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## Live Music Trio – Phonik



Matt : Saxophone  
Wazo : Bass

Special Guest :  
Stefano

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
8.00 pm  
Bharat Nivas

## HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Et surtout, leur donner le bon exemple... Être soi-même ce que l'on voudrait qu'ils soient. Leur donner l'exemple du désintéressement, de la patience, de la maîtrise de soi, d'une bonne humeur constante, surmonter ses petits désagréments personnels, une sorte de bienveillance constante, une compréhension des difficultés des autres. Et cette égalité d'humeur qui fait que les enfants n'ont pas peur, parce que ce qui rend les enfants dissimulés et menteurs, et même vicieux, c'est la peur d'être punis. S'ils se sentent en confiance, ils ne cacheront rien et on pourra les aider justement à être loyaux, honnêtes. De toutes choses, la plus importante est le bon exemple. Sri Aurobindo parle de cela, de cette invariable bonne humeur qu'il faut avoir en toutes circonstances, cet oubli de soi : ne pas jeter ses petits inconvénients sur les autres ; quand on est fatigué ou mal à l'aise, ne pas devenir désagréable, impatient. Cela demande toute une perfection, une maîtrise de soi qui est un grand pas sur le chemin de la réalisation. Si l'on remplissait les conditions nécessaires pour être un vrai chef, ne serait-ce qu'un chef d'un petit groupe d'enfants, eh bien, on serait déjà très en avant dans la discipline nécessaire pour l'accomplissement du yoga.

C'est sous cet aspect-là qu'il faut regarder le problème, l'aspect de la maîtrise de soi, du contrôle, de cette endurance qui fait que votre condition personnelle ne réagit pas sur votre action de groupe ou de collectivité. S'oublier soi-même est l'une des conditions les plus essentielles pour être un vrai chef : ne rien rapporter à soi, ne rien vouloir pour soi, ne considérer que le bien du groupe, de l'ensemble, de la totalité qui dépend de vous ; n'agir que dans ce but, sans vouloir aucun profit personnel de son action.

Un chef de petit groupe peut devenir ainsi un chef parfait pour un grand groupe, pour une nation, et se préparer à un rôle collectif. C'est une école d'une importance capitale, et c'est vraiment ce que nous avons essayé et que nous continuons à essayer ici : c'est de donner aussitôt que possible, à chacun, une responsabilité, petite ou grande, afin qu'il apprenne à devenir un vrai chef.

Pour être un vrai chef, il faut être complètement désintéressé et annuler en soi, autant qu'il est possible, tout retour sur soi et toute action égoïste. Pour être un chef, il faut maîtriser son ego, et maîtriser son ego est le premier pas indispensable pour faire le yoga. Et c'est cela qui peut faire des sports une aide puissante pour la réalisation du Divin.

Peu de personnes le comprennent, et généralement ceux qui sont contre cette discipline extérieure qu'est le sport, cette concentration sur la réalisation matérielle, sont des gens qui manquent *totale*ment de contrôle sur leur être physique. Et pour réaliser le yoga intégral de Sri Aurobindo, le contrôle de son corps est un premier pas in-dis-pen-sable. Ceux qui méprisent les activités physiques sont des gens qui ne pourront pas faire un seul pas sur le vrai chemin du yoga intégral, à moins qu'ils ne se débarrassent d'abord de leur mépris. Le contrôle du corps sous toutes ses formes est une base indispensable. Un corps qui vous gouverne est un ennemi, c'est un désordre qui est inacceptable. C'est la volonté éclairée de l'esprit qui doit gouverner le corps, et non le corps qui doit imposer sa loi à l'esprit. Quand on sait qu'une chose est mauvaise, il faut être capable de ne pas la faire. Quand on veut qu'une chose se réalise, il faut être capable de la faire, et il ne faut pas à chaque pas être arrêté par une incapacité, ou une mauvaise volonté ou un manque de collaboration du corps ; et pour cela, il faut suivre une discipline physique et être le maître dans sa propre maison.

C'est très joli de s'évader dans des méditations et de regarder du haut de sa soi-disant grandeur les choses matérielles, mais celui qui n'est pas le maître chez lui est un esclave.

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And above all, set them the right example... Be yourself what you would like them to be. Give them the example of disinterestedness, patience, self-control, constant good humour, the overcoming of one's little personal dislikes, a sort of constant goodwill, an understanding of others' difficulties; and that equality of temper which makes children free from fear, for what makes children deceitful and untruthful, and even cunning, is the fear of being punished. If they feel secure, they will hide nothing and you will then be able to help them to be loyal and honest. Of all things the most important is good example. Sri Aurobindo speaks of that, of the invariable good humour one must have in all circumstances, this self-forgetfulness: not to throw one's own little troubles on others; when one is tired or uncomfortable, not to become unpleasant, impatient. This asks for quite some perfection, a self-control which is a great step on the path of realisation. If one fulfilled the conditions needed to be a true leader, even if only a leader of a small group of children, well, one would already be far advanced in the discipline needed for the accomplishment of the yoga.

It is from this aspect that the problem should be seen, the aspect of self-mastery, of control, of the endurance which will not allow your personal condition to react on your group-work or collective action. To forget oneself is one of the most essential conditions for being a true leader: to have no selfish interests, to want nothing for oneself, to consider only the good of the group, of the whole, the totality that depends on one; to act only with that aim in mind, without wanting any personal profit from one's action.

A leader of a small group can thus become a perfect leader for a large group, for a nation, and prepare himself for a collective role. It is a training-ground of great importance, and that is truly what we have attempted and are continuing to try out here: to give to everyone as soon as possible a responsibility, big or small, so that he learns to become a true leader.

To be a true leader one must be completely disinterested and efface from oneself as much as possible all self-regard and all selfish movements. To be a leader one must master one's ego, and to master one's ego is the first indispensable step for doing yoga. And this is what can make sports a powerful aid for the realisation of the Divine.

Very few people understand this, and generally those who are against this outer discipline of sports, this concentration on the material realisation, are people who *completely* lack control over their physical being. And to realise the integral yoga of Sri Aurobindo the control of one's body is a first *indispensable* step. Those who despise physical activities are people who won't be able to take a single step on the true path of integral yoga, unless they first get rid of their contempt. Control of the body in all its forms is an indispensable basis. A body which dominates you is an enemy, it is a disorder you cannot accept. It is the enlightened will in the mind which should govern the body, and not the body which should impose its law on the mind. When one knows that a thing is bad, one must be capable of not doing it. When one wants something to be realised, one must be able to do it and not be stopped at every step by the body's inability or ill-will or lack of collaboration; and for that one must follow a physical discipline and become master in one's own home.

It is very fine to escape into meditation and from the height of one's so-called grandeur look down on material things, but one who is not master in his own home is a slave.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 1957-1958, 10 April 1957**  
**MOTHER**

### ▣ **Matrimandir Study Group Session II** ▣ **05.11.02**

Present: Approximately 35 people

Facilitators: Stuart and Fred

Notes: Sonja and Shweta

Next Meeting: Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 17:00 at SAWCHU. All welcome.

The meeting began with a silent meditation for a Matrimandir worker who has recently had a serious accident. Our prayers were offered to evoke a spirit of healing.

