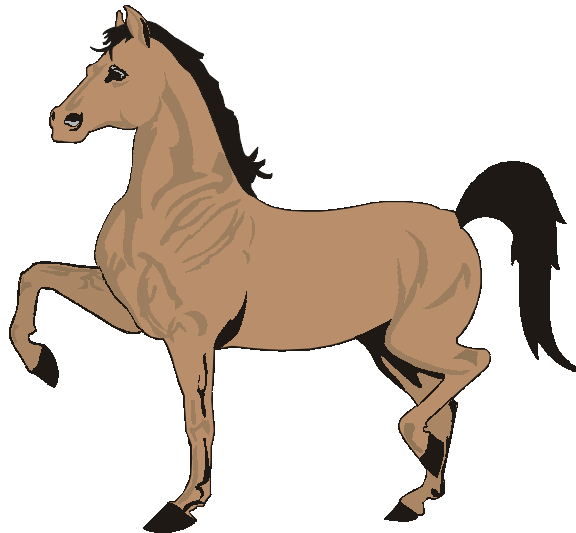


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AUROVILLE HORSE TOURNAMENT OCTOBER 11-13

Red Earth Riding School will host its annual horse tournament October 11-13 in Kottakarai, at RERS. Riding schools will be coming from all over South India, and RERS would love fellow Aurovilians to come and enjoy the show. The three days will be comprised of amazing feats on horses, good food, a range of Auroville products, free admission and lots of fun. "This is a great opportunity to come together and celebrate horse riding in South India," says Eric, trainer at RERS. So come and support your Auroville team as it competes with the best South India has to offer. For more information contact RERS 623688.

PS RERS has a request that Aurovilians do not remove sign boards of how to reach the riding school because some of the horses have traveled as much as 18 hours to get here and don't want to get lost in the last few kilometers. Thank you!

RIDERS TO WATCH FOR FROM YOUR AUROVILLE RIDING TEAM:

Kaymon, Daryl, Helen, Lucia, Kali, Istfan, Juan, Mahila, Lela, Mirabelle, Giyeah, Narayan, Alessandra, Samuela, Rafael, Vasudev, Jochem, Milan, Ayesha, Jacqueline, Dotty, Jerome, Eric, Rohini, Janna

For the tentative Schedule see messages page 2.

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Eh bien, l'état d'aveugle n'est pas agréable!

Oui. Oui, mais... Mais pourquoi pas ! (*Mère rit*) C'est au point que... N'est-ce pas, je suis là, il y a des tas de circonstances, de complications, de gens, de... tout-tout tellement embrouillé ; et alors, il y a comme derrière... ce n'est pas seulement une Force, c'est une CONSCIENCE-FORCE – c'est une Conscience -, et c'est comme un... c'est comme un sourire – un sourire... un sourire qui sait tout. C'est cela, n'est-ce pas. Alors, quand je suis tranquille (*geste mains ouvertes*), c'est comme s'il n'y avait plus rien et tout est merveilleux. Et puis, dès que les gens me parlent, ou dès que je vois quelqu'un, toutes les complications viennent – ils font un gâchis de tout.

Je suis sûre que c'est le passage de cette vie à cette Vie. Quand on sera tout à fait de ce côté-là, oh ! on cessera de spéculer, de vouloir 'expliquer', de vouloir déduire, conclure, arranger – tout cela, ce sera fini... Si on savait... être – ÊTRE simplement, être. Mais pour nous, j'ai remarqué ça, si l'on ne parle pas, si l'on ne pense pas, si l'on ne décide pas, on croit que l'on est en dehors de la vie... Et puis ce n'est pas toujours le même silence. Le silence de la parole qu'on n'exprime pas, ce n'est pas cela : le silence de la contemplation... agissante. Silence d'une contemplation agissante. C'est cela.

C'est certainement le nouveau mode de vie qui se prépare. Alors il faut que l'autre cède la place.

Je vois (comme à travers un voile ou comme une chose qui est à une très grande distance) un Pouvoir, un Pouvoir EXTRAORDINAIRE ! Mais nous sommes tellement imbéciles que nous n'acceptons même pas. Je sais, j'ai fait ces jours-ci des expériences... J'ai cette vision où la conscience psychique voit que c'est à travers cet instrument, à travers ça (mais ça – *Mère pince la peau de ses mains* – ça n'y est pour rien que simplement d'établir le rapport entre les choses telles qu'elles sont et les choses qui doivent être), eh bien, à travers ça, il y a une QUANTITÉ de miracles qui sont accomplis, tellement extraordinaire (ces jours-ci) que personne n'a jamais pensé que c'était un miracle !... On ne sait pas. Pas un miracle tel que nous les connaissons : un miracle extraordinaire... Et alors... ils n'ont pas les moyens de comprendre.

(silence)

[...] La seule différence...

On peut dire : rien ne sait – nulle part ni personne ; mais il y a ceux qui aspirent (comment dire ?), qui ont la volonté, la tendance, l'aspiration, le besoin de savoir – de savoir et d'être -, et puis tous ceux qui s'en fichent... qui vivent-vivotent leur petite-vie-grande-vie – que ce soit un chef d'État ou que ce soit un balayeur, ça ne fait pas de différence. C'est la même chose, les vibrations sont les mêmes. Je ne sais pas expliquer. J'explique mal.

Non, je comprends.

C'est tellement imparfait que...

(Mère renonce à parler et plonge)

L'AGENDA DE MÈRE, 24 JUILLET 1971

MÈRE

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Well, being blind isn't pleasant!

Yes, of course. Yes, but.... But why not! (*Mother laughs*) It's come to such a point that.... For instance, I am here, there are lots of circumstances, complications, people ... and everything is so tangled up; but then in the background there is a sort of ... it's not a mere Force, it's a CONSCIOUSNESS-Force — a consciousness — and it's like a ... like a smile — a smile ... a smile that knows everything. That's it, you see. So, when I am quiet (*gesture of open hands*), it's as if nothing existed and all is marvelous. Then, as soon as people speak to me or I see someone, all the complications are back — they make a mess of everything.

I am sure that it's the passage from this life to that Life. When we are completely on that side, oh, we'll stop speculating, wanting to "explain," wanting to deduce, conclude, arrange — all that will be over.... If we knew how ... to be — simply to BE, to be. But for us, I have noticed, if we don't speak, if we don't think, if we don't decide, we feel we are outside life.... And besides it's not always the same kind of silence. It isn't the silence of unexpressed words, it's the silence of ... an active contemplation. The silence of an active contemplation. That's it.

It's certainly the preparation for a new mode of life. So the other one has to yield its place.

I see (as through a veil or as if it were very far away) a Power, an EXTRAORDINARY Power! But we are such imbeciles we don't even accept it. I know, I've had some experiences these past few days.... I have this vision in which the psychic consciousness sees that through this instrument, through this (but this — *Mother pinches the skin of her hands* — has nothing to do with it except being the link between things as they are and the things that are to be), well, through this, A GREAT NUMBER of miracles are being done; and they are so extraordinary (lately) that it occurred to no one that they were miracles! ... One simply doesn't know. It's not a miracle as we conceive of it — an extraordinary miracle.... But then ... they don't have any means of understanding. [...]

(silence)

The only difference....

