His father Hans brought him to Auroville where you can see him hopefully at the solar cafe. For more information read in the intranet, Technology, the article :Free energy device -waste to light converter, or ask Hans, Silence, every day at lunch time in solarkitchen ..

Zapper`s from Hulda Clark - Auroli multiuseable white Led lights - Collodial Silver - and a lot of new ideas and dry casuarinas for construction and fire available with Hans, Silence - Innovation unlimited -siddha@ auroville.org.in -622779

To all who would like to assist us in the fundraising for the Land

Some weeks ago, we suggested that everybody in Auroville could help the land cause by writing and informing to their relatives, friends, family members and, in fact, to anyone known as a person of goodwill, about our crucial land situation and problems. Some willing people said they'd love to do so, but do neither have the time nor the inspiration to express themselves in writing....."

Hence, sample appeal letters, cards and pamphlets for sending to friends, well-wishers of Auroville, and persons of goodwill are available with the Land Fund. We can also assist you in writing your personal fundraising letters.

Several countries, where Auroville International Centre exists, have tax exemption status. In case, you need further info. about it, please contact us.

Besides, there is still a good stock of beautiful cards, (Emmanuel's paintings, Regina's nature photos etc). If anyone has an idea how we possibly could make use of them, please contact us at the Land Fund.

With warmest regards and thanks for considering these suggestions.

For Auroville Land Fund

Aryadeep, Biggie, Margrit Mala, Shivaya

APPLE MACINTOSH COMPUTER

I have a Mac computer with me (Desktop Tower) that is available for anyone interested, at the basic cost price I put into it to get it going

- Rs.9,645.00 This includes the computer, monitor, keyboard and mouse, but modem has to be added.

Fine for spreadsheets, database, word processing work and e-mail. MS Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint and Outlook) runs on this machine well.

It is also okay for Internet and you can store and view pic's fine. Not good for playing movie VCD's, unless you get a DVD convertor PCI card for it, then it does that also, but if that's important to you, I would maybe get a normal PC computer instead, or a new Mac.

No problem to share files with Windows computers and Mac's have the big advantage that you need not worry about viruses and don't have to spend lots of time downloading anti-virus programs updates all the time.

You may come and try the machine out here at my place. Contact by phone: 622-927, or e-mail charlie@auroville.org.in

Video in French**Announcement/Annonce**

The video material at our disposal is in bad condition and doesn't allow us to offer proper screenings with the result being a lack of respect for the directors, their works and those that look at them.

At the moment, we do not have any grants other than personal donations from members of the team.

We think that it is preferable then to stop for a moment the Thursday screenings.

Any idea, collaboration or material that would help us to continue our job will be welcomed with gratitude.

Le matériel vidéo à notre disposition ne fonctionne pas bien et ne nous permet pas de présenter des projections de bonne qualité, ce qui est un manque de respect évident pour les réalisateurs, leurs oeuvres et ceux qui les regardent.

Actuellement nous ne disposons d'aucun budget sinon des aides personnelles de personnes de l'équipe.

Nous pensons qu'il est préférable d'arrêter pour un temps les séances de projection du jeudi.

Toute idée, collaboration ou matériel nous permettant de continuer seront accueillis avec gratitude.

Contact: alainc@auroville.org.in - Phone 622 628

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:

To : Auroville Computer Institute

After School, Last School Campus

Aspiration, Phone : 622662

E-mail: aci@auroville.org.in

two huts free!!!

At Aspiration, we have at the moment,
2 huts available ... one is for newcomers, one for aurovilians; these are 2 room arrangements with a toilet a small pantry and a garden;

These units are for a couple or 2 individuals.

Both have recently been renovated by the Housing Group and are in pucca shape!

In case you are interested, you are welcome to come share a meal with us and take a look around.....

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.

SERVICE HARMONY GROUP

Since 1st August 2002 the Service Harmony Group (Conflict Resolution) is meeting every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. at Center Guest House. We inform you about the list of members and their phone numbers through which you can reach them in URGENT CASES.

<i>Anna-Maria,</i>	<i>Certitude,</i>	<i>622202</i>
<i>Gangalakshmi,</i>	<i>Auromodel,</i>	<i>623041</i>
<i>Marc,</i>	<i>Auromodel,</i>	
<i>Mark,</i>	<i>Aspiration,</i>	<i>622142</i>
<i>Marika C.B.,</i>	<i>Samasti,</i>	<i>622281</i>
<i>Michael B.,</i>	<i>Petite Ferme,</i>	<i>622289</i>
<i>Tapas Bhatt,</i>	<i>Prarthana,</i>	<i>622382</i>

*For Service Harmony Group,
Conflict Resolution,*

Gangalakshmi.