#### **Purpose**

The study group would like to verify that the search for a new completion team is an ongoing process that aims at maximizing our human resources through the creation of a collaborative atmosphere at the Matrimandir. The Matrimandir workers, most of whom have not been present at these study group sessions, have been invited both formally and informally.

To help facilitate the meeting, a paper had been drafted based on previous notes regarding the breakdown of the various working areas into four main fields:

- 1) Work areas relating to construction
- 2) Service areas to support construction and maintenance
- 3) Operational service for completed parts
- 4) Communication and external coordination

During these current meetings we are working on the formation of the outlines of a proposal to be presented at the Residents Assembly of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of November. It was decided that we'll have another meeting before that date. The proposal includes the completion of the actual structure and petals, while research on lake and gardens are pending, and the visitors/tourists approach is a separate topic to be discussed with the community at a later date.

The process of fine-tuning the completion team is the work of the study group. The precise interrelations of the management team are to be worked out by those Aurovilians who have actually stepped forward together with those already working on site.

#### **Feedback from the Community**

Volunteers who would like to work at the Matrimandir have given positive feedback about the process of change, and support a new team composed of people already working there and people who have offered themselves. Again we invite all those who may be interested in participating to join a large number of Aurovilians, who will together form the completion team.

There have also been cases of individuals who have expressed their mistrust regarding the present process, but the group as a whole aspires to change this undercurrent of mistrust, lack of participation and general feeling of division.

#### **Core Team**

The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss the role of the proposed Core Team that would be the responsible body

consisting of several coordinators. The name 'assistant coordinators' was proposed and several models were discussed. Some people felt the Core Team should be more of a facilitation body while others supported that the group would be the official, responsible executive body. Various definitions were explored and a sub-group was formed, consisting of Carel, Ashatit, Ulli, Sigrid, Divya, Dhanapal, Srimoyi and Kathryn, who will meet this week to finalize the concept of the Core Team and try to identify its members before presenting their conclusions to the next meeting.

In order to honour the transparency and openness we are trying to create, it was proposed that we could ask the community to select one member of the Core team from the community at large. This person could then be the community liaison and facilitate an open and clear interaction with the community. There followed a detailed discussion regarding the communication group which will include several people who will meet together to see how to collaborate with each other. The conclusions of their work will be presented on the next meeting as well.

#### **Comments**

- \* Strong concern voiced that we do not fall into the recent MMCG model where there is a closed group at the top which does not relate to the community at large.
- \* Others expressed the position that the change of financial management was the key and a responsible person in this regard has stepped forward and offered to take up this role in collaboration with several others.
- \* The importance of having an on-site architect was discussed, and whether he or she can be part of the Core Team. An architect has stepped forward to act as an on-site consultant.
- \* Many people stressed that the new completion team should be part of a fluid, adaptable, receptive and collaborative process in which communication with wider forums and relations with the RA are maintained in harmony and openness.
- \* It is clear that several work areas, such as the Gardens and Visitors reception, go beyond the scope and immediate aim of this study group. It was felt by most that Matrimandir implies an evolutionary process. It was noted that even the chief architect has shown considerable adaptability in implementing the Mother's guidelines.

**The next meeting of the Matrimandir Study Group will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at 5PM at SAWCHU.**

*Please note that this report is not exhaustive. It is a summary of the most important points that have been tackled. We hope that no major contributions have been forgotten.*

**AVFG MEETING OCTOBER 29/2002**

PRESENT: Lucas (chair), Lloyd (notes), John, Jeff, Kala, Sumathi, Mechtild, Krishna, Tomas, Herbert, Priya, Murthy, Friederike, Sundaram, Jay Singh, Margarita, Charlie.

GUESTS/INVITED: Iyanar, Thomas (Gratitude), Aviram, two GEO students.

**NEW MEETING PLACE**

Given the bad acoustics (for meetings) of Verite Hall, it was suggested that Lloyd looks for an alternative meeting place.

**AGENDA**

Lucas reminded the group that much valuable meeting time can be saved, if the members study the agenda before coming to the meeting and prepare questions at home.

**THOMAS GRATITUDE**

Gratitude was started by Thomas and Dietra. Thomas took on full time commitment as a farmer and established the farm. In May 2002 Dietra left (to the USA), with the option of returning (or not) after one year. She allowed Aurosyllie to live in the main house. Thomas agreed to this for one year, but some housing problems arose. The main aim for Thomas to become an AVFG member is to prevent that Gratitude may become residential area. Thomas has his own resources to keep the farm running, through income via friends abroad and income via La Ferme. He does not ask for a maintenance and will not apply for funds. He has kept no financial administration of the farm, but is willing to follow all the guidelines necessary for becoming an AVFG member.

DECISION: Thomas cleared with the WC and Housing Service what problems he had about the allocation of buildings on the farm. He was welcomed as a probationary member and asked to follow up the necessary procedures with Jeff and Lloyd.

**TNEB FOLLOW UP**

Only two people came with the information asked by Lloyd. It was decided that Lloyd should work it out with the farmers individually.

**BRIHASPATI**

Iyanar and the AV riding schools have come to an agreement. Iyanar came to the meeting with a letter stating that he will be glad to join the AVFG. Lloyd and Thomas (& Friederike for the Vegetable Group) will do the necessary follow-up on details and report at the next meeting. Meanwhile Iyanar was welcomed as a probationary member of the AVFG.

**TRAINING CENTER PROJECT**

Gilles from Water Harvest asked the AVFG to take over a

project proposal (Govt. Indian) for a training center for Organic Farming. The group decided that it sees no opportunity to realize the project. Margarita will take over the project information from Jeff, to see if it can be linked to the Annadana project that is located in Botanical Garden. Stephan is the director and executive of this project.

**SELVI AND MOONLIGHT**

DECISION: The meeting decided not to give Moonlight (formerly Harvest) to Selvi for the following reasons:

- The group felt that the project is too ambitious for a single person, also in terms of safety.
- Selvi is not fully clear about membership of the farm group and should connect with an existing farm project.
- It is felt that Selvi may bring in non-Aurovilian influences into the farm.
- 1.7 acre of land is not enough to justify a farm stewardship.

In the realm of the last point it was suggested that the AVFG should contact the Green Group to come up with a policy for home-stead farming in the Green Belt.

**JOHN MAINTENANCE:**

John has been working at Discipline Farm since May 2001. He is participating in all the work on the farm, taking responsibility, and allowing Jeff to take care of the more financial aspects as well as organization within the AVFG. So far he has been self supporting, but if he is to stay at the farm he will need a maintenance. Jeff remains the voting member within the AVFG.

DECISION: The group recommends John for a maintenance, starting from November 1 2002 onwards.

**MOVED TO NEXT MEETING:****AI PROJECT (LAXMAN):**

Laxman intends to combine building a house with setting up an artificial insemination (AI) station. He seeks a location near Kottakarai. His estimate for investments is: 2 lakh for a house for his family; Rs. 50.000 for an office/ laboratory and shed in which to treat cows; suggesting that he applies to AV for a loan to realize his project.

DECISION: No decision was reached as Charlie received information on insinuation from Margarita only. The point will come back on the next meeting.

**KOTTAKARAI FOLLOW-UP:**

Kala noted that there are some inconsistencies in the accounts, which are given too late. In the light of finalizing the recent development with Ricardo, it was agreed that both this point and Kottakarai membership will come back on the next meeting.

## Report of Meeting of October 28, 2002 on Matrimandir (summary report appeared in last week's News)

*Present:* about 100 persons

*Facilitator:* Kathryn

*Notetaker:* Janet (the meeting was also tape-recorded)

The chairman began by saying she was conducting the meeting on behalf of Her and not on behalf of any group or position. She was not interested in either controlling what people said or the outcome of the meeting, and therefore asked that everyone conduct themselves in a manner which honours the Mother. On Saturday the Resource Group had met and she felt that people representing different views had come closer. After a few moments of silence she spoke again in her personal capacity, putting a question for each heart. How does Mother feel about us conducting a war in her name – over the manifesting of a shrine to the Divine Mother? Auroville's parameters are defined by the Charter and the Dream. How can we have the unity that is asked without inclusion? We all deserve a chance, even a second and a third chance. However if people in key positions consistently violate Auroville's "rules of the game", we have a responsibility to intervene. We need to cultivate "response – ability" to Her. If I demonstrate rigidity, I am not serving Her and if I feel or assert the right to control, I am not surrendered to Her. We need to make a move but it is important from where that move originates. If we make a true inner move, the outer circumstances will follow. It's a law. The "Third Field" that the Support Group has been working for is a new energetic space. The Sufi poet, Rumi, wrote "Out beyond ideas of wrong-doing and right-doing, there is a field. I'll meet you there." Let's walk together into that field and surrender everything, and with completely open hearts and minds and call, 'MA, what do we do now?!' and then we be quiet.

After several minutes of silence, the Chairman said that the meeting has been called by the Working Committee to call a TORA about the issues of concern at the Matrimandir. There is a debate among various members of the community about whether this is appropriate. We can focus on technicalities or we can focus on how to move forward, but first one member of the WC asked if he could make a statement.

The following simply reports what various speakers said. Statements are not edited for content or tone. - WC

Frederick explained that he felt he had made a mistake in saying we did not have a consensus on September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup>. As well as the Matrimandir issue, this is an important moment because we are working in a structure that has been agreed upon by all residents. The Experiment is a shot arrow. It has been approved by the GB. We can no longer say things like how can 90 persons make a decision for 1000. It's not respecting the instrument that we have created. This

is more than a legal argument, and I am inviting other members of the WC and SG to say it was a mistake not to honour the consensus on the need for a change of management at Matrimandir. If there was no agreement at the meeting, we would not have asked for names, but for a TORA. There was a consensus at the meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> to call for names for a Completion Team. Now the matter is closed and the only task for this meeting is to see how to implement. The other members of the WC do not agree with me. They only agree that there was a consensus on the need for change. But on the 14<sup>th</sup> there was also consensus on two matters, so the announcement to call for a TORA is not respecting the consensus of either meeting.

A member of the WC was asked to reply. Ulli, who had chaired the meeting of September 30<sup>th</sup> said that there had been consensus on the point that a change was needed, and the meeting agreed with an overwhelming majority on the creation of a Core Team and Completion Team that would include everyone working at Matrimandir. The meeting passed a resolution to create a Core Team and the WC was expected to interact with the applicants. After the meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> no more people had applied to be part of the Core team. (The WC only received one application from Jean P., which was emailed 45 minutes before the meeting started.) A number of people had expressed their willingness to work for Matrimandir and be part of the completion team. The WC/SG had also received substantive feedback from people who did not agree with the resolution, but had not received written feedback from the numbers required, i.e. 50 persons. When we saw that no volunteers were coming forward and we knew there was not widespread community support, we asked ourselves what could be the next step. How could we create a Core Team and to whom would it be responsible? We wondered if there should be other structures also, like an advisory body. It seemed like we had to create a body to try and figure out how to go forward; call it a TORA, a formalized entity, which takes responsibility to work through these issues. At the meeting of October 14<sup>th</sup> there were other proposals also, but they just came up spontaneously. We strongly contest that the showing of hands on these proposals can be regarded as resolutions. They were not announced in writing to everybody two weeks beforehand. But it is not useful to debate what happened. Let us debate on where to go from here.

### Discussion:

\*I have a different version. There was a series of meetings before the proposal and everyone was invited. One member of the MWT came but he had nothing constructive to add. There was no talk of excluding anybody. At the RA there was a proposal for money to go through Financial Service. I don't object to giving two weeks notice of proposals. The term *consensus* is very hazy. I would like to remind the WC and the next AV Council that the WC is not here to say this or that about what happens but to recognize the petition of 120 people and not to meet 4 times to decide what is right and what is wrong. "We don't need no mama or papa."

\* We need more clarity about the process. It's okay if we publish proposals two weeks in advance, but this should have been announced beforehand. I don't want to sit in a meeting for three hours deciding on proposals and then read in the News that they should have been announced first.

A petition signed by 133 people was delivered to the Chairman, stating that the RA had approved the creation of the Core Team by an overwhelming majority. The number of people who said no was 9 and the abstentions were 11 and not the other way around as reported in the News. This was not invalidated by substantial feedback. Although there are shortcomings in the Experiment, it has been approved by the GB and therefore what the RA decides is a decree. The question of a TORA does not even arise. The next step rests with the RA and not with the WC

\* If the WC insists on creating a TORA they will be instrumental in destroying the Experiment. Now we need a practical proposal.

\* Where we all agree is that things have to change at Matrimandir. There is no intention of going back on this consensus. The only way to go is forward, but all the people concerned have to be included. We have to be able to create a third field where people are comfortable to talk together and take decisions about the next move together. The undercurrent is to exclude people, but I say we must come to a point of forgiveness. The mess we are in is the responsibility of the community as a whole and we can't take any decision without the people concerned being part of it. The blame game is not a nice game. We need a complete healing or we will be back in the same spot a few years down the road.

\*I can't relate to legal opinion being sought for passing a resolution about the Matrimandir. She decides. Why can't we live according to that? We are almost 1500 people from so many countries with a common goal. Since we received the AV Foundation Act there is a legal provision for the RA but are we going to be bound by that? The RA is a throbbing collective body of 1500 people and we must respect those who do not come to meetings. We can take many steps backwards but there is only one step to take forwards. She said we must all agree. After that we don't know the rest. We must be together for a common aspiration. The world is torn with strife. Are we here to do the same thing? I am really shaken by what has happened at this meeting so far. Can we solve the Matrimandir problems like this? Are we here to repeat man's structures? Maybe She has Her own way.

\* I would like to thank Frederick for his courageous statement because the WC made a mistake. I don't agree with those who say we don't need rules. The RA came to an agreement about a concrete proposal. We have to stick to the resolution passed. It is the only way to handle a difficult issue. If people do not come to the RA meeting, it does not invalidate the outcome. Not so many people came to ratify the Experiment, yet it still stands. We don't need to speak of a TORA because the resolution has been passed, but we can create a group to develop the resolution. We want to go with inclusion. The proposal is not the last step.

\* I am not sure the RA meetings represent the full community. Certain members do not participate because these meetings were for excluding people and this is not in the spirit of Auroville. I believe everybody has sincerity, but resolutions are contrary to the spirit of Auroville. We need a change for coming together, not for excluding people.

\* Three resolutions have to stand, the one about alternative Completion and Core Group, the one about finances, and the one concerning the removal of people from two areas of the work. The WC does not have the power to refuse these resolutions. If they do, they can resign. I opposed the WC receiving the names of people for the Core Team because I didn't trust the WC to do this work. Before deciding about a TORA, the WC should have come to the RA and asked how to proceed.

\*I don't care how the change comes about but the way the group, new or old, is going to function needs to be decided by the RA. None of the members should stand out as representing the Matrimandir to the world. The individual in the group should disappear. The finances should be managed by the group and to Roger "you are not my guru and you should not stand out either." Also whoever is managing the Matrimandir should be an Aurovilian. We can have no trustees from outside. I have heard rumours that this may happen.

\* The exMCG is still in full control and the community has no say. The Matrimandir has to have a Working Group, which is answerable to the RA. The next RA Meeting must make it clear what we want and we must get that approved. There is a lot of money trying to come. Things are not moving because of unclear process. We are having too many meetings. We need to get away from the idea that a RA Meeting cannot decide because of too few people.

\* The criticism of the financial management is not about where the money is going but how. It needs to be done in an open and transparent way.

It was proposed that there be an intensive and concentrated work on the resolution of September 30<sup>th</sup> so it would be ready to present in two weeks. It was stated that most of the actual wording of the resolution was okay, if we remove the untrusting vibration. The resolution (published again in last week's news) was read out. Most people seemed to agree with this, although the part about routing the funds through the Financial Service needs more work. Then it was asked if we are going to propose this to the people working at the Matrimandir first.

### **Discussion:**

\*To my mind the Matrimandir is associated with many architects besides Roger, such as Piero and Paolo. (from a young and relatively new member of the MWT)

A lot of protests followed this remark and Roger said "no, Mother is the architect"

The Chairman intervened and said it was perfectly fine for someone to state his perception of things and should not be shouted down for this. Following this someone, who is not living in Auroville but has been associated for a long time, said he had met the Mother and was ready to do or die for her,

and she made it clear that there was only one architect, Roger. Following that there were others but he was the chief architect.

This was followed by a discussion on how to build the Core team, and a proposal to create a workshop to decide on the selection process. It was then proposed to have an RA Meeting on either the 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> and to have the names published in the News before this time.

Two members of the Support Group pointed out that the next step is on an entirely different level. The paper has to be accepted in a different spirit and then the two sides must sit together so it can be communicated to those at the Matrimandir in a way that makes the present vibrations change. We have to reach a space where both parties decide together on the next step.

\* Let's create a study group and everyone can come. People from both sides can volunteer.

\* Let's update the names, start working on the site and report back to RA in two or three weeks. Let's also make the organization of the Matrimandir much lighter. Now they have their own electricity department, water department and financial service, so everything is duplicated. The Matrimandir should make use of existing Auroville Services instead of having its own. Let some volunteers assume responsibilities there and together with the old team choose a new one.

\* Let's have a series of technical coordinators meetings right away, something soft and light so we can prepare for the RA Meeting.

\* One area, which is not being looked into and needs to be, is how does the Matrimandir interact with the city.

\* Although we cannot make a decision without the other party, the process still has to go on, even if the other side chooses to absent itself.

\* Two weeks is not time to look into the lake and garden issue. Let us focus only on the working relationship.

\* If we are serious about seeing how to take the next step together, then the Grace is ours to take that step.

The Chair summed up that we have reaffirmed the resolution taken four weeks ago but in a new spirit without any exclusion. People will meet first on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> to work out an implementation proposal for the Resolution. All members of the MWT will be invited to participate in the process. She suggested that only when this work was done should the RA Meeting be called two weeks from that point. If we want the process to be deep it will take time. We need to create a safe space for them to be able to participate.

It was suggested that the current team would organize a workday to which we all can be invited. When asked, a member of the MWT said this could be arranged.

There was some discussion about when the next RA Meeting should take place and then it was pointed out that we are falling back into a rut of planning a meeting, but what we need at this moment is a formula for bringing us together. It was said that

we need the grace to acknowledge the people who have worked there for so long.

Someone responded that a change was needed and couldn't this be requested without being accused of hatred. The speeches about love were implying that the others hated. Change is needed for the work to be done. That is neither good nor bad. The meeting ended on this vibration, agreement on the need for change, but no agreement on how to go about it. Some people wanted to go fast and others said that for any meaningful change to happen the time must be taken to create a safe space where all could come and find the way forward together. However the majority of those expressing themselves pushed to set a date for the next Residents' Assembly meeting, to which a proposal for a Completion and Core teams would be presented and November 18<sup>th</sup> was agreed upon for the RA Meeting.

### *Summary:*

The majority of those present agreed that:

- There was a consensus expressed on the need for change at Matrimandir at the Residents' Assembly of September 30<sup>th</sup>.

- 95 people said yes, 9 people said no, and 11 abstentions were recorded (according to the taperecording of the meeting) to the proposal on how to form a Completion Team and a Core Team, which was read out on September 30<sup>th</sup>, and appeared in the news of October 5<sup>th</sup>.

- The wording of this proposal is acceptable and can serve as a working paper. It

may be modified later as the process develops.

- This proposal will be implemented in a spirit of inclusiveness and all persons presently working at the Matrimandir will be invited to participate in bringing about the changes.

- Working meetings for all those interested in participating in the discussion of how to implement the Resolution are called for Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 at SAWCHU.

- A Residents Assembly is called for November 18<sup>th</sup> at which various proposals worked out during the next week (including a proposed Core Team), will be presented for approval. The meeting will be at 5:00PM at SAWCHU

There was a significant minority, which included several of the members of the WC and SG, which felt that the process of including everyone takes time and patience and that calling a Residents Assembly on November 18<sup>th</sup> was too early. They said we need the time it takes to create a third field, where the vibration changes and people feel comfortable enough to talk and decide the next move together.



## **Interim Development Council Meeting** 25.10.02 and 29.10.02

Present: Jacque, Jill, Joseba, Peter A., and Stuart  
 Secretary: Sonja (notes), Shweta  
 Guests: Douglas (environmental consultant), Govind,  
 Joster, Lea and Madane  
 Absent: Aurovici, Dharmesh, and Eugen

### Reve II Resident's Contract

As per discussion with the future residents of Rêve II, a written contract has been drafted and given by Govind who will be asked to present it to the IDC where certain details can be clarified with the group. Revision of the document is pending until larger discussion.

### Joster's Building Application

Joster came to discuss his building application for the Travel shop in the Crown area. There is a possibility that the Travel Shop as a project could be harmonized with the Pour Tous II complex, this is pending discussion between Joster and the Pour Tous II project holder (Gilles G.) and architect (Suhasini).

The Crown road, which is the inner most circular road in Auroville, is an important part of the vision of the city and represents the next immediate public space that will develop.

Joster made a presentation on the shopping centers which are walkthroughs in Europe which are very public spaces blending cultural, commercial and social activities harmonizing aesthetic architecture and a boutique type atmosphere. He shared some photos and anybody interested can view them with Sonya at the IDC office in Auroville's Future.

### Land Purchase

One plot of land adjacent to Maitreye has been purchased facilitating access to the area.

### Unity Pavilion

We received a letter requesting to extend the existing plot behind Unity Pavilion. This land needs to be purchased and Peter C.S. from LEM is going to follow this up.

The International Zone Group plans to have a workshop in January including presentations, discussion and sharing on the soul of each nation. The idea of the Unity Pavilion will be one of the major topics of the upcoming AVI meeting to be held in France.

### From the Economy Group

(The following report has been given to our Governing Board members through the Working Committee along with reports and updates from many other working groups during their most recent visit. Those of you who are regular readers of the AVNews and AVNet will recognize that most of the material included here has been taken from articles and reports written by either the Economy Group or FAMC and already published and posted between March to August 2002, with the exception of the section on the Economy Task Group (ETG), which is due to give an update of their proceedings to the community. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please do contact us at [Economy@auroville.org.in](mailto:Economy@auroville.org.in) — with love, from the Economy Group.)

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### **Economy Group Progress Report from March-August 2002**

#### Our Central Fund

We would like to share some important information with you regarding the present position of the Central Fund. It has been noted that although on average the total monthly income to the Central Fund is more than it was a year ago, it is proportionally less for the corresponding time of year, mainly due to fewer guests having come to Auroville. Recently there has also been a decrease in regular contributions from several of the commercial units. In addition, over the last few months, the contribution through the Financial Service (Auroville Maintenance Fund) that represents the interest accrued on pooled deposits from individual Aurovilians as well as those of activities, units and projects, has also decreased because interest rates have gone down. Some of the above-mentioned are due to the effects of global pressures. Nevertheless, as these trends continue, it becomes an increasingly difficult challenge to take care of all the needs that the Central Fund is expected to meet.

It is anticipated that there will be a shortfall of Rs 2-4 lakhs per month for at least the coming four months. This is without having considered any of the requests for increases that generally accompany the reopening of the schools for the new school year every July; without having considered any requests for increases of other budgets under the Central Fund umbrella; and without considering any increases in basic expenses for needs relating to maintaining Aurovilians in a society as complex, and an economy as experimental and multifaceted as those of Auroville.

In one sector, certain services that could become self-supporting are being assisted to do so, with the understanding that this is suitable for only a very specific few. For example, the Auroville Electrical Service has begun the process starting in August by revising its billing policy so that each service call includes both overhead expenses and the costs of materials used. Aside from this, there will be a 2% surcharge on bi-monthly bills for domestic electricity connections over Rs 200/=. A 5% surcharge on the bi-monthly consumption bills for commercial units had been put in place earlier. It is expected that these measures will bring in an average of Rs 5 lakhs per

year, which is roughly equivalent to what the Central Fund has been giving to the Electrical Service as a partial subsidy.

On a wider level, an appeal has gone out asking everyone in Auroville to be aware of the situation in our Central Fund and for each to respond accordingly. For some this may be an exercise in reorganization so as to ensure against any form of wastage of resources - human or other, such as time, energy, materials or money. For others it may be an increased effort to generate funds or a more focused concentration on discovering new sources of income. In some instances there may be a need to take responsibility, perhaps even to take on more responsibility, so that all we have is managed consciously, so that Auroville can grow harmoniously, even through times of difficulty. There are many forms of participation and collaboration that could foster the constant growth of consciousness and the progress to be made that all Aurovilians feel is needed for the development of our economic and social life.

#### **Costs of Education in Auroville**

Financially, education in Auroville is struggling. One major donor has been contributing for the past five years in the hope that recurring expenses such as the maintenance of teachers could be found from other sources of income, including grants and projects. Considering the information of the previous section on the Central Fund, there is no clear indication that the budget for the upcoming school year can be fully met. It has been suggested that as there is a team for raising funds for land, so there could be a team to explore possibilities specifically for finding more support for education and educational research. Parents and other interested people could be approached to initiate and set up such a fundraising body.

Substantial financial support over a period of time will be needed to manifest the dream of an educational society where all forms of research, experimentation and free-progress education are encouraged so as to build up the ideal of the learning society.

#### **Auroville Budget**

At the request of the Finance Committee of the Governing Board an Auroville Budget for the year 2002-2003 has been prepared and submitted. The Budget concerns exclusively the service and research sector of Auroville and is based on an extrapolation from the figures of income and expenditure for the year 2001-2002 based on the known intentions of the various fields of activity.

#### **White Paper**

On the request of the Economy Group, a review of Auroville's economy from 1968 to the present has been undertaken by the Auroville Social Research Centre under the sponsorship of Stitching de Zaaier. In February of this year, a preliminary "White Paper on Auroville's Economy" was presented by Professor Henk Thomas of Netherlands and Mr. Manuel Thomas, a chartered accountant from Chennai who has analyzed some 2000 Auroville balance sheets and formatted them in such away as to make them comparable. The paper concerns itself with the development and present situation of Auroville's commercial sector. The findings and

recommendations presented in the paper are presently being discussed by the FAMC.

#### **Economy Task Group**

The Economy Task Group (ETG), formed by the FAMC, has met almost every week since mid-March 2002. Its regular members are Jean-Yves, Judith, Marc, Naradi, Olivier, Pala, Priya, Shivaya and Ulli. Divya, Don, Gilles G., Joster, Otto, and Shwetaketu have also participated in a number of discussions. Economy Group members are among these.

The Economy Task Group has defined its mission as finding durable solutions to the economic issues of the community in accordance with Auroville's ideals. Along the way, the main difficulties seem to lie in translating these ideals into an economic vision and method. There is also a lack of quantified data from many domains for reference and analysis. Often ETG members have shown very different and strongly held points of view with some divergence in respect to what the priorities would be or what was feasible. No synthesis has been reached so far. Nevertheless, the collaboration continues with much time spent in careful listening.

Among the main issues that have been addressed are the conceptual as well as the practical: the emergence of an economy without circulation of money is a conceptual challenge in a world ruled by money, which needs more research. Several papers detailing different options that move in this direction have already been presented to the Governing Board during their last visit and are under discussion or elaboration in the Economy Task Group.

#### **An Innovative Configuration**

The Economy Group has previously expressed that it wishes to dissolve into something better, another form, with wider participation and a sharper focus on a shared vision. It has also pointed out that it is important to connect with the larger community in other ways as a step towards a de-centralization of the structure of the Central Fund and then to look specifically at where decentralization could occur. The present group has been overburdened with day-to-day concerns, with little time to visualize or experiment. The newly created Economy Task Group, as mentioned above, has not only taken up the exercise of looking afresh at the structure of the Central Fund but more significantly, it has become the forum for stimulating explorations into all aspects of our economy.

Historically, a succession of Economy Groups has been among the main focalizers for a number of seminars and workshops. For these as well as for the ongoing work to be both relevant on the day-to-day level and at the same time, future oriented, there is a need for the direct, active participation of members from other groups such as the ABC, the Board of Education, the Entry Group etc. It has been observed that the energy flows in a more constructive manner when all the many connections are well integrated. Thus, the Economy Group looks forward to the revitalization a new overall organization for Auroville could bring - an innovative configuration of different participants with fresh energy to stimulate creative processes.

## C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER

There will be **no film this Friday** due to intensive work in the Auditorium for about 10 days: Air conditioned and ventilation system will be installed inside...

Next program: **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Andzrej WAJDA's "ASHES AND DIAMONDS"** preceded by a short film by famous dancer Maurice BEJART, on his choreography on the "**BOLERO**" of Maurice RAVEL.

