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BONNE FETE

We feel to pay homage to the Mother, whose 125th birth anniversary will be celebrated this coming week.

As it's Auroville's proud 35st anniversary as well, we extend our gratitude and congratulations, to all.

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Il y avait quelque haut Mystère au-delà,
Et lorsqu'elle était seule assise avec Satyavane,
Son mental sans mouvement près du sien qui cherchait et luttait,
Elle s'est tournée vers la face d'une Vérité voilé et sans voix
Cachée dans les tréfonds muets du cœur
Ou attendant par-delà l'ultime pic atteint par la Pensée -
Elle-même invisible, cette Vérité voilée voit le monde en lutte
Et pousse notre quête sans se soucier d'être trouvée -,
De cette vastitude lointaine vint une réponse.
Quelque chose d'inconnu, inatteint, inscrutable
A envoyé les messages de sa Lumière sans corps,
Lancé les éclairs flamboyants d'une pensée qui n'est pas nôtre
Traversant le silence immobile du mental de Savitri :
Dans la puissance de sa souveraineté insouciant,
Cela se saisissait de la parole pour donner forme à ses flamboiements
Faisait battre le cœur de la sagesse dans un mot
Et disait des choses immortelles par des lèvres mortelles.
Ou écoutant les sages de la forêt,
De hautes révélations étranges, impossibles pour les hommes,
S'échappaient de Savitri en questions et réponses,
Quelque chose ou quelqu'un de mystérieux et de lointain
S'emparait de son corps à ses fins mystiques
Saisissait sa bouche pour communiquer d'ineffables vérités,
Une impensable connaissance trouvait à s'exprimer.
Stupéfaits par cette nouvelle illumination
Envahis par un éclair de l'Absolu,
Les sages des bois s'émerveillaient de Savitri car elle semblait savoir
Ce qu'ils avaient seulement entrevu parfois et lointainement.
Ces pensées ne se formaient pas dans l'écoute du cerveau,
Le cœur vacant de Savitri était comme une harpe sans corde,
Impassible, le corps ne sentait pas sa propre voix,
Il laissait passer à travers lui la lumineuse grandeur.
Une Puissance double aux pôles occultes de l'être
Agissait encore, invisible et sans nom :
Le vide divin de Savitri était leur instrument.
La Nature inconsciente usait du monde qu'elle avait fait
Et, se servant encore des instruments du corps,
Se glissait à travers le vide conscient que Savitri était devenue ;
Et le Mystère supraconscient à travers ce Vide
Envoyait sa parole pour toucher la pensée des hommes.
Jusqu'à présent, ce haut langage impersonnel était rare.
Mais maintenant ce vaste espace spirituel immobile
Où le mental de Savitri survivait, tranquille et nu,
Laissait passer un voyageur des étendues cosmiques :
Une pensée pénétrait, drapée d'une voix extérieure.
Elle ne cherchait pas le témoin du mental,
Elle ne parlait pas au silence du cœur récepteur ;
Elle venait directement au pur siège de perception,
Seul centre de conscience désormais
Si centre se peut où tout semblait seulement de l'espace ;
N'étant plus enfermée dans les murs et les portes du corps
L'être de Savitri, tel un cercle sans circonférence,
Excédait désormais toutes les limites cosmiques
Et de plus en plus s'étendait dans l'infinité.

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

There was some high surpassing Secrecy,
And when she sat alone with Satyavan,
Her moveless mind with his that searched and strove,
In the hush of the profound and intimate night
She turned to the face of a veiled voiceless Truth
Hid in the dumb recesses of the heart
Or waiting beyond the last peak climbed by Thought,—
Unseen itself it sees the struggling world
And prompts our quest, but cares not to be found,—
Out of that distant Vast came a reply.
Something unknown, