

# Auroville News

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*The best lack all conviction, while the worst  
Are full of passionate intensity.* Yeats

**The A.V Council calls for a GENERAL MEETING**

There will be a General Meeting on Wednesday December 4th, at 5pm at SAWCHU to continue the dialogue regarding Matrimandir among all parties involved.

# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

## ORDER OUT OF CHAOS

I have been asked if we are doing a collective yoga and what the conditions for the collective yoga are.

I might tell you first of all that to do a collective yoga we must be a collectivity [!] and then speak to you about the different conditions required for being a collectivity. But last night (*smiling*) I had a symbolic vision of our collectivity. [...]

It was somewhat like this: somewhere in the center of this huge building, a room was reserved – in the story, as it seemed, it was reserved for a mother and her daughter. The mother was a very old lady, a self-important matron with much authority and her own views on the whole organization. The daughter had a sort of power of movement and activity which made it possible for her to be everywhere at once even while remaining in that room which was... well, a little more than a room; it was a sort of apartment, and its main feature was to be right in the center. But she was in constant argument with her mother. The mother wanted to keep things as they were with the rhythm they had, that is, with precisely that habit of demolishing one thing to build another out of it, and then again demolishing another to rebuild another one – which gave the building an appearance of frightful confusion. And the daughter didn't like that and had another plan. She wanted above all to bring something quite new into this organization, a sort of super-organisation which would make all this confusion unnecessary. Finally, as it was impossible to come to an understanding, she had left the room to go on a sort of round of inspection... She went her round, saw everything, then she wanted to go back to her own room – for it was her room as well – to take some decisive action. And it was then that something rather peculiar began to happen. She remembered quite well where her room was, but each time she set out to go there by one route either the stairs disappeared or things were so changed that she could no longer recognize her way! And so she went here and there, climbed up and down, searched, went in and out... impossible to find the way back to her room! As all this was taking a physical appearance, which was, as I said, very familiar and very ordinary, as always in these symbolic visions, somewhere there was – how to put it? – the administration of this hotel, and a woman who was a kind of manager, who had all the keys and knew where everybody was staying. So the daughter went to this person and asked, "Can you show me the way to my room?" – "Oh, yes, certainly, it is very easy." All the people around looked at her as though saying, "How can you say that?" But she got up and, with authority, asked for a key, the key of the room, and said, "I'll take you there." Then she took all sorts of routes, but all so complicated, so bizarre ! And the daughter followed her very attentively so as not to lose sight of her. And just at the moment when obviously they should have reached the place where this so-called room was, suddenly the manager – we shall call her the manager – the manager with her key.... disappeared! And this feeling of disappearance was so acute that.... everything disappeared at the same time,

If... To help you to understand this riddle, I could tell you that the mother is physical Nature as it is and the daughter is the new creation. The manager is the mental consciousness, organizer of the world as Nature has made it until now, that is, the highest sense of organization manifested in material Nature as it is now. This is the key to the vision. Naturally, when I woke up I knew immediately what could solve this problem which had seemed absolutely insoluble. The disappearance of the manager and her key was a clear indication that she was quite incapable of leading to its true place what could be called the creative consciousness of the new world.

I knew it but I didn't have the vision of the solution, which means that this is something which is yet to be manifested; this was not yet manifested in that building – that fantastic structure – and this is precisely the mode of consciousness which would transform this incoherent creation into

something real, truly conceived, willed, executed, with a center which is in its true place, a recognized place, with a *real* effective power.

(Silence)

It is quite clear in its symbolism, in the sense that all possibilities are there, all activities are there, but in disorder and confusion. They are neither coordinated nor centralized nor unified around the single central truth and consciousness and will. And we come back, then, to... precisely this question of a collective yoga and a collectivity which will be able to realize it.

[...] Sri Aurobindo tells us that a true community – what he calls a gnostic or supramental community – can exist only on the basis of the inner realisation of each of its members, each one realising his real, concrete unity and identity with all the other members of the community, that is, each one should feel not like just one member united in some way with all the others, but all as one, within himself. For each one the others must be himself as much as his own body, and not mentally and artificially, but by a fact of consciousness, by an inner realization.