We are also happy to inform the community that the projection room is now equipped with the regular set of 2 (two!) 35mm cine-projectors, just as in any *packka* movie theatre. (Yes, there was no cut during the projection of "SIGNS"... ) We extend our sincere thanks to all those who have helped financially and otherwise for this awaited event, and some others –in advance, since there are still around Rs. 20.000/- to be reimbursed!

Thank you for your support! (PT acc. 0194 – Phone: 622886- aurofilm@...)

With love, **Aurofilm**

## VENDREDI 15 NOVEMBRE

Il n'y aura **pas de film ce vendredi** en raison de travaux intensifs dans l'Auditorium pour environ 10 jours : installation de l'Air conditionné/system de ventilation ...

Prochain programme: **Vendredi 22 "ASHES AND DIAMONDS"** de **Andzrej WAJDA** précédé d'un court métrage réalisé par le célèbre danseur Maurice BEJART, sur sa chorégraphie sur le "**BOLERO**" de Maurice RAVEL.

Nous sommes également heureux d'informer communauté que la cabine de projection est maintenant équipée du set ordinaire de 2 (deux !) projecteurs 35mm, tout comme n'importe quelle *packka* salle de cinéma. (Oui, il n'y a pas eu de coupure pendant la projection de "SIGNES"... ) Nous adressons nos sincères remerciements à tous ceux qui nous ont aidé financièrement ou autrement, et d'autres encore ... par avance, puisqu'il nous reste encore quelques 20.000/- Rs. à rembourser !

Merci donc pour votre soutien (PT acc. 0194 – Tél. : 622886 - aurofilm@...)

Amicalement, **Aurofilm**

## BIKE FOR SALE

New Yamaha RX135, 5 Speed Bike for sale. Black colour with 5 Gears in good condition. Single hand used. Contact Person: Raju Avvehicle service avvehicle@auroville.org.in Tel:623 302.

## Guitar,

Does anyone have a spanish guitar which they would like to sell, lend or give away? Please contact me at agni@auroville.org.in or at Ursula's guest house in Samasti at 622 247.

Thanks,  
Agni

LOOKING FOR THE PERSON WHO BORROWED AURIA'S ATLAS WHILE I WAS AWAY. IT IS A VERY SLIM AND LONG ATLAS IN FRENCH. PLEASE BRING IT BACK AS I NEED IT FOR SOME WORK

THANKS VANI - VIKAS (623008)

## WASSER SYMPOSIUM

Begegnungen mit einem Phaenomen  
GERMAN VIDEO

VISITER CENTER 13.November 20 Uhr

Liebe Videofreunde, ich moechte Euch eine Video dokumentation praesentieren ueber das erste Wasser Symposium vom 15 Juli 2001 in Luzern. Es gibt eine Reihe von exzellenten Vortraegen mit phantastischen Bildern von Wasserkristallen und Wasser-Klang-Bilder! Mit aeusserst faszinierenden Wasser-Klang-Bildern doko-mentiert der Forscher und Philosoph Alexander Lauterwasser an Versuchen mit dem Medium Wasser die Morphogenese, die formschaffende Kraft der Natur. Das Extrakt seiner 10-jaehrigen Forschungsarbeit wird in einmaligen Videosequenzen gezeigt:

unter Toneinwirkung tanzende Wassertropfen, sich komplex bildende Formenmuster in Wasserschalen und hochsensiblen Reaktionen von Wasser auf Musik, vermitteln eindruuecklich die formbildende Eigenschaft von Klangschwingungen und die Formbarkeit des Elementes Wasser. In Part zwei: Das Lebenselement Wasser: subtile physikalische Einfluesse auf sein Verhalten von Joan S. Davis Die Videodokumentation beinhaltet insgesamt acht Beitrage die ich auf vier Abende verteilt habe im jeweiligen Abstand von zwei Wochen

1. Wasser-Klang-Bilder 13, 11, 20 Uhr

Das Lebenselement Wasser circa 70 min.

2. Wasser-Kristall-Bilder und Ihre Botschaft Masaru Emoto Wasser heilen-heiles Wasser-heilendes Wasser. Madeleine Calame

3. Die Gestaltbildung im stroemenden Wasser als Ausdruck feinerer Qualitaeten.

Wolfram Schwenk

Der Wasserzauberer Viktor Schauberg- Pionier der ganzheitlichen Natur- beobachtung. Joerg Schauberg

4. Wasser-Unser Lebensquell und Heilmittel. Andreas Schulz Begegnung mit dem Wasser. Almut Kowalski-Plouda Alle Beitrage von 2-4 sind

etwa 90 minuten. Love Rolf Petite Ferme

### Findhorn and Australia

"Like Confucius of old, I am so absorbed in the wonder of earth..." (P.L. Buck, an American writer, Nobel Price of 1938).

Elicha in New Creation told me : "I have a medical mattress. It is costly, more than two thousands of dollars. But if you lie on it during eight minutes, you will feel yourself like after ten kilometers of walking". I never lay on a two thousand dollars mattress. For me a travel on it was more long, for eight minutes I (in nirvana state) visited Findhorn and Australia.

In Findhorn rough weather prevails now: cold, strong wind, heavy rains. But the people of the community are happy. There will be a jubilee, as on Nov. 17 Findhorn will reach forty. It started six years before Auroville. My hearty congratulations, New Age and Findhorn!

Spring is in Australia now. The sun is smiling softly and gently. Everywhere it is possible to hear the voices of the laughing kingfisher, kookaburra (Dacelo gigas). There are many things on our planet worthy of laughter. All world is a funny theatre of universal comedy. Laugh, kookaburra, Laugh! Elicha has a wonderful flying supermattress, I like it.

Boris

### Dancing Flowers

"But Sri Aurobindo wants us to have the same simple joy as a blossoming rose : be simple, be simple. And when I hear it or see it, it's like rivulet of golden light, like a fragrant garden – all, all, all is open. Be simple."

(The Mother, Sept. 16, '61).

My old cycle is simpler than innumerable motorbikes which create a awful terroristic noise during every Assembly in SAWCHU. The cycles often speaks with me. Once it told : "Look attentively on the parcel in your bag!" I had a parcel from Auroculture to Rita and Njal, the issues of an ecological magazine "Positive News". I looked on the cover of the parcel and saw a drawing stone by Auroculture – a dancing flower. The cycle said to me: "it is her self-portrait". Afterwards I bought an answer from Centre Field to Aspiration with the drawing of two dancing flowers, self-portraits of Rita and Njal. I asked the cycle : "Is Auroville the city of dancing flowers?". It answered : "Yes, in general it is. Yet some Aurovillians are in an evolutionary process now. An ideal Auroville will be a motor-free city of creatures without arrogance, like the "mullu" (torn) – free roses."

Boris.

Dear Friends

This is to inform you that the **Tibetan Doctor will be visiting Auroville on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2002**. For your appointments please call Kalsang @ 623 338 / 622 401 or in the mornings at 622 033

Thank you, Tibetan Pavilion

### INVOKING SRI AUROBINDO

10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – (SUNDAY)

3.00 TO 4.30 PM

AUROMODEL (ASTER'S PLACE)

A FEW WHO HAD THE PREVILEGE OF SRI AUROBINDO'S PHYSICAL DARSHAN WILL PARTICIPATE.

ALL ARE WELCOME.



### PITANGA

A new course of YOGA CLASSES will start from Thursday, 21/11/2002

onwards with Jana (Sukhavati):

Thursday 4.00 - 5.30 pm

Beginners and advanced students alike are welcome!