We could say: nothing knows — anywhere or anybody; but there are those who aspire (how shall I put it?), who have the will, the inclination, the aspiration, the need to know — to know and to be — and then all those who don't care ... who go along or just live their little-big life — whether it's a head of state or a street cleaner makes no difference. It's the same thing, the vibrations are the same. I don't know how to explain it. I am saying it awkwardly.

No. I understand.

It's so imperfect that....

(Mother gives up speaking and goes within)

MOTHER'S AGENDA, JULY 21, 1971

MOTHER

PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY

“The Matrimandir will be the Soul of Auroville.
The sooner the Soul is there, the better it will be for everybody,
especially for the Aurovilians.”
“Harmony, Goodwill, Discipline, Truth.”

The Mother

In the light of Mother's indications cited above, a Matrimandir Completion Team is hereby set up with the mandate to complete the Matrimandir by the 21st of February 2005 in a spirit of harmony and collaboration with the architect and the residents of Auroville.

Concerning the gardens and the lake, preliminary specific studies, research and experimentations (reversible by definition) will be undertaken in collaboration with the architect, consultants and the Aurovilians.

All Aurovilians working at Matrimandir will compose the Matrimandir Completion Team. Some of the essential qualities expected from team members would be:

- - A spirit of service
- Dedication,
- A sense of discipline in the work,
- Accountability,
- Communication,
- Competence.

The Matrimandir Completion Team will dissolve upon the completion of Matrimandir and will be replaced by a Maintenance Team.

The Matrimandir Completion Team will have a Core Team, which will discharge the following functions in a spirit of harmony and effectiveness:

- Coordination,
- Site management
- Project planning,
- Finance and administration,
- On-site architect,
- On-site engineer,
- Communication.

The Core Team will work in collaboration with the Coordinators of all the various working areas.

The main targets of the Core Team in the next three months will be:

- A. To prepare a Matrimandir completion project planning,
- B. To communicate the financial overview to the Aurovilians,
- C. To set up an effective fundraising team,
- D. To participate in the formation of an *ad hoc* group of Aurovilians who will look into the reception and management of visitors,
- E. To ensure a constant communication with the Aurovilians and facilitate individual participation as well as collective events in the work at Matrimandir,
- F. To integrate and make effective use of Auroville services (such as water, solar, electricity etc... and other units).

The Matrimandir Core Team will ensure that all financial transactions and accounting will take place via Auroville Fund, as for other Auroville activities.

For the Core Team, suitable people for the required tasks are invited to offer their services. An agreement on the final members will be aimed at between the architect and the residents of Auroville.

Volunteers are called to come forward to join the Matrimandir Completion Team.

*Matrimandir is the force of cohesion of Auroville;
all Aurovilians are invited to join and rediscover the joy of work at Matrimandir*

AUROVILLE INTERNATIONAL MEETING IN AUROVILLE

February 1 - 4, 2003

Dear All,

As most of you undoubtedly know, the Auroville International (AVI) Association has been founded in 1983 as a worldwide network organization to support Auroville's growth in all possible ways. Its legal basis is in The Netherlands and today it has AVI-centers and AVI-liaisons in about 20 countries. Its tasks are manifold:

- to make representations to national, international, governmental and non-governmental organisations about Auroville
- to channel funds for Auroville's projects
- to improve communications between Auroville, Auroville International members, groups and liaisons, and provide financial and other support to its members and associated organisations.

While during the previous twenty years, the AVI Association held its annual meetings in one of the member countries, this is now going to change: the Centres have expressed their wish to have their meetings, at least every other year, take place in Auroville itself! Understandably, the contact between Centres and Auroville has grown more solid and close every year, and certainly its long-term members who often come and live here for some time, are considered by us here to be as much "Aurovilian" as the residents on site. With both Auroville and Centres now maturing, a strong need for a closer working-together between AV and AVI emerges, and this new arrangement will surely be conducive for this.

As the Centres are very serious about stepping up their interest and activities, there are even TWO Auroville International meetings planned for next year! One in Auroville itself from February 1 - 4, 2003, and the other one in mid-June '03 in France, near Paris, which will follow the agenda of the more official General Assembly of the AVI Association as per the requirements of the Association's Statutes.

The AVI-meeting in Auroville will be very special. One of the reasons is that the main focus of the meeting will be on Auroville's International Zone. As you know, a first beginning of a few national pavilions has been made in the Zone, and our AVI February-meeting hopes to work on building up a close collaboration and well-functioning exchange mechanism between the various nations which are ready to start building there and the International Zone team working here on site. Needless to say, that we're all looking forward to this!

As an additional plus-point for both AVI and AV, the Governing Board members of the Auroville Foundation have agreed to try and hold their first Governing Board meeting next year simultaneously with the AVI-meeting in Auroville, so as to ensure a maximum exposure and inter-communication of these two bodies that are so important for Auroville, i.e. GB and AVI. The new International Advisory Council (IAC) may be there as well around that time, so contact with them could be established too.

Already now, we invite heartily all Aurovilians, newcomers, friends, AVI-members, guests of Auroville and anybody else interested to participate in this AVI-meeting in February next year. Its main place of venue will be the big Hall in Verite.

For any questions and suggestions regarding the programme or any other topic, please email the Aurovilian AVI representative Tine, either via tine@auroville.org.in or avi@auroville.org.in
My brand new phone-number directly in my house in Aurogreen is 623 033

I am keeping an up-dated list of all addresses of AVI-centers and -liaisons and will email them to you on request. You can also download them from AVNet, where we will keep you informed about pending plans & programmes for the coming AVI meeting, as and when they come along. You may also want to take a look at our AVI pages on the AV website: www.auroville.org/organisation/avimain.htm

We'll stay in touch!

With Love, Tine

AVFG Meeting Report: Tuesday September 24

Present: John, Priya, Arjuna, Herbert, Murthy, Laxman, Mechtild, Selvi, Sumathi, Jeff, Margarita, Amudha, Tomas (chair), Kala, Jay, Lloyd (notes).

SMALL POINTS

SEED: Margarita: those in need of stylo seed can contact Stephane at Botanical Garden, and information about *Crotalaria* species is available at the secretariat. She announced also that there is good EM compost available, via Pratul at CSR. (Probably gone by the time this reaches the AV News).

TOMAS (GRATITUDE): Tomas requested to be come member of the AVFG. Given the problems in Gratitude, Tomas will be advised to sort out the community problems before applying for membership.

KOTTAKARAI FARM: Lloyd will supply the group with a report of the final meeting with the WC and FAMC.

LAND PURCHASE: Herbert suggested that Auroville purchases good farmland outside the Green Belt. The group agreed that this would benefit the growth of produce for Auroville, but it was argued that there are no well trained stewards to run such farms. The issue will be discussed at the F&F meeting of October 15.

SIDDARTHA GUEST HOUSE: Priya asked in August, whether one of the guesthouses could be modified to house newcomers. She meanwhile received the technical information that the guest house is built at low costs, not allowing for structural changes. She was reminded that the guest house was not built for newcomers. She agrees with these objections and will contact again the newcomers.

BRIHASPATI

The FAMC has produced a final proposal for the use of Brihaspati, by Iyanar and the AV riding schools (see FAMC notes). In the light of this proposal it was suggested that Iyanar be invited to the regular meeting of the AVFG.

LARGE POINTS**AI PROJECT (LAXMAN):**

Laxman intends to combine building a house with setting up an artificial insemination (AI) station. He seeks a location close to Windarra, AuroAnnam, Buddha Garden, Solitude, Siddartha Farm or Ayarpadi.

His (rough) estimate for his investments is: 2 lakh for a house for his family; Rs. 50.000 for an office/laboratorium and shed in which to treat cows; suggesting that he applies to AV for a loan to realize his project.

DECISION: Thomas will contact Charlie, so as to collect the data on inseminations done by Laxman. Holders of diaries are asked to send this information to

Charlie or Tomas. They will look at the feasibility of the project and record back to the group for a decision on October 29.

SELVI AND MOONLIGHT

Selvi wants to continue Moonlight (ex-Harvest) as a farm. A subgroup suggested that Selvi should start Moonlight with guidance of the AVFG, but the group did not agree with this. It was agreed that Selvi should produce an estimate of the yearly harvest. Murthy was added to the subgroup. A decision will be taken on October 29.

PRICING OF PRODUCE

Given the difference between AVFG prices and outside prices for various produce, it was decided to have a larger meeting on this subject on October 15. To this meeting will be invited representatives of Pour Tous and the Solar Kitchen.

During the meeting it was decided to raise the price of Auroville milk to Rs. 16. This decision was, among others, justified by the fact that non-AV (skimmed) milk sells for over Rs. 13.

PJC GROUP APPLICATIONS

Till mid-October there is still the opportunity to submit project proposals to the Project Coordination Group. The group was reminded that in this respect the AVFG should step forward as one body. Jeff will take up the point and see which activity can be submitted.

POINTS ON HOLD

SECRETARIAT - The sub-group for the secretariat will get together, to work on the final points of the transfer of the secretarial work. The topic will come back on the meeting of October 15.

OTHER POINTS ON HOLD: Ann needs a place for animals, Handicraft center/Siddartha, Auromodele Orchard.

Meetings on Matrimandir September 24, 27 & 30**GENERAL MEETING ON THE MANAGEMENT OF MATRIMANDIR – SEPTEMBER 24, 2002**

Present: More than 100 people

Facilitator: Jill

Notes: Janet

The Chairperson began by stating the purpose of the meeting:

- a) to look at the list of qualities which various members of the community felt were necessary for members of the Matrimandir Management Group (these had been sent to Ashatit)
- b) to agree upon a proposal to bring to the RA meeting

which has been tentatively set for Sunday, 29th and to confirm the date of this meeting.

She added that some members of the WC had brainstormed and come up with a rough draft of a proposal, which was meant to start off a debate, which would lead to something we could all agree with.

Another WC member reminded us that the "Experiment" had been approved by the RA and accepted by the GB, who have requested us to follow this process in dealing with Matrimandir. He suggested that we try to come up with something that could be ratified by the RA, but if ratification did not occur, we should agree to set up a Task Oriented Residents Assembly (TORA).

This was followed by some discussion about whether we needed consent, consensus or a large majority to approve a proposal and then a member of the MWT read out a letter, saying that the team was involved in a process of decentralized management, which was born out of the aspiration of all Aurovilians in 2001 and that they believed in this process and did not wish a change of management. This was followed by a reply from a Matrimandir worker, who is unhappy with the way the group functions and said the ex MCG talked more about politics than technical matters and their main aspiration was to replace the Chief Architect.

The Chair then read out the proposal of the WC:

"A management team cum support group is created for the Matrimandir. They are responsible to the RA.

The way of creating this team and support group is identical to the way in which this WC and its support have been created: every Aurovilian (18 yrs and older) proposes 2 persons, preferably one woman and one man, for the management group.

The 30 highest nominees sit together and select from themselves the Management Group. The remaining people will serve as Matrimandir support group members.

In order to prevent nominations being made for people who would not want to take up the work, it is suggested that a list be made of all people who have expressed willingness to be part of the Management Team and/or Support Group.

If this proposal is accepted, the Residents' Assembly would appoint a small group of people to make the list of those who are willing to take up the work and to manage the nomination process.

It should be possible to finalize this work within a period of 4 weeks."

Comments and Discussion:

-not even all the members of the WC have seen this

WC: it is only meant to start off a discussion, not a firm proposal, the results of some brainstorming

-it's a setup, a lie

-nomination process is difficult because we need a team of professionals such as site manager, site architect and not just managers and money handlers

-is the community happy with the result of the way we chose the WC and Support Group?

-we need a list of people with the technical expertise required, which would include the exMCG and others

-the exMCG has written us a letter saying everything is fine. We need to find out if the majority of the RA thinks there is a substantial problem and if it thinks a new management team would improve the situation, and its proposal for going forward. Then we need to know the objectives of the team and the qualities required for fulfilling those objectives. Do we want a team whose objective is to foster communication among technical experts and between technical experts and the community, or do we want a management team made up of technical experts?

-the process resulting from the selection of the WC/SG was not as smooth and harmonious as the WC would like us to believe.

Chair: We seem to have a consensus about the need for technical experts but we need to decide whether they are management or advisory level.

-the Matrimandir is not a mere building which has to be completed efficiently. It is an opportunity for human unity. Look at their progress report before deciding there is mismanagement

-need people with experience in managing a project, good secretary, technical people and good communicators

-need transparency, discipline and harmony

-we should consider what qualities are needed in all Working Groups and then verify whether members have those qualities

At this point the Chair asked for a show of hands on the wish for a new management. Six persons were opposed to this. The vast majority of the other 100 people in the room raised their hands in favour of a new management team.

Further discussion

-it does not serve the community process to be absent from the meeting and just send a letter to be read out. If the exMCG objects to a process they should come and voice it, but just to block is not okay

-the functions of the new team flow naturally from the work - site manager, coordinator, project manager, project planner, financial and administrative expert. These people can create around them more people according to the need. There are many qualified people in the community who say they are willing to join if the atmosphere changes. Suggest we call it the Completion Team. Once the work is completed they step

down and make room for something else to emerge. There must be efficiency, communication and transparency, particularly financial transparency.

It was agreed to have the RA on the 29th

-it is clear that the MMW Team doesn't want to accept the fact that a large number of people are frustrated with the way things are. We should say that there is an absolute necessity for change. I hope it will not be necessary to ask the MWT to leave, but a change is absolutely necessary. It's shocking that they don't give the Chief Architect his proper place, although he too should call for others to collaborate. In dealing with the Matrimandir, the soul of Auroville, the objective of any new management would be to bring back the atmosphere and spirit of facilitation. Let's take the time necessary for the others to come to their senses. They have suffered also and we are here for human unity. But at the same time we must not revert to the old situation.

A WC member pointed out that if the RA empowers the new group, the RA also should be able to take that power away.

-how will we choose the team. One possibility is to find the people with the required qualities and make a statement to the RA about why they are qualified and ask RA's approval; another is to make a list of the qualities required and let the names be proposed. A straightforward election process would not create a strong team.

-the old management team should be part of the new team because they have energy and talent and they are hard working.

A suggestion was made that all of the people who had made proposals for creating a new management would meet on Thursday afternoon to form a common proposal for presentation to the RA. The people who volunteered to participate were: Agni, Anandamayi, Dharman, Dominique, Frederick, Jean, Joel, Louis C., Luigi, Paul Vincent, Rita, Ruslan (NC), Selvam, Sigrid, Ulli, Vladimir. Then they would bring this proposal to a General Meeting on Friday and the General Meeting would present it to the RA on Sunday.

At this point several members of the MWT left, saying the whole thing was a "set-up".

There was a brief discussion about how to make this process harmonize with the "Experiment" We need to educate ourselves about the new process. The RA can call a TORA if it wants to but the group that is meeting on the proposal is an ad hoc working group preparing for the next RA meeting. This group is not looking at other proposals. Later we can create a TORA to study the garden situation.

Conclusion:

The meeting agreed that there had to be a change in the situation at the Matrimandir. Most felt that a Completion Team needed to be put into place. It was not sure if the team would **include**

people who could facilitate communication and coordination among all the parties, i.e. the architect, the technical experts and the community or if the people who could facilitate communication and coordination would **be** the Completion Team. It was agreed that this question and how to choose the team would be discussed by all those interested on Thursday and brought to a General Meeting on Friday and a Residents Assembly on Sunday. The necessity of including everyone in the process and the fact that individual members of the exMCG would be as welcome as anyone else on the new team were stressed.

GENERAL MEETING ON A PROPOSAL FOR THE COMPLETION OF
MATRIMANDIR

SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

Present: More than 50 people

Facilitator: Stuart

Notes: Janet

The conclusion of the meeting of Sept 24 was that those members with proposals for forming a Completion Team would meet to form a common proposal to present to the meeting today. The result of this effort was distributed to everyone at the meeting. (See revised proposal elsewhere in the News.)

A member of the Working Committee reminded us that the whole spirit is to find agreement and asked the meeting to concentrate on this for a few moments.

Most people felt the general gist of the proposal was good but there were some small changes required:

*B should read "Give a regular financial overview to the community."

*In the point about the lake, it needs to be added that no irreversible steps will be taken without the agreement of the community.

*In the section on the Core Group there needs to be a point G added about communication. It was suggested that there should be a communication center where one can go at any time to find out what is going on.

*Reword the sentence about the qualities of completion team to read "Essential qualities expected to be demonstrated by team members include:"

*There needs to be a sentence about who appoints and who dismisses the team.

*In the first para collaboration should be "between the chief architect and the residents of Auroville".

*In second para mention "chief" architect.

*To the list of functions of the Core Team add "site manager".

Discussion:

- The completion team has to work together. The coordinator links and facilitates.
- The architect is a leader, which we consult.
- The manager is a helper, who facilitates the work.

- The site manager does practical things like purchase materials.
- Often workers don't seem to know how to work without wasting.
- It should be added that qualities required of the Core Group are truthfulness, transparency and reliability.
- We know how attached people become to positions, so the sentence that the team will dissolve at completion may lead us into same trap we are in now. It must be written that the team should be reviewed in 2 or 3 years.
- We should give a mandate till 2005 and six months before we will know if they are going to be finished on time. If they are not going to be finished, we should review their mandate then.
- Volunteers are called to come forward to join the MM Completion team including its Core Group. The Core will be given its mandate as early as possible by the Residents Assembly.
- It is important to find agreement among all parties. We should do this by the methods proposed in the Experiment.
- There have already been studies done. It's urgent to finish as soon as possible and the GB will agree to whatever the RA says.
- We all agree that something has to change. The new experiment is about helping all parties come to an agreement
- We don't have so many people with the qualities required for Core Group.
- With R here we have an incredible chance. Must give the architect a team to work through. Roger keeps saying that what he is trying to manifest is an evolving thing. The situation has changed. The Residents Assembly and Governing Board have accepted the Experiment. If the RA does not accept the proposal, we have to go through with the process. Only when we have gone through this process will the RA gain the authority to implement.
- Tora is step 2 and is only taken if we fail to find agreement.
- A step is missing. The mandate is to complete the Matrimandir in harmony but there is no agreement with the people working on the project. If you don't take into account the human reality of the people working on the site, they will stop the implementation. It is not a question of who is right or who is wrong.

A list of names was read out of people who were alleged to have said they would be willing to form a new team under certain conditions. T would be project coordinator, J site engineer, U site manager, G project planning and fund raising, M finance and administration, and A architect on site. U immediately replied that although he had said he would be willing, it would only be with the broad based support of the community and not just with the support of one side. If we short-circuit the community

process to create a new team, it will have no authority behind it. The team must be one that a large part of the community creates.

Discussion:

- We spend too much time on process and forget that the Matrimandir and Auroville are not for us but for 50,000. We talk about the importance of harmony but forget that none of us will be here in a few years.
- Mother chose R., so let's go for Mother's vision
- We are only workers, not owners so let's be simple and do the work.
- Yesterday's meeting was entirely preplanned. There was only one proposal.
- The disks and petals being done now by present team are R's idea.
- The present team needs more people and more collaboration. Is there any proof of lack of transparency?
- Let's break formation that there are two parties.

The lights had gone off and people were anxious to leave. The Chair asked (after being reminded) if there were any objections to the proposal. Looking around the dark room with a flashlight two people were found with raised hands in opposition to the proposal.

RESIDENTS ASSEMBLY ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE MATRIMANDIR - SEPTEMBER 30/02

Present: About 150 people, of whom we estimate that about 120 were Aurovilians

Facilitators: Jill and Ulli

Notes: Janet

Agenda:

1. Extension of Mandate of present WC
2. Reaching an Agreement on how to complete the Matrimandir

I. All but one person agreed that the Working Committee's mandate should be extended until there is a new Working Committee in place, but the maximum length of this extension would be until November 15, when the matter would come again to the RA if the new Working Committee was not in place. It was also agreed that the present Support Group would continue to function for the same period.

II. The Chairpersons asked the meeting to keep the goal of agreement before it. The goal of the new Experiment, which has been approved by the RA and accepted by the GB, is about finding agreement. However some people think that for the Matrimandir we should not use this tool, which we have all approved of, because it is too time consuming and people feel that more than enough time has been spend on studying the options and trying to agree.

The Chairpersons proceeded to ask a number of questions, each of which was answered by a show of hands:

1. It was asked whether the WC had the approval of the meeting to follow the Experiment. At this point only 13 people agreed. The Chairpersons went on to explain that the process of the Experiment was to seek agreement first, but if this did not work to later possibly try a referendum. The question was asked again and 60 people said the WC had the approval of the meeting to follow the Experiment to resolve the Matrimandir Management issue and 10 persons said they disagreed. Although the abstainers were not counted, it is clear that some 50 Aurovilians did not answer this question.

2. Can we agree that we want to finish Matrimandir without undue delay and in a spirit of harmony and agreement? Everyone agreed.

3. Can we agree that we do have serious problems at Matrimandir? Only one person disagreed with this statement.

4. Last year on Oct. 15 the exMMCG resigned and since then all management decisions have been taken by the Matrimandir Workers Team. They believe this is working very well and this is stated in their message to a recent General Meeting. The MWT does not believe there is any need of a management change. Who agrees that we do not need any change in management? Two people agreed that we do not need a change of management. How many people feel that a change is needed? Nearly everyone raised his/her hand but the exact number was not recorded.

One person objected to this process of asking questions. The chairpersons explained that a new management team does not imply by default that anybody, who is there now, should be sent away or otherwise excluded.

The Chairperson mentioned that the WC had lodged a formal complaint to the GB that the GB has been sent the progress report of the MWT directly, and that the WC had not received a copy of this report and consequently could not comment on its contents to the GB.