(Silence)

That means that before hoping to realize this gnostic collectivity, each one should first become – or at least begin to become – a gnostic being. This is obvious; the individual work should go on ahead and the collective work should follow; but it so happens that spontaneously, without any arbitrary intervention of the will, the individual progress is controlled, so to speak, or held back by the collective state. Between the individual and the collectivity there is an interdependence from which one can't totally free oneself, granting that one tries. And even a person who tried in his yoga to liberate himself totally from the terrestrial and human state of consciousness, would be tied down, in his subconscious at least, to the state of the mass, which acts as a brake and actually *pulls* backwards. One can try to go much faster, try to drop all the weight of attachments and responsibilities, but despite everything, the realization, even of one who is at the very summit and is the very first in the evolutionary march, is dependent on the realization of the whole, dependent on the state of the terrestrial collectivity. And that indeed *pulls* one back, to such an extent that at times one must wait for centuries for the Earth to be ready, in order to be able to realize what is to be realized.

And that is why Sri Aurobindo also says, somewhere else, that a double movement is necessary, and that the effort for individual progress and realization should be combined with an effort to try to uplift the whole mass and enable it to make the progress that's indispensable for the greater progress of the individual: a mass-progress, it could be called, which would allow the individual to take one more step forward.

And now, I shall tell you that this is why I thought it would be useful to have some group meditations, in order to work on the creation of a common atmosphere that's a little more organized than... my big hotel last night!

So, the best use one can make of these meditations [...] is to go within, into the depths of one's being, as far as one can go, and find the place where one can feel, perceive and perhaps even create an atmosphere of unity in which a force for order and organization will be able to put each element in its place and make a new coordinated world arise out of the present chaos. That's all.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 3 JULY 1957** **MOTHER**

[French original follows next week]

**SUMMARY REPORT OF RESIDENTS ASSEMBLY ON CORE AND COMPLETION TEAMS - NOVEMBER 18, 2002** (full report will be on the AV Net and hard copies will be available from the AV Council)

**Present:** About 140 people

**Chairpersons:** Joy and Stuart

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

Since the meeting of October 28<sup>th</sup> a study group has been further developing the Proposal for Core and Completion Teams, which includes the names of those volunteering to take up the work. (This Proposal appeared in the News of November 16.) The proposal was read out and then Ashatit, the spokesperson for the study group explained that it was not exclusive. There would be space for everyone, including the architect, those presently working at Matrimandir, those who want to work there, and the community. No one would be expected to give up his job but to expand and let others come in to share the work. When asked why no one's name from the Matrimandir Workers' Team appeared on the proposal, he said it was because no one had volunteered, but as soon as they did, their names would be added.

A member of MWT read out a short statement saying that the Team welcomed all attempts at collaboration and agreement but refused to accept an effort to replace it with another team as this was contrary to Mother's advice on finding agreement. (see statement in the Supplement.)

Ulli presented a complementary proposal, which had been discussed and seen positively by the AV Council. (see first draft of this proposal elsewhere in the news) As this was a new proposal, which had not been published, it could not be approved but it could help people to see a context in which the Core and Completion Teams could function. This proposal included another team which would sort out all contentious issues. Its composition would have to be discussed but one idea was to have four people who support the opposite camps and three unbiased persons, known for their ability to bring harmony. Another idea was that all the seven members would be persons who had the trust of all parties and the wider community. Nothing would be passed by this group unless at least five members or possibly six agreed.

In the discussion which followed, several people asked how the proposal for the Core and Completion Teams could be implemented given the stand of the MWT. It

was also suggested that the volunteers join the existing team, rather than ask the existing team to join the volunteers. Then it was said "but we want to work with the MWT and not under them" and "only a new structure will allow a new way of working to emerge".

Serge read out a letter to the GB where he explained that when Kireet Joshi said to follow Roger, he did not say or imply that this meant that some people would be excluded. (see this letter in the Supplement)

At 6:30 the Chairperson asked for a show of hands indicating who agreed and who disagreed with the proposal. This was prevented by people shouting "no vote, no vote". Silence was called for and it took some time to get back to an atmosphere where people could talk.

Then other people insisted that the show of hands be allowed, as it was an indication of how people felt and one group did not have the right to impose "no hands" on a group who wanted to see a show of hands. The Chairperson took the decision to proceed with the counting of hands.

At this point there was general pandemonium. 71 people said yes to the proposal, 15 said no and 18 abstentions were recorded. Many people did not register their abstentions because they did not agree with the way things were going. The meeting ended in some confusion with several voices calling for a General Meeting for dialogue among all parties, including those who presently hold key positions, but nothing was actually agreed to by the meeting.

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The AV Council meeting which approved these notes agreed that no consensus had been reached at the RA of October 18<sup>th</sup>.

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#### **First Draft of a Proposal to form a Trustees of Matrimandir Team (Presented to the RA on November 18<sup>th</sup> by Ulli, after positive response from the AV Council):**

The proposal for establishing a Core/Completion team ends with the following note:

#### **Visitors, Access & Activities, Gardens, Lake, Perimeter, Interface with the City -**

It is proposed to create a separate team to facilitate the decision-making process for those areas that need wide community and expertise inputs. Its job will be to bring the community to agreement on the above topics. It will collect all the information available on each issue and work with the

Resource Group and the Architect in a spirit of collaboration to develop proposals to present to the Resident Assembly for approval. Study groups on the various areas of the work can be constituted, to allow interested people to participate. It could be composed of representatives from the following areas: Working Committee, Auroville Council, Development Group, Planning Group, Completion Team.

In the beginning of the proposal it is stated:  
The Core Team and Coordinators Group will function together for all decision-making regarding the work to complete the Matrimandir structure.

Reading these two sections together, one has to conclude that decisions regarding the completion of the structure do not concern the community and that the core team & coordinators group by virtue of the mandate given to them by an RA approval of above proposal has the authority to take those decisions solely based on input and in consultation with the architect.

This unfortunately ignores substantial disagreements in a large section of the community with a number of issues such as the use of sculptures and symbols inside the structure, security provisions or rather the lack thereof and lastly the shape and size of the entrance to the second level.

The very fact, that the present proposal does not provide for any meaningful mechanism to address those disagreements, will eventually result in its failure.

Therefore in order to address this and other areas of disagreement as detailed in the first paragraph the following proposal is submitted:

A group consisting of seven people is formed. The mandate of this group is to facilitate agreements regarding all issues related to Matrimandir, including structure, garden, lake and area between lake and city.

The group will consist of

- a) two community members, who identify fully with Rogers' vision regarding the completion of Matrimandir.
- b) two community members, who identify fully with the Peace area proposal, as submitted by Paolo and the MM team
- c) three community members, who are not attached to either of the two visions.

(Alternatively one may consider to select seven members based on their qualities in working out conflicts and harmonizing different viewpoints instead of a partisan representation as outlined above. A third option would be along lines of workgroup representation, as is done for the FAMC)

Selection process:

Individuals are invited to step forward stating clearly in which of the above detailed functions (positions) they wish to serve

the community. These statements are to be given in writing to the AV Council.

The council in turn will invite the community to a general meeting, where the community can ask further questions to those, who have volunteered for the work. The community or council also may directly invite individuals to volunteer for the task.

Members of the erstwhile Design Study Group may also be considered.

Conditions for being on this team:

Accepting to dialogue with Roger as well as with Paolo.

A willingness to seek agreements.

Commitment to follow an agreed upon process.

Willingness to dedicate substantial amounts of time to deeply study the areas of disagreement.

Mandate:

The team's main task would be to build agreements in disputed areas. This would have to be done via dialogue, seminars, advice of experts and community feedback. The team would have the authority to approve projects and plan expenditure. Decisions require a 5 (or 6??) out-of-7 vote, in case no consensus can be found. Voting by mail for TOS members is acceptable. In case no agreement can be reached even after voting, the matter will be submitted to the community for review. This will follow along the lines of the Experiment (TORA)

The team has a mandate for three years.

The community can dismiss the team before completion of their term through a clearly defined process.

Members who resign can only be replaced by following the same process as the one, which created the team originally.

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## Announcement from IDC

**On 27th Wednesday, 3pm at SAWCHU**

**Open discussion with members of IDC, LEM, Green Group and anybody interested in the topic:**

**'Lands next to access roads, particularly in Green Belt**

**Suggestions on new policies, innovative approach and any other good ideas for the future'**

**All concerned people are warmly invited to participate.**

## CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM - 7.30PM (Film show 7.45PM)

### NO FILM ON FRIDAY 22 NOV.

The film program "ASHES AND DIAMONDS" by A. Wajda (with short film on BOLERO by dancer M. Bejart)

announced in the AVnews for Friday 22 November is postponed to MONDAY 25 November.

Sorry for the inconvenience...

Aurofilm

### VISITORS'CENTRE EVENING VIDEO PROGRAM

JEUDI LE 28 NOVEMBRE A 20 HEURES:

"ANDRE LE MAGNIFIQUE"

Un film d'Emmanuel Silvestre, France 1998, 84 minutes.

FRIDAY THE 29TH AT 6.30 PM:

CARTOON FOR CHILDREN, 1.30h

" SPIRIT: STALLION OF THE CIMARRON"

SATURDAY THE 30TH AT 8PM TO BE ANNOUNCED FOR GERMAN VIDEO PROGRAMS PLEASE SEE ELSEWHERE IN THE NEWS

**Re:'24 hours in Auroville,**  
a photographic invitation'

Thank you all for overwhelming support on the project. Entry is now closed, participants have taken all the pictures and we are collating them for exhibition.

The exhibition will feature different views of daily life in Auroville. It will be at Pour Tous, Financial services, New Creation Corner and possibly Solar Kitchen from Monday 25th of November for three weeks. We hope you enjoy it!

## AMPHITHEATER

On Tuesday 26.11. 2002 at 5.30 p.m. there will be "Savitri" read by Mother accompanied by Sunil's music:

Book 2 The Book of the traveller of the World  
Canto VII The descent into night

On Thursday 28.11.2002 5.30 p.m.

"The Mother" by Sri Aurobindo read by Mother  
text 5

" If you want to be a true doer of divine works.."

" Si vous voulez etre un vrai travailleur de l'oeuvre divine.."

All are welcome ! Sigrid

## NEWS FROM POUR TOUS

### HELP WANTED

We are looking for an Aurovilian or Newcomer to take care of the Auroville products in the afternoons (min. 4 times). This includes stocktaking, filling the shelves, ordering and selling bakeryitems. A high level of personal hygiene and good command of english language is necessary. Please inform Gudula or Liane in the mornings. Ph. 2622842.

### GOOD BYE

We regret that Kalsang, Krishnaprem and Nevi have left our team for personal reasons. Thanks to all of them for their dedicated work.

### HERBERT'S VARAGU BISCUITS

As a contribution to environment Herbert is willing to sell his biscuits from now on only from the jar at the bakery corner. Please come and get them in paperbags or bring your own container to avoid plastic.

### NEW PRODUCTS FROM AUROVILLE

- Argo: Diary 2003
- Arka: Ikebanapostcards (near veget. counter)  
all proceeds go to the Arka housing project for elder Aurovilians
- Auroline: Aurovillecalendar 2003
- Ganeshbakery: Kambuvaragubiscuits (no sugar) in bakery corner
- Naturellement: Crunchy and sweet'n crunchy peanutbutter
- Royal: Meringuebiscuits, Sauce bolognaise and Champignons a la Grecque (fridge), Lemonfashioncake in bakerycorner
- Siddhartha Forest: Gingerbreadspread
- Simplicity Farm: Neemleavepowder in vegetarian capsules (no gelatine)
- Spiru: Spirulinahoney

### NEW SERVICE

You can give your regular breadorder to the bakerycorner (except for big orders) and collect it from there. We can also put bread in the baskets. Please contact Gudula or Liane in the mornings. Ph. 2622842.

With love, your Pour Tous team.

**White fluffy Pomerian dog was lost around the 18th-19th in the Kottakarai area.** Answers to the name PEPE. The dog has a pink nose and has/d a black collar somewhere in that fluff. Most pomerians have a black nose. Please Contact Yashan and Bettina @ 2622950. Thank you!

## Auroville Master Plan: Community Interaction

**28<sup>th</sup> November, 3:00 PM**

**at Centre For Urban Research, (Town Hall Annex: near Matrimandir)**

As known to you all, Auroville has a Master Plan (Perspective: 2000-2025) which was prepared in 2000 with community participation process and assistance from Town & Country Planning Organisation, Delhi. This plan was approved by the RA, Governing Board and later by our nodal ministry – Ministry of Human Resource Development along with the technical approval given by the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation.

The 'Perspective Master Plan', by its very nature and definition deals essentially with broad guidelines and directional aspects of development while establishing and highlighting some fundamental and core planning principals. All of it is explained in the Master Plan Document. This Perspective Master Plan is to be followed and strengthened by a 'Detailed Development Plan' which explores & assimilates all the associated subjects and issues in order to bring out the next 5 year Implementable Development Plan and from there will flow the Annual plans. Needless to mention that with the growing population & the upcoming projects (CIRHU & others), the need of a detailed, well studied and researched options is essential.

It is in this context that since almost one & half years, and thanks to the financial support by the European Community in the frame of the Asia-Urbs programme, the detailing of the Master Plan has been underway. The Planning team has been working on it with consultation and inputs from various related AV working groups and individuals and with experts' input on areas like Water & Energy to name a few.

We are now ready with better and accurate existing situation analysis as we have complete topographical survey of the city area and also obtained the related data. We feel ready to share the base work done so far with the residents of Auroville and invite their comments and suggestions on it. We propose to start with the 'Overview of the Detailed Development Plan' on 28<sup>th</sup> November where we give a complete orientation of the objectives, process, outcomes and challenges of the work. After this initial interaction, we propose to continue two such interaction & feedback sessions per month till February 2003 on Water & Energy (December), Mobility & Solid Waste (January) & Urban Environment (Feb).

There would also be parallel workshops taking place under Asia Urbs on Water, Town Planning & Mobility (Transportation) for the invited participants (municipal officials and city managers) from the south Indian cities. One such highly informative and interactive workshop on "Rational Energy Use & Urban Level" has already taken place on 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October at Centre for Urban Research. Related AV Groups and interested persons would be informed and invited at appropriate time to attend these workshops.

We invite all of you to attend these sessions and participate in shaping our common future. In order to provide you better background information on the Master Plan and related topics, a link has been created on AV NET where the relevant documents available so far can be accessed. It would be very good for our meaningful interaction if people read the Master Plan in full before these interactions.

Looking forward to your inputs.

The Planning Team & Development Council

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Nous avons trouvé sur une route d'Auroville from TITANIC factory 1 chemisier blanche et un tee-shirt bleu, dans le même paquet. S.v.p., de venir le récupérer à Auromodel chez GangaLakshmi, Tel. 2 623 041.

We found on one of Auroville's roads in one package one white blouse from TITANIC factory and one blue tee-shirt. Please recover it from GangaLakshmi at Auromodel, Tel. 2 623 041.

With Love,

GangaLakshmi.

**Findhorn and Australia**

"Like Confucius of old, I am so absorbed in the wonder of earth...."(P.L. Buck, a American writer, Nobel prize 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 people of the community are happy. There will be a jubilee, as on Nov. 17 Findhorn will reach forthy. 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 kingfishers, 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

**Found a casio quartz watch in Vikas garden.**

For information ask Kaapi in The Health Center monday to friday 9.00 to 12.00 o'clock.

Thank you Kaapi.

**For Sale:**

A plane teak wood Cot is for sale.

Length : 150 cm

Breadth : 260 cm nd

Thickness : 7 cm.

For further details contact: Santha  
2622749.

**PONDY TRIPS ON DARSHAN DAYS**

NOVEMBER 24 is SRI AUROBINDO'S SIDDHI DAY: KRISHNA'S DESCENT IN THE PHYSICAL.

SRI AUROBINDO'S room will be open for darshan. No tokens are needed.

On Sunday 24 the Av van will leave via the usual route at 9 a.m. and return from Pondy at 1 p.m.