28/09/02**Message from AV Vehicle Service:****About Our Service:**

More than 230 Aurovilians got a permanent driving license. Our first goal has been achieved. Now our service can take a new rhythm of work and provide driving license and other service in better delay. Meanwhile our new mission is now to prepare the community for the transfer of registrations of the Auroville Parc vehicle to Tamil Nadu. We will inform you about the way to proceed when we will get all the data from the concerned authority and finish to resolve some technical aspects. The future service charge is still under study and will be published in time.

About our service charge:

Why our service charge has gone up if we compare the price of some driving school? Yes, why ?

Because after we've paid the fees and other particular expense, we need to include a percentage of our monthly expense and a percentage to refund of our loan. You must know that in order to setup of our office, (desk, chairs, computer, etc..) we took a loan of Rs.60,000. In other words, in the amount of the service charge we integrate at least your " spontaneous contributions and donations ".As we meet regularly difficulties to organize our work, it is still difficult to cover our monthly expenses, - impossible even for the moment to refund our 20% - and we are not yet a self-supported service !

Please be informed about our service charge before to apply for our service.

We hope you will understand why we are expensive compared to ordinary market. We have special Auroville expense to assume.

Update Service Charge: (Spontaneous contributions and donations included)

Temporary LLR and Permanent Driving License:.....Rs.900

1- Exp : 380 rs > 42 % -/- 2- Adm : 340 rs > 38 % -/- 3- Refund :180 rs > 20 %

Renewal of LLR: Rs.130

1- Exp: 80 rs > 60 % ././ 2- Adm : 50 rs > 40 %

Transfer of Foreign License to Indian License:.....1 Cat:Rs.700 / 2 cat:Rs.1000

1- Exp: 350 rs > 35 % ././ 2- Adm: 450 rs > 45 % ././ 3- Refund: 200 rs > 20 %

Renewal of Permanent License:.....Rs.500

1- Exp: 215 rs > 43 % ././ 2- Adm : 175 rs > 37 % ././ 3- Refund : 100 rs > 20 %

Additional Endorsement:.....Rs.750

1- Exp: 380 rs > 50 % ././ 2- Adm: 220 rs > 30 % ././ 3- Refund: > 150 rs > 20 %

Change of Address in the License:Rs.500

1- Exp: 250 rs > 50 % ././ 2-Adm: 150 rs > 30 %././ 3 -Refund: 100 rs > 20 %

Lost of License:.....Rs.300

1- Exp: 105 rs > 35% ././ 2-Adm : 135 rs > 45% ././ 3- refund: 60 rs > 20 %

Note: The service charge is added without the charge of transport to Tindivanam

Concert at Surya Vikas, (just before Romas' kitchen) on Sunday 29/9 at 5 p.m

Program:

Joseph Haydn: Trio for Violin, Cello & Piano in A, hob. xv no 26

Violin: Gunhild Jdinek

Cello: Suzanne Sekhom

piano: Elicha Debas

Frantz Schubert: Sonate for Violin & Piano in a D. 385

Violin: Gunhild J.

Piano: Elicha D.

2 Impromptus op. posthumus in Es for Piano solo: (Elicha D.)

Blue Tiger's Death

~~...lethum non omnia finit...~~ (Latin) – death does not end everything (Sextus Propertius, the first century B.C.).

Some communities of Auroville are set up very close to another living houses or office buildings which don't belong to Auroville. Udayan (Auroville) and Dayakara (veterinary dispensary, not Auroville) have no distance between their gates. An accident happened before these gates. The full English name of the killed butterfly is ~~dark blue tiger~~. It has the Latin name ~~Tirumala septentrionalis~~. It isn't the last Mohican, the species is disturbed in many different countries. The dark blue tiger lives in Afganistan, Pakistan, India, China, Thailand, Malaysia, Australia, New Guinea and the Pacific Island. But man inhabits in almost all continents yet if such an accident would happen to humans, it would be a tragedy. I'm sure that the death of butterfly was because it wanted to visit Udayam or Dayakara but didn't decide which gate is more attractive for it. A bike or a car killed the beautiful creature (black with blue stripes and spots) which may have dreamed about Auroville. A Russian poet Surgey Esenin (1895 – 1925) before his death wrote: ~~Good-bye, my friend, good bye. Dear friend, you are in my heart. Our predestined parting holds a promise of a future meeting~~. In our next incarnations I carefully will ask the blue dark tiger what it dreamed near the gates of Udayan and Dayakara, also what it thinks about Auroville, killing bikes and cars. I hope it will be a very interesting interview.