It was also explained that each time the WC or GB wished to have a dialogue with the management of Matrimandir, between 20 and 50 people would show up, and this was not helpful to meaningful dialogue on any issue.

5. Do we have agreement that for the Matrimandir to be finished with few delays a Core Team accountable to the community is needed? 95 people agreed with this. 2 persons said they disagreed with the way the question was formulated.

6. At this point the proposal, which had been slightly revised by the General meeting of September 27, was read out and it was asked how many people agreed with it. (see proposal elsewhere in the News) 95 agreed, 11 disagreed and 9 abstained.

Then an appeal written by the MWT was read out. This paper said the issue was not the management but the need for a consensus on the design of the Gardens and Park and the Lake issue. (see this appeal elsewhere in the News)

Two persons complained about the process of the meeting, expressing the feeling that the chair was orienting the opinion.

There was some discussion about the number of persons that would be on the Core Team and the conclusion was that it is too early to discuss this now. It was pointed out that there was more to communication than giving a financial overview as stated in the proposal and also how important it was to be respectful to people who are expressing discomfort with the way the process is being carried out.

Questions from the meeting:

1. Several people wondered if acceptance of this proposal meant that the design concepts of Roger were to be followed. The reply was that this proposal was only about a completion team for the Matrimandir. Afterwards there would be other proposals about the gardens, lake and park, which would be based on in-depth studies. An appeal was made to Roger that all players including him must endorse the spirit of collaboration.

2. It was asked how the Core Team would be selected and by whom. (This was discussed at some length later in the meeting and a proposal made. See below.)

3. How will the Core Team relate to the whole Completion Team. It was also expressed that in the present way of functioning at Matrimandir, there is a feeling of sharing that gives joy in the work. Something of this should permeate the next way of functioning. Perhaps the present problem had to do more with the people than the way of functioning. There was general agreement from all present that an exchange between the Core Team and the larger Completion Team was necessary and that there also must be an interaction between the Completion Team and the Community.

One person said she regretted coming to the meeting because of the way it was going. There was apparent agreement but that was because half the people are not here. The proposal says nothing about the people who are already working at Matrimandir. Also for all these months, anyone who wanted to work at Matrimandir could come and join. The lack of people working together goes back to 1969, when Paolo and Roger could not work together. There is also a disagreement about the vision. Should the Matrimandir be protected or highly visible? This has to be looked at and it has nothing to do with management. Each and every Aurovilian represents a beauty and a strength, and no one should be excluded. People project and refuse to look at the shadows in themselves. The key lies with the person working at the center. If he could set the example of working with Paolo, the thing would be solved and the smaller problems would work themselves out.

Questions asked by Chairpersons (continued)

7. Is the RA the body that should approve the Core Group of the Completion Team? The Chief Architect replied by comparing the RA to the audience at a symphony. "Should the audience choose the first violin?" he asked. Others made a distinction between choose and approve. It was suggested that the residents choose the names, subject to the approval of the Chief Architect.

Proposal:

Two main qualities are required of members; these are competence and self-offering. Let the architect give his positive support to the names and the RA the final ratification. Most people agreed to this.

Discussion:

-we are facing a changing chemistry in Auroville. We are in a moment where the community feels something not acceptable is happening at the center and Roger has called for the decision of the community. This requires a new kind of relationship between Roger and the community. It should be a relationship of respect and mutual approval.

-there is already a management team in place, which is doing a good job, but needs more community participation. Must combine the two streams. If you take the easy way out, it is a defeat for Auroville. We must fuse the energies properly.

-everyone was invited to this meeting so we have no right to plead on behalf of those who are not here.

-in the Matrimandir we must feel more intimacy than we do in our own houses.

-the MWT talks of a large group trying to dismiss a small group, but in the last 15 years how many people were dismissed by that small group?

-it would help if some clear statement or offer would come now from Roger's side.

Roger replied that he is always for harmony and willing to make concessions. No one here has the qualifications to do the gardens and he doesn't want to be prevented anymore from doing his job. When there is the right atmosphere the right people will come. "If I am able to finish Matrimandir, I will work with all people", he said.

-many people wanting to work at Matrimandir leave because there is no space for expressing themselves. The same has been often noted when people want to join Roger's team. If Auroville stands for true human unity, we all have to learn to live and work and play together.

-Roger is a person willing to compromise on many things, but not in areas where Mother told him specifically what to do. He has more loyalty to the Divine than to the residents.

Questions asked by Chairpersons (continued)

8. Do people feel that it is good enough for this meeting to support the proposal and give the RA for two weeks for feedback or do we need to ask all 1200 adult members of the RA first? Who believes we do not need a community wide referendum? Most people raised their hands, thereby approving that a decision could be taken by the RA Meeting and then be put in the News for feedback.

Discussion

-Although I agree with most of the points in the proposal it fails to address the deep division and a quick fix will not work. The grave question we are facing is how we are going to govern ourselves. How can we be a truly free society without elitism? We are very distraught that most of the exMMCG are not here. We are before something, which is unknown and we don't want anyone out, neither the members of the exMMCG nor the architect. Let's try and move together.

-I am not against the spirit of the proposal but the way to implement it must be discussed with everyone. Invite all the MWT and see if we can agree to work together in a spirit of collaboration.

Proposal

That the WC, which is doing a difficult work in a positive way, call those people which are qualified for the task, and propose them to Roger and put their names in the News for feedback. Ask the MWT to collaborate.

64 people agreed to this and 2 disagreed, one of them only preferring that the job of calling those people be done by those who had made the proposal rather than the WC. However he was easily persuaded that a more neutral body like the WC was preferable.

It was also suggested that people who were willing to take up the work give a short resume of their qualifications and a statement about why they want to take up the work.

Conclusion:

It was decided to call for another RA meeting two weeks from today to see further how to proceed. Meanwhile the WC would issue an invitation to ALL Aurovilians who felt called to the work and had the necessary qualifications to give their names to the WC. By this time many people had already left and the remainder agreed to calling another **RA meeting for Monday, October 14 at 4:30PM at SAWCHU.**

The proceedings of this RA (30-9-02) have been recorded and will be transcribed for possible use for future reference (subject to the quality of the tapes).

Dear All,

The comprehensive AVI-report 2002 which took place in July in California is out. It has 41 pages. Anybody who likes to receive a copy (on email or a hard copy) please let me know.

avi@auroville.org.in or tine@auroville.org.in, or
Tine's new tel. 623 033

Love,
Tine

Meeting of ARG September 25, 2002

(a brief summary of this meeting already appeared in the last news)

Present: More than 50 people

Facilitator: Dominique, Peter

Notes: Janet

There was a little confusion at the beginning about who would chair the meeting as both Peter and Dominique had been asked separately. The meeting then asked them to co-facilitate. Also the meeting started 30 minutes late as the members of the WC/SG arrived late from another meeting.

There was a brief discussion about who would take the notes in future but this was not resolved. Janet volunteered for this meeting.

The meeting proposed 4 Agenda items

- Extension of present WC/SG until new WC in place
- Attendance
- Function
- AV Council proposal

Extension of Present WC/SG until new WC in place

A member of the Support Group said that the mandate of the present WC/SG was over on coming Monday so they were proposing that until the new WC/Council was in place, the present WC/SG would function in a caretaker capacity to ensure day-to-day affairs were taken care of. The whole group would meet twice a week. This arrangement would cease as soon as new WC in place and would not last longer than six weeks.