**GERMAN VIDEO VISITOR'S CENTRE**

Mittwoch, 27.11., 20.00h

WASSERSYMPOSIUM

**1. Masuru Emoto**

Wasserkristallbilder und ihre Botschaft

Der Wasserforscher aus Tokio hat ein Verfahren entwickelt, gefrorene Wasserkristalle zu fotografieren. Sie demonstrieren, dass Wasser ein Gedächtnis haben muss. 42 min.

**2. Madelaine Calame**

Wasser heilen - heiles Wasser - heilendes Wasser

Referat der Aerztin und Naturheilerin, die aus ihrer reichen Praxis berichtet. Ueber gesundheitliche Bedeutung von Wasser, Ergebnisse klinischer Forschungen, Schwingungsbilder, Bilder mittels Kupferchlorid-Wasserkristallisationsverfahren. 48 min.

**NADA - BRAHMA****A full-day workshop with  
SHRUTI**

**Wednesday, December 4**

Shruti is a musician, a musicologist, an educationist, a teacher trainer, an exponent of Upanishads and Vedas, and a researcher in the Vedic and other ancient sciences of sound (Nada, Mantra). Many of you will have heard her wonderful voice in the concerts she has given at SAWCHU last winter and spring. In this introductory workshop she shares her knowledge of Nada science with us, and teaches us some of the sounds and techniques which can be used for self-purification, self-healing, and self-empowerment.

**Timings 9.30 – 12.30, 2.00 – 5.30**

**For more details and registration  
Please phone 2622-922, 9 - 12 am,  
Mon. – Sat.**



### Culture of Nature

"... the green, swaying, hypocritical mantis with their mad eyes and chinless faces, moving on slender, prickly legs like green vampires" (Gerald Durrell. The Garden of the Gods. Printed in Great Britain, 1989, page 145).

In Aspiration a curious-looking praying mantis (*Gongylus gongiloides*) appeared at dinner time. It is found among grasses of South India and has a sticky like body with leaf like expansions on the legs. In Auroville this wonderful insect isn't common. I have lived here for ten years and met the species for the first time. The extraordinary creature was a good model for Adil's photos.

Usually a praying mantis moves very slowly, but that evening it was excited. I asked it, "what happened?" The mantis answered, "All nature of Auroville is angry". – "But why?"

It explained : "Auroville News published a discussion about cultural life of the city. A few unsatisfied people want commercial art in Auroville like in New York. But the Roman Empire fell because its citizens liked the costly shows (with gladiators, lions, tigers). Let a pseudo culture of the "stone jungle" stay in its noisy poisonous cities. The garden of Gods has its own art. Every flower is a masterpiece of beauty, every animal creates harmony and perfection like a divine professional actor or singer. Please, no commercial culture in the city of future"

Boris

**Marie Alexia and Lakshman** are very happy to announce to you again the birth of our beautiful baby girl Anthea (Goddess of flowers in Greek). Born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

With Love.

### IS THIS YOUR CUP OF TEA?

It is, if you like or want to find out about herb-teas ! This is the time for Basil. "BASILIKUS", the king of herbs will give you his treasures especially valued in the rainy season. A sattwic herb, it will help you clean your head, nose and throat and fill you with warmth. To be more effective let it steep covered for 10mins (as a rule : for 1 cup you take as much as you can hold easily between 2 fingers). It goes very well together with honey. The reason why it is packed into a glass is that it will be protected from getting moldy. You will find it in the "Herbsection" in Pour Tous.

P.S. You can also visit me in Fraternity and I shall make a cup for you ! Kaya

### New Conference Line

Around one year ago we introduced the conference facility to our PCO (Public Call Office) at the New Creation Corner Restaurant under **262-2509**.

It allows us to relay incoming local phone calls to foreign destination numbers, which makes it possible to place international phone calls from home and have them charged to one's PT account.

This facility became so popular that more and more frequently callers encountered the busy signal. In response to this increase in demand, we now established a second conference line:

**262-3617**

This new line was primarily conceived to facilitate **Internet phone calls** but also offers the option of using the regular ISD lines. This particularly in view of the fact that the present Internet capacities do support the required stability for the voice transmission at all times. We hope to see this improved within the near future when our Internet provider (VSNL) has completed its expansion program.