Boris

THE MAHASARASWATI FREE-STORE / EXCHANGE STORE

DEVELOPS INTO A FULL TIME REPAIR SERVICE...

With Aurovilian LOGU as technician, 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.

We also know and can recommend a nice and honest old man who will come to your house and REPAIR ANY CANE FURNITURE on the spot.

Call Logu at 623014 lunch time or evenings, or leave a message for him to call you back.

We will charge a basic 50 rupees on top of the repair charges for any in house attendance, repair item pick-up or delivery.

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 solar light 12 volt - Electric oven - Table lamp - Battery charger - Ice cream maker – Hot water 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 - Motorcycle Helmet - Vacuum cleaner - Moped side box - Lady cycle - Graphit tennis raquette – Roller blades - Movement detector, automatic garden light - and a lot more...

But remember the exchange store opens only on Saturday afternoon !

See you around,
Logu, Celestine, Olivier

Dear Newcomers,

**Our next general meeting will be held on
October 9th '02 in Center Guest House
(Center Fields) from 2.30 – 4.00 p.m.**

For this meeting we invited a guest: Alan, who will introduce us newcomers into the a short history of the Organization of Auroville, followed by the challenges of Auroville now and the actual things. We would like to discuss how the organization of Auroville is now, how to relate it to Mother's ideas, what we think of it, and what it means to us.

As a guideline some quotations from 'A Dream', August 1954, Ideals of Auroville, The Mother's Agenda):

"Auroville will be a self-supporting township. All who live there will participate in its life and development. This participation may be passive or active. There will be no taxes as such but each will contribute to the collective welfare in work, kind or money. Sections like Industries which participate actively will contribute part of their income towards the development of the township. Or if they produce something (like foodstuff) useful for the citizens, they will contribute in kind to the township which is responsible for the feeding of the citizens.

No rules or laws are being framed. Things will get formulated as the underlying Truth of the township emerges and takes shape progressively. We do not anticipate."

If you wish to know more, please give a call or email (phone 622 478, email margeen@auroville.org.in)

Hoping to see you on October 9th!

Marijke & Shivaya

ARG MEETING REPORT

The second ARG meeting took place on Wednesday 25.09.02 in the SAWCHU building. About 50 of the members participated.

It was decided to recommend to the Residents Assembly to extend the mandate of the Working Committee and its Support group for the time it will take to put the new Working Committee/organization in place, with a timelimit of 10th November.

It was decided to create a group to facilitate the functioning of the ARC, (send out invitations, arrange the meetings, arrange for a note taker etc.) This work was taken up by Dominique, Don, Jaya and Paulette.

The next meeting of the ARG will take place on Thursday 3.10.02 at 5pm in the SAWCHU building.

All members of the ARG are asked to please participate.

The topics for the Agenda will be :

- 1) the functioning of the ARG.
- 2) discussion on how to select the new Working Committee/Organization and the form it will take as well as as the creation of a subgroup of those interested to work with preparing a recommendation that can be presented to the Residents Assembly for approval.

**We will be holding a workshop at Verite
HATHA YOGA FOR MEDITATORS
YOGA SAPTHAHAM**

in November -- from Saturday 9th November to Saturday the 16th November.

This will be a seven-day Self-Course in Vipassana with instruction in hatha yoga and pranayam as a support to meditation.

The yoga and pranayam will be taught by Kumar Reddy, an old student from Hyderabad and experienced yoga teacher who has taught Shubha, Mauro and Bhavana in the last years, to their great satisfaction (not to mention his fellow researchers at the Hyderabad atomic energy research centre, whose health and productivity improved greatly to the delight of the administration).

The only condition to join the course is to agree to attend for the entire 7 days. It will not be residential, you will be expected to come and go morning and evening (with some exceptions depending on the vacancies in Verite Guesthouse...). Hopefully we will be able to arrange breakfasts and lunches at Afsanah's new dining hall.

The Course will start on Saturday at 3.00 p.m., and close on Saturday at 11.00 a.m.

The course schedule will look like this:

Morning 5.30-7.00 --	Exercise and Pranayam
7.00 - 8.00	Breakfast
8.00 - 11.00	Meditation
11.00 - 2.00	Lunch Break
2.00 - 4.30	Meditation
4.30 - 7.30	Yoga and Pranayam
7.30 - 8.30	Meditation.

For more information, or to sign up for the course, contact bhavana@aurov... You can try phoning 622 045, but email is surer.

with metta,
Bhavana