It was added that the alternatives were a vacuum, or the WC could continue meeting as it does at present.

One person said that although she accepted the extension of the WC out of necessity, she did not accept any further role for the SG because it had members who did not get sufficient community support in the beginning and because all opposition had been forced to quit the SG. Also several members represented the extreme right. Furthermore the function of the SG was redundant now that we had an ARG.

Another person said there was already a rift in the WC and it was due to lack of planning that they were coming at the last minute to get mandate extended

A Working Committee member said that the members did not enjoy the work because of these constant attacks and accusations, that internal problems within groups were normal and they were working on them, that the Support Group functioned very well, and those members, who left, did so of their own accord.

At this moment several people expressed their extreme dismay that the matter of extending the Working Committee had to be even discussed, as it was obvious that they had to continue to prevent Auroville from descending into utter chaos until the new group was in place.

There was a show of hands and all but a few agreed to the continuation of the WC and SG until the new WC was in place. The ARG will recommend the extension of these mandates until November 10 maximum to the RA on Sunday.

Attendance and Functioning

One person thought that the poor attendance was due to the fact that many of the so- called members hadn't intentionally volunteered but had signed in the wrong place by mistake.

One thing that many people appreciated was the number of Tamil Aurovilians who had signed up. Seen as a real opportunity to work together with equality and respect. We have to find out why they are not here.

Another person said people understood they did not have to come to every meeting as information would be shared by email.

It was generally agreed that there had to be a secretary who would keep members informed of meeting dates and agenda. **There is a regularly updated list of members on intranet and the list has also been published in the News.**

It was proposed that a group of four or five people form to take responsibility for the running of the ARG. Dominique, Don, Jaya and Paulette volunteered and no objections were noted.

It was also decided that the meeting should happen on rotating days of the week, that is every eight days, meaning the next meeting will be Thursday, October 3 at 5:00 at SAWCHU.

It was noted that this meeting only lasted one hour because many members came late and had to leave early because of other meetings. Hopefully next week the group can get down to serious business and decide how to choose the next WC/Council.

Progress Report of the Entry Group 2002

The present Entry Group members are :

Auroasha, Ann Riquier, Hyun Sook, Lila Neembery, Patrick Dubos, Shivaya, and Subramaniam. This group has been working since August 15 2001.

Jothi, from Aspiration has recently joined.

When we started one year ago, the Entry Group was structured in two parts: The Core Group was the decision making body which received and interviewed all applicants wanting to join Auroville, and the Office was the body responsible for the administrative part of the work. Gradually, it became clear that the division between the functions of the Core Group and the Office was not conducive to effective teamwork.

We have since reorganized the Group, in a spirit of unity, and collaboration, in such a way that brings more efficiency and transparency. Each member has come forward to take up specific tasks and functions and to commit to keep the team currently informed.

Presently there are 145 Newcomers. The previous Entry Group accepted many of these Newcomers, and due to the temporary closure of the previous Group, there were approximately 60 applications of people from the villages surrounding Auroville that had not been processed. We interviewed each one, with the help of Dhandapani, Hari, Raman, and Jothis, and have accepted about 10% of those applicants. This process has set us behind schedule in processing more recent applications.

Having worked within our present Mandate over the past year, we have come across limitations in its basic approach, design, and content.

It appears to have created an atmosphere where the status of "Aurovilian" is perceived by many as a "status symbol", which is obstinately sought after, rather than a state of being to aspire towards, as what Mother has described in "To be a True Aurovilian". To be a Newcomer is perceived by many as a period of second-class citizenship, where one has to keep a very low profile. Furthermore, it is very difficult to terminate someone's Newcomer status because when there is a doubt about the person, unless they have committed a crime or serious offence, there is no standard on which his or her sincerity can be evaluated.

We have also observed a growing trend amongst applicants from the western countries to come here in order to escape the rat race of the west: Auroville is a great place to raise children in Auroville's free education system, lots of interesting people and projects from which to benefit, tropical climate where dollars or euros can be stretched and if one can manage to satisfy the Entry

Group during the 2 year newcomer "probation" period, then acceptance into the "club" is assured.

Likewise, a growing number of local folks seek a way out of their traditional and economical pressures by joining Auroville.

Most people, from whatever race or culture, who apply to become "Aurovilian", are genuinely good people. We try to understand their motivation, but how can we judge? How can we assure that these people, for whatever reason, do not become a liability or burden to the community? We do not have the capacity or vision that Mother has, to look into someone's heart and measure their sincerity.

The present systems of Entry and Economy tend to favor the retired and/or affluent middle-age westerner, rather than young and dynamic people who may have skills and energy to offer but who do not have enough money to satisfy the present entry conditions.

Rather than base the criteria on spiritual sincerity or whether or not the applicant has the means to build or purchase a place to live and support himself for a year, more importance should be given to willingness and capacity for work and skills relevant to the growth of Auroville, and thereby establish the ability to sustain himself and his dependants during his life in Auroville. We will always have those who require financial support (welfare) in certain times in their lives for various reasons, but we cannot allow those coming in fresh to drain the community's resources. Therefore, Auroville's economy would need to be restructured to focus more on sustainability while still maintaining the no exchange of money principles that Mother has described.

We envision the job service "Connections" to expand and develop into a department of Human Resources, which would work closely with the Entry Group and all work activities in Auroville. If we can begin to define what is required to build this City, then perhaps we will begin to attract those who have the willingness and know-how and capacity to help Auroville manifest.

Since one year, the Entry Group has been looking into the subject of Statuses and Criteria and the whole Entry Process. Some of us feel a deep frustration with the discrepancies inherent in the present systems of Entry and Economy in relation to the ideals of Auroville.

The Entry Group is the "Threshold" into Auroville, what takes place there is relevant to the community at large. The Entry Group focuses on entry procedures, but all the other aspects of Auroville's Organization, such as economy and development etc, cannot be excluded and must be taken into consideration. We have been working diligently to find a way to integrate, and perhaps reformulate the Entry Process into one, which, in the present day reality of Auroville, will support the growth and manifestation of Mother's Dream.

TO ALL:

In continuation of the RA held on Monday September 30th, there will be a follow-up **Residents' Assembly Meeting** on Monday, October 14th, 4.30 pm at SAWCHU

to continue finding agreements about forming a Completion Team for the Matrimandir.

For further information, please refer to coming reports in AVNews and on AVNet.

~~all are strongly invited to participate~~
Working Committee

TNEB POWER FAILURE IN AUROVILLE ON 26-09-2002 REGARDING.

On enquiry with the higher Villupuram circle officials of TNEB it is learnt that a large part of Tamilnadu state went without power on 26-09-2002 following a "grid disturbance" which lead to trippings and no supply of power to few sub-stations including our Kalapet and Thiruchitrabalam Sub-stations.

This grid disturbance occurred in the southern region at 10 A.M. due to a disturbance in the 400 KV system. Southern grid is being operated without Neyveli Thermal Station-II, since September 04, 2002. The loss of generation because of this Neyveli Thermal Station-II shut-down is about 500 Mega watt to Tamilnadu.

400-KV kadapa-Sriperumbathur, 400-KV Kolar-Sriperumbathur and 400-KV Salem-Bangalore lines occording to TNEB sources have tripped following the disturbance in the 400-KV system one after the other. This series of trippings has a further loss of 800 mega watt to Tamilnadu because of this huge loss, there was no power supply to many 110-KV sub-stations including Thiruchitrabalam and Kalapet. Slowly Kalapet and Thiruchitrabalam sub-stations restored power only after 06.15 P.M. and 23.30 P.M. All this is due to GRID system failure.

Again on 27-09-2002 due to certain maintenance reasons the 110-KV Thiruchitrabalam Sub-station incoming power supply was shut-down from 10.15 A.M. as due to maintenance work.

M. Ponnusamy, AVES.

TAOIST PRACTISES OR CHINESE YOGA IN AUROVILLE :

Philippe propose new classes of the main TAO-IST 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

Dear all Aurovillians

My name is not Wazo (= bird), and not also Poisson (= fish)

For more simplicity, my name is Michel (= michel). thanks to operate the transfert... signed > Michel (ex-wazo)(ex-poisson)

Second hand **Honda 1.2KV Generator** in very good condition for sale. Please contact Rathinam @ 622322.

NEWS FROM POUR TOUS

New products from Auroville

- + Celebration: Coconut jam, carrot jam, herbal chutney, mango pickles
- + Discipline Farm: Papaya-coconut jam, papaya-kumquat jam
- + Home Made Cakes: Dr. Nibbles super healthy 5 grain breakfast, oat and raisin squares (also in jars at the bakery corner)
- + Ganesh Bakery: Vadais and Samosas
- + Kofpu: Rice-uppumamix, whole wheat flour
- + Siddartha Forest: Hibiscus jam
- + Simplicity Farm: Kombucha, vegetarian spirulina capsules (without gelatine)

You can now order directly at Pour Tous bakery items and snacks for your (birthday) parties. Phone: 622842

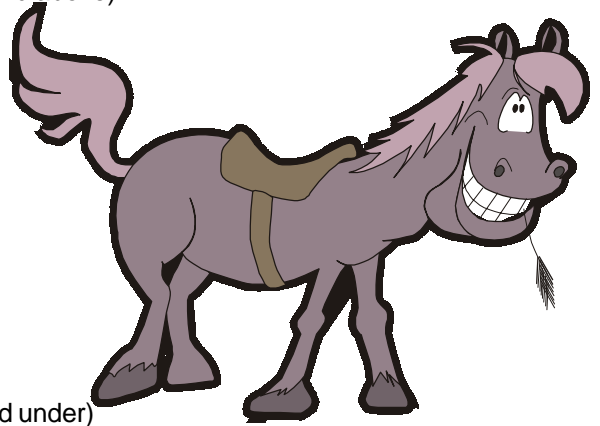
The Pour Tous Team.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE for AV HORSE TOURNAMENT 2002

(For final schedule, please contact RERS on the first day of the tournament.)

Sat. 12 October 2002

- 8:00 AM Inauguration Parade
- 8:30 AM Dressage Preliminary 1 (Lead rein class)
Dressage Preliminary 1 (12 years old and below)
Dressage Preliminary 1 (13 - 16 years old)
Dressage Preliminary 1 (17 years old and above)
- 12:00 PM Lunch Break
- 2:00 PM Equitation (16 and under)
- 3:30 PM Show jumping 60 cm (12 and below)
Show jumping 60 cm (13 – 16)
Show jumping 60 cm (17 - 20)
Show jumping 60 cm (21 and above)

**Sunday. 13 October 2002**

- 7:00 AM Dressage Preliminary.2 (12 and under)
Dressage Preliminary.2 (13 - 16)
- 9:30 AM Show jumping 90 cm (12 and under)
Show jumping 90 cm (13 – 16)
Show jumping 90 cm (17 - 20)
Show jumping 90 cm (21 and above)
- 12.00 PM Lunch Break
- 2.30 PM Dressage Preliminary.2 (17 - 20)
Dressage Preliminary.2 (21 and above)
- 4:30 PM Show jumping, Fault and Out (20 and under)
Show jumping, Fault and Out (21 and above)

Monday. 14 October 2002

- 8:00 AM Dressage Novice (20 and under)
Dressage Novice (21 and above)
- 10:00AM Show Jumping Open, First Round (20 and under)
Show Jumping Open, First Round (21 and above)
- 12:00 PM Lunch Break
- 2:00 PM Dressage Open (20 and under)
Dressage Open (21 and above)
- 3:30 PM Show Jumping Open, Final Round (20 and under)
Show Jumping Open, Final Round (21 and above)
- 4:30 PM Awards Ceremony

S A V I T R I B H A V A N**October 2002**

The Mother's "Playground Talks"

Every Tuesday at 5:00 pm

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

Aster, who as a girl was present when these talks were given, will be with us in this series where we would like to simulate learning from the Mother directly, through listening to the recordings, reading the prepared bi-lingual text, and sharing insights that might ensue.

We specially invite all young Aurovillians to come and study with us.

Duration of the programme : 45-50 minutes. Everyone is welcome.

A new programme

Nature - our joyous companion

continues with videos by David Attenborough**THE PRIVATE LIFE OF PLANTS*****Final 2 parts : "Flowering" and "Surviving" : Thursday October 10 6.30 – 8 pm*****THE LIVING PLANET*****"The Building of the Earth" : Thursday October 24 6.30 – 8 pm*****REGULAR COURSES**

Sunday	morning	10.30 – 12.00	<i>Savitri Study Circle</i>
	evening	5.00 – 6.30	<i>The Human Cycle</i> , led by Kittu Reddy
Monday	evening	5.30 – 6.30	Cultivating Concentration, led by Jai Singh
Tuesday	evening	6.00 – 7.00	<i>The Synthesis of Yoga</i> , led by Shraddhavan
Wednesday	evening	6.00 – 7.00	<i>The Life Divine</i> , led by Dr. Ananda Reddy
Thursday	evening	4.30 – 5.30	The English of <i>Savitri</i> , led by Shraddhavan
Friday	evening	5.30 – 6.30	Cultivating Concentration, led by Jai Singh

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

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

Everyone is welcome

MESSAGE FROM ECO-SERVICE

As I am leaving on 9th of October for three weeks and will be back on 1st of November, Aurovillians are requested to contact with Amrit during this period for any problems regarding Solid Waste Management. His phone no. and e-mail address is 622046 and amrit@auroville.org.in

Pratul

For SWM Group/Eco-Service.

Announcement from the Solar Service

Due in large part to the continuing difficulties of the Central Fund to cover all the regular budgets, starting this month, October 2002, the Solar Service will raise a bill according to each work that is done for all those who use the service. More details will follow in a week or so, with love, from the Solar Service.

I AM URGENTLY LOOKING FOR A TEXAS INSTRUMENT GRAPHIC CALCULATOR . TYPE = TI 83 , TO LEND OR BUY. YOU CAN CONTACT ME EVERY LUNCH TIME IN SOLAR KITCHEN OR BY PHONE 623 564
THANKS – FANNI.

FROM TRANSPORT SERVICE ABRI

Due to Saraswati Puja there will be no Bus to Pondy on 14th october 2002.

FOR SALE

ENTRANCE DOOR in iron with Mosquito net (1m 93x 0,91½ cm)
IRON CHEMINEY (very nice) with tubes .
-contact Gerald 622 24

Dear all,

I lost my Wallet (brown leather) .There are many important things inside. I live in Gokulam Youth Camp.
Thank you,
Marvel

LAND FOR AUROVILLE**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

We are planning to initiate various fundraising efforts and awareness generating actions, first in the community and later worldwide.