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Also new are the following activities, both starting Wednesday, 13/11:

SHIATSU by Maria

Wednesday 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Please get your appointment at Pitanga.

QI GONG with Maria  
Chinese way of combined breathing and movement exercises to improve health and balance in life.

Wednesday 4.30 - 6.00 pm

All are welcome!

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"Jyoti Rising - Exploring your gifts"

A free astrology service for Aurovillians, Newcomers, guests and Friends of Auroville, conducted by e-mail, aimed at helping people discover the natural gifts and potential they were born with. If you are interested, fill out a sheet at the reception desk or E-mail your details straight to:

Shwetaketu@auroville.org.in

Pitanga Ph. 622561, mail: pitanga@auroville.org.in

## '24 Hours in Auroville', a photographic invitation to all!

Hello! I am Penny, one of three 3<sup>rd</sup> year degree students from Dartington College of Arts in England: Karen and Kate study Theatre and I study Visual Performance. We are currently staying in Auroville to make arts-based projects as part of our degree course work.

I would like to invite you to become involved in the project I am setting up: '24 hours in Auroville, a photographic Forum'.

In finding out about Auroville, I discovered that, of course, there are many facets and many faces to the community. I realized that whatever artistic response I made here would be my personal response only, any photos I take are 'my eyes' and this would not be representative. Auroville has many voices and many eyes, a kaleidoscope of views guided by a premise of good will. I also discovered that Aurovilians are often unaware of each other's lives, not seeing each other on a daily basis as people live in the forest or different parts of Auroville.

**So, here's the idea: I lend you a camera and you make your response! Let's see your Auroville! Let's see each other's Auroville! You take the camera!**

**If you would like to take part, I have a simple-to-use snap shot camera, and you can have it for 24 hours with a roll of film supplied. You photograph 'your' Auroville, anything that is meaningful to you in your daily life. I develop the film, we look at the pictures and you choose one or two that you think most represent your view. We enlarge the chosen photos to A4 size and make an exhibition of them in Auroville with the photos of the others who wish to participate. Oh – and you get to keep the photos you take as a record of your life now!**

Please call me on 622231 or leave a contact number with Kate or Karen at Atitha Griha guest house, Bharat Nivas, (622445), or email me. Please call as soon as possible as I need to have the photos done by November 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks, I look forward to hearing from you!

Penny [pennyscrapqueen@hotmail.com](mailto:pennyscrapqueen@hotmail.com)

## 'MNUhtpyy; 24 kz p Neuk;' - Gi fggI k; vLf;f mi dtUf;Fk; mi ogG

('24 hours in Auroville', a photographic invitation to all)

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# Connections

CONNECTIONS ↔ CONNECTS  
 ↔ PEOPLE TO WORK ↔ WORK  
 TO PEOPLE

We would like to make a new update of all the work that the units need to have done.

We also would like to make a new update of the community (Aurovilian, Newcomers, Long-term Guests)

who would like to work in the units and communities.

Tell us who you are (seekers) & your needs along with the responsibilities and tasks (providers).

Please send information to

[connections@auroville.org.in](mailto:connections@auroville.org.in) and help us to

connect!

Thank you,

The Connections Team

## AMPHITHEATER

There will not be Savitri and Sunils music on Tuesday 12.11 due to the studygroup on Matrimandir.

On Thursday 14.11 we start at 5.30 with "The Mother" by Sri Aurobindo" read by Mother,  
 Text 2 " In all that is done in the universe.."

" A travers la shakti.."

Text 3 " To walk through life armored against.."

' De traverser la vie a l'abri de tout  
 crainte.."

All are warmly welcome !!

In case of rain at 5 p.m. there won't be any program, but otherwise surely !

Sigrid

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## VIDEO AT THE VISITORS' CENTRE

FRIDAY 8/11 at 6.30PM : VIDEO SHOW FOR CHILDREN " LADY AND THE TRAMP 2 "

SATURDAY 9/11 at 8PM : THE MONSOON WEDDING

FRIDAY 15/11 at 6.30PM : LITTLE MERMAID " RETURN TO THE SEA"

## It's Thanksgiving Time Again

To all Americans and their partners, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving at Juanita's on Thursday 28th November at 6:00pm. It is a potluck as usual. Please let Abbey or Juanita know if you would like to come and what you are going to bring. You can contact Juanita by email or at 622-092, or you can contact Abbey by email or at 622-889. See you there!

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## A Brief report of the selection of the Nominees for the Auroville Council/ Working Committee, November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The responsibility for the selection of the nominees was given to the Resource Group (RG). From the RG a selection team consisting of Don, Paulette and Stuart was appointed to take care of the details. It was decided that each Aurovilian would sign the Master List and then cast a secret ballot. Six choices per ballot were maximum.

The balloting occurred over two days, the first day at Pour Tous and then the second at the Solar Kitchen. The mood was very pleasant.; altogether, 376 Aurovilians participated.

After torrential rains, voting occurred with dry weather, and at times it was even sunny. Some cast their ballot in an atmosphere of joy and shared enthusiasm, others in concentrated silence. On the other hand, several Aurovilians refused to participate, saying that this was not the way things should be done in Auroville. Ah! Human diversity. The attendance of the Tamil Aurovilians was commendable—and that of so many youth, a most welcome surprise. One of them, turning 18 that same day, had come to the Solar Kitchen just to cast his vote. The two copies of the Master List we provided were widely consulted by many. Groups of young and old vividly debated the issue.

However, we were disappointed to receive a complaint that there were identical ballots that had been pre-filled and issued to members of the Matrimandir Workers Team. During the tallying, it was indeed found that there were 21 such ballots. Clarification is being sought.

The tallying did not go smoothly, because of the many computer-related problems. So it took two days for us to finish the job. However, with the kind help of such computer experts as Akash, Anandi, Anton and Klara we finally succeeded. Bhavana and Paul V. also helped us greatly by checking and reading the ballots. By noon Monday, we were able to send our reports to the community. In the end there were 48 nominees. For some of us it was touching to observe about 150 nominations by just a single vote. Doesn't that show the desire by many in the community to take part in the sharing of the collective responsibility?

We heartily thank the members of Pour Tous, the Solar Kitchen and Solar Café for their generous cooperation—and the Working Committee for their funding.

**S A V I T R I B H A V A N****November 2002****EXHIBITION***"Meditations on Savitri"***BOOK SEVEN : THE BOOK OF YOGA**  
*Cantos Five, Six and Seven*Paintings done by Huta under the guidance of  
the Mother**Saturday November 16***The hall will be open for***Meditation with the Mother's  
Chair****7 am - 7 pm****Programmes in Tamil**  
**Saturdays 5.30 – 6.30 pm****November 9 S. Mahalingam****November 23 Talk on *Savitri* by Mr. Balu**  
**India I.A.S.****Nature Video****Thursday November 21, 6.30 – 8.30 pm****David Attenborough's**  
**"THE LIVING PLANET"**  
**Part Two - New Worlds****DOG BITES MESSENGER ONCE AGAIN**

As happened before, on 3/11 one of the Auroville messengers was bitten by a dog of an AV community to which he was delivering mail. He had to be treated in AVHealth Centre. Three Rabies shots have been administered to the messenger and the concerned residents will bear the cost.