Ulrich For the Telephone Service

### SOMEBODY NEEDS URGENT HELP!!

A 37 years old deserted woman needs work.

Uma Bhattacharjee has worked for 23 years in Auroville. Ten years in Aurobrindaban, making Agarbattis and 13 years in Isaiyambalam-school as kitchen supervisor. She has been a very good worker. Today she has no work and her husband, Janardanan Pillai, has deserted her along with two young daughters to take care. Could somebody get her a job???? She will be very grateful.

Contact AVAG office @ 2678872, Anbu.

Thank You

### The Auroville Handbook

#### TIME'S RUNNING OUT!

If you are one of the people whose unit or service featured in the last Auroville Handbook 4 years ago, but you haven't been contacted for an update yet, don't wait: PLEASE SEND ONE IMMEDIATELY. Equally, please advise us if the previous entry is no longer valid and can be deleted. Also if you simply feel you have something worth including in the Handbook which wasn't there before..

If you already received a text for checking, or a request for information, but haven't yet acted, PLEASE DO SO IMMEDIATELY. If you need the text sent to you by e-mail for your response we can do so - just e-mail your request to [timwrey@auroville.org.in](mailto:timwrey@auroville.org.in)

Thanks, meanwhile, to all of you who have already done as requested!

With warm regards - the AV Handbook Team

**IF YOU WANT TO KEEP RECEIVING AVNEWS FOR FREE..**

Undoubtedly we're all aware of the general tightening of the world economy which is, of course, also felt in Auroville. The Central Fund does what it can. Presently, the AVNews is in dire straits. While the weekly newsletter, with its supplement, is getting larger and larger for obvious reasons (new organisation models, deliberations re AV's decision making on some very important topics, translations of the most pressing issues etc etc), the News' monthly budget remains the same and we have now come to the point where the accumulated debt is too large, and something has to budge.

THEREFORE, please consider the following:

- o **AV News is able to do some of your printing jobs. Please bring simple printing jobs (such as notepads, vouchers, small posters, leaflets etc etc) to the News-team so that a more substantial income can be generated. Prices are relatively cheap, and the job is done swiftly. Ritam will be available each Thursday morning from 10am till 12:00am to receive your order, and do the layout with you. Items will be printed on the following Monday/Tuesday.**
- o Please, be concise in your reporting, deliberations, preaching or whatever you wish to share via the News. Lengthy 'luxury' articles will have to be billed.
- o Only summaries of General Meetings and Residents Assemblies will be given henceforth. Those who wish to read the detailed minutes of these meetings can pick them up from the AV Council or read them on the AV Net.
- o If you will be out of station for some time, please DO inform the messengers so that they withhold your News during your absence.
- o If you're reading the News items on the AVNet where they are straightaway placed as and when they arrive during the week, you may consider canceling your hardcopy.

Other suggestions are more than welcome. Please, collaborate!

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**This year's Fair Deal will be held at the Peaceful City Youth Centre on Saturday 21st.December.**

There will be workshops on every Friday until then, and for the whole week preceding.

We will need people to take charge of

- 1.the new electric Bonger Spronger
- 2.the antarctic Dunker Shern
- 3.the hand-made Hoop-La
- 4.the Flying Fox
- 5.the Bandishoot
- 6.the cake contest
- 7.the Wheel of Fortune
- 8.the Jolly-Go-Round
- 9.the Gyropod

If all goes well, there will additionally be this year Himal's latest Spider Rider and his Walk-o-Meter. There will be a Secret Enchanted Garden for small children. We need applications for one-off on-stage performances (capoeira, bushbands, yoga feats, break, belly & folk dance, R&R, hip-hop), an all afternoon DJ; special attraction in association with the antarctic Dunker Shern will be the Sauna-or-Later tent. The newly erectus Stonus is perfect peripheral space for 9 possible market stalls. There will be a stock market where fair shares may be bought or sold depending on their current value at that particular time of the day, starting price Rs.2, and there will be many investment possibilities, for instance in contested cake stock.

Our agents will be circulating in the next weeks. It may definitely be to your tax advantage to subscribe generously. Otherwise come next Friday.