We need a pool of people who would commit themselves to help according to their time possibilities.

We are also dreaming of building a team who can go to different cities in India, give presentations and do fundraising.

Without many more people getting involved in the work, we can not achieve large amounts of money to continue to buy the land which is for sale and falls in the Master Plan area.

FREE SERVICE to FREE THE LAND

All are welcome!

kindly contact : Aryadeep, Jaya or Shivaya

Auroville Land Fund, CSR Phone : 622 168 E-mail- landfund@auroville.org.in

Jaya, Phone: 622 074 E-mail: nicojaya@auroville.org.in

Shivaya, Phone: 622 574 E-mail: shivaya@auroville.org.in

Vipassana Group Sittings will resume

SUNDAYS, 7.00-8.00 A.M. at Verite Hall.

Vipassana One Day Course

will resume on first Sundays of each month.

Next one, October 6th.

8.00 a.m. to 4.30. p.m. at Verite Hall.

Please bring your own lunch.

AMPHITHEATER

We will start from now on at 5.30 p.m. with the programs on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

There is no lighting and the sun sets early

On Tuesday 8.10.2002 Mother will read Sri Aurobindo's epic poem "Savitri" accompanied by Sunil's music.

Book 2 The Book of the traveller of the world
Canto I The World Stair

"This was the single stair of being's goal.

A summary of the stages of the spirit,

It's copy of the cosmic hierarchies

Refashioned in our secret air of self

A subtle pattern of the universe.

It is within, below, without, above."

ON Thursday 10.10. we will listen to

" The four Aspects of the Mother " by Sri

Aurobindo read by Mother:

"Supramental Mahashakti "

Experience our special place, an open sky and heavenly music.

All are welcome !

Sigrid

PROJECT COORDINATION GROUP

A CALL FOR GRANT PROPOSALS

The Project Coordination Group will meet in November to discuss pending grant proposals, and to make a priority list of projects for funding in 2003 by the Foundation for World Education and Stichting De Zaaier.

These two foundations give yearly about Rs. 50 lakhs in total towards Auroville projects and programmes. The amount is usually spread over some 20 projects.

Project holders are invited to submit their grant proposals by latest 20th October via e-mail at pcg@auroville.org.in along with a hard copy to the Project Coordination Group, Attention: Alain Couderc at CSR Office (tel. 622168 / 622277).

**EXHIBITION by MAYAURA
at BRAND NEW DAY
from the 7th till the 14th
october .
Welcome to all .**

CAT-EYE rechargeable found on the Forecomers road about 3 weeks ago. Contact jacky @ 623554

**CREATIVE writing class open to all; Tuesdays
7pm at the Coffe-Shop.**

25 YEARS AND MORE!

Would you like to thank Dr. Datta of the Ashram clinic, for over 25 years of service!? You can sign your name or write a message on the sheets provided at the AV Bakery and Solar Kitchen. (They will be up from 3rd to the 10th Oct)

Also to thank our Post-man (Malayathan) for 25 years of service, a small monetary gift is being collected, place any amount of gratitude in **PT account # 250018**

On Sunday, October 13th at Vérité Hall between 3.00 and 5.00

Remembering Sri Aurobindo

Participating will be a few who have had the darshan of Sri Aurobindo including Richard from the Ashram
All are welcome.

SALON DE MUSIQUE at PITANGA HALL

Saturdays, from 6 p.m. until 7.30 p.m. at Pitanga Hall, Samasti

Eugeen, composer/conductor from Amsterdam, will give short introductions in English (with piano, if needed) for better understanding the masterpieces of the "Western Classical Music" repertoire, alternating with some interesting contemporary pieces.

New Vintage: recent CD-publications of Gubaidulina, Messiaen, Schnittke, Glass, etc. . . .

More info: Eugeen & Marijke, Arya 622.478 margeen@auroville.org.in

Next dates: Saturdays only in October: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

SOLFEGGIO-Classes only in October: Saturdays 4-5.30 p.m. Pitanga Hall

VIDEO MESSIAEN-GUBAIDULINA

Tuesday Oct.8th at 8 p.m. Merriam Hill Center (Center Guest House)

One of Olivier Messiaen's last interviews (in French) before his death in 1992, about composing procédé's and the influence of mystic elements in his music.

Portrait of one of the most important innovative Russian composers, Sofia Gubaidulina (1931).

Video in French/Russian/English and Dutch subtitling.

To Plants Lovers

As quite a few people don't read AV news, just a reminder to say that a nursery of ornamental plants, shades, small shrubs and flowers. It's open on Thursday and Friday mornings from 9am to 12am at the Botanical Garden. If you want something special we'll do our best to find it. check it out with Pierrot.

Thanks.....

HOUSING HOUSING HOUSING HOUSING

Philippe will need a place to stay for a few month or more in january 2003 any proposition will be considered : capsule, room, flat, house sitting etc... very good experience as care taker in Aspiration, Anusuya, Centerfield, Sharnaga etc... I can give some hours of work like gardening, supervising etc... no problem

you can phone 622 031 in the afternoon or pass at the night guard at the eukies every evening thank you in advance.

Philippe

100 Views of fuji

" At seventy –five I have learned a little about the structure of nature – of animals, plants and trees, birds, fishes and insects" (Katsushika Hokusai, 1760 – 1849).

It is a Hokusai's famous serie : 100 views of Fuji. The sleeping volcano Fuji has also a name Fujiyama – Mount Fuji, Ironically, in Russian "yama" means "pit". But in Hokusai's pictures there is a Japanese sprit, god (Kami in Japanese). A well known word "Kamikadse" means "God's wind"- after a historic event in Medieval times. A storm destroyed the Mongol fleet of army on its way to occupy Japan.

Domo-domo arigato (many thanks) to the Japanese artists and organizers of exhibition in Pitanga. Now Auroville needs to create an own exhibition " 100 Views of Matrimandir"- Auroville's Soul, with the worthy team which after a lot of assemblies will move from "chinna" disagreement to "peria" harmony of wise men, to consensus, coherence, super efficiency, Divine Progress for a realization of the Mother's Will.

-Boris

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The Working Committee kindly invites all Aurovilians to the next **Residents' Assembly SAWCHU**
4:30 pm

Monday, October 14, 2002

continuing our discussion on Matrimandir

In the next two weeks, please send us your suggestions for nominations to the Matrimandir Completion Team (see report of RA in AVNews of 4/10).

In a recent Working Committee meeting, and approved by the Support Group, the following Completion Team structure could be adopted subject to community approval:

- 1. Executive/Administrative = Core group**
- 2. Support/Implementation**
- 3. Advisory Board**

The way this three tiered group will function has yet to be worked out. We are simply offering it as another approach to the present situation, and hoping for your feedback. If you can already imagine names which would correspond to the three above groups, please feel free to include this information in your response.

Please send your choices directly to the Working Committee.

All are Welcome

Kanniappan and Kamatchi are happy to announce the safe arrival of their son **Kathiravan, born on 30.09.02.**

I have from an early age abjured the use of meat, and the time will come when men such as I will look upon the murder of animals as they now look upon the murder of men.

Leonardo da Vinci