Please see to it that you have your dogs under control, or tied up, as this situation becomes untenable and we don't want to see our messengers go. They do a very good job. Perhaps a mail box at the gate would do the trick.

AVNews Editor

**To the residents:**

Auroville is regretfully having to cut some trees to allow for an electrical connection to the new plotting development opposite Pitchandikulam bridge.

Therefore, the Pitchandikulam team will be cutting, this Wednesday morning, quite a number of trees on the road side from above Acceptance to Pitchandikulam bridge. We have been given 24 hours to do it.

Please, bear with us -

**REGULAR COURSES**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>morning</b>	<b>10.30 – 12.00</b>	<b><i>Savitri</i> Study Circle</b>
	<b>evening</b>	<b>5.00 – 6.30</b>	<b><i>The Human Cycle</i>, led by Kittu Reddy</b> <i>(except November 10 and 24)</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>evening</b>	<b>5.30 – 6.30</b>	<b>Cultivating Concentration, led by Jai Singh</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>evening</b>	<b>4.30 – 5.15</b>	<b><i>Entretiens</i> - The Mother's Playground talks, 1956</b>
		<b>5.30 – 6.30</b>	<b><i>The Synthesis of Yoga</i>, led by Shraddhavan</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>evening</b>	<b>4.00 – 5.00</b>	<b>The English of <i>Savitri</i>, led by Shraddhavan</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>evening</b>	<b>5.30 – 6.30</b>	<b>Cultivating Concentration, led by Jai Singh</b>

**Please note the changes :**

*From November 1<sup>st</sup> the classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be held half an hour earlier.*  
*Dr. Ananda Reddy's classes on The Life Divine suspended Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>*

**Exhibition, Office and Reading Room open Monday – Saturday 9 – 12, 2 – 5**  
**Everyone is welcome**

**MESSAGE FROM AVVEHICLE SERVICE.**

Dear Aurovillians..

**1/ General information about transfer of driving licence:**

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

**2/ About renewal of LLR-form 3:**

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

**3/ About your Indian Driving Licence:**

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

**4/ calling for new candidates:**

We have finished our driving test successfully. Now we are looking forward for new candidates. You will get your licence within forty days. Who doesn't have the licence come and apply. We need photo copy of your residential permit, passport and 8 photos. (We have a polarid camera in our office for the photo) for Indians proof of residence, proof of birth.

**5/ Purchase of new bike in Tamilnadu**

We ask all the aurovillians and newcomers and long term Quests to purchase the vehicles in tamilnadu state, but not in Pondicherry state. Due to Auroville is a part of Tamilnadu. We are doing the service of purchasing the bike from Tindivanam instead of you. Door delivery.

For more details contact us as soon as possible  
Thanking You...

Ashok and Raju  
[ph;623 302]  
e-mail—avvehicle@auroville.org.in  
**Bike for sale**

Brand new  
Kinetic nova, grey colour two months old.

For Rs.37000/=

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Contact Ashok or raju.  
At av vehicle service Ph: 623 302.

**PONDY TRIPS ON DARSHAN DAYS**

NOVEMBER 17 IS MOTHER'S  
MAHASAMADHI DAY, AND THE 24SRI  
AUROBINDO'S SIDDHI DAY. Their rooms will  
be open for darshan. Therefore Sunday 17 and 24  
the Av van will leave via the usual route at 9 a.m.  
and return from Pondy at 1 p.m.

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**Dear Friends,**

The day after the big rain I drove from Aurogreen to Aspiration and on the path lay a clean, white plastic bag, with a long feather sticking out. I thought that a kid may have lost something valuable and I should look what it is. When I picked up the plastic bag and opened it, there was a beautiful big dead bird in it. It was still warm ! When I held it in my hand, I had a distinctive feeling that it was killed for food. I felt very sorry and thought I should make this public, so that you can watch out if you see any suspicious activities like people or kids trying to kill birds. This one may have been hit with a sling-shot. We should try to make them understand how valuable our wild life is. Thank you for caring !

with Love,  
Tine



**Stonus Erectus**

Druidic rite of geomantric celebration,  
by way of initiating the forthcoming  
FAIR SHARE.

This will be an all day affair in the  
Peaceful City Youth  
Centre, beginning at 9am and continuing  
into the available night with  
mystic fire. It will entail the enscribing  
and  
emplacement of a perfect ring of standing  
stones. Ritual ragi dosais will  
be available to augment the copious  
quantities of caffeine. Children and  
music particularly welcome.  
Saturday 16 November. 9am. Youth  
Centre.

Lakshman and Marie-Alexia are very  
happy to announce the birth of their  
beautiful baby girl-Anthea (Goddess of  
flowers in Greek) Born on the 22nd  
November.  
With Love.

**Konsulatssprechtage**

Der Sprechtag mit dem Deutschen Vize-Konsul,  
Herr Scheibe, findet am Mittwoch, dem 13.  
November in Afsanah's Guest House in Kottakarai  
statt. Dieses Jahr werden wir Termine vergeben.  
In den naechsten Tagen werden wir alle, die sich  
schon bei uns gemeldet haben anrufen und einen  
Termin ausmachen. Wer noch einen Termin  
moechte sollte sich sobald wie moeglich bei uns  
melden.

dotty@auroville.org.in, oder Gecko! 622526  
Love, Dotty & Stephan

**Office space at Aurelec for rent**

Office Room (43.14 sqm.), well located and  
recently furbished is available for rent inside  
Aurelec premises. Interested people may contact  
Mr. Siva at Aurelec in person, or by phone 622 293/  
294 or e-mail adps@auroville.org.in

**For Sale:**

Video Cassette Player - Hitachi make in very good  
condition 10 months old for Rs.4,200 with  
catalogue and remote at the Pour Tous Shopping  
Service. Purchased rate Rs.5,200  
Rajeev

*Dear friends,*

*We are very grateful to all of you Arjun, John,  
Matrimandir workers, Selvaraj, Shraddhavan,  
Jyotiprem, Dr. Kieran, Dr. Yogi and all other  
friends, who supported our father, Dharuman,  
at this critical moment. Dharuman is suffering  
from head in- injuries after a recent traffic  
accident.*

*Your prayers and well wishes gave to our  
father and our family the strength and  
assurance that we all are under her  
protection.*

*He has been admitted in the PIMS at  
kanakachettykulam.*

*In gratitude,*

*Murugan, Tamilselvi, Vadivel and Valli.*

**FOR OUR GUESTS AND FUTURE  
NEWCOMERS**

Regular guests introduction weeks will start this  
month and will go on till end of March, every  
second week., starting always at Center guest  
house on Monday at 9 o'clock.

Monday 18th of November

Monday 2d of December

Monday 16th of December

Monday 30th of December

Monday 13th of January

Monday 27th of January

Monday 10th of February

Monday 24th of February

Monday 10th of March

Monday 24th of March

For more information on the programmes, please  
contact 623019 or ambre@auroville.org.in  
Ambre, Renate.

**URGENT FOR SALE**

**WASHING MACHINE** IFB Senator 17 months  
old, still on warranty, Good condition. New 24000 rp  
selling for 16000 rp.

**BIKE YAMAHA YD 125** 16 months old, 4700  
km. Good condition. New 42000 rp selling for  
32000 rp.

Contact : mauricette@auroville.org.in or phone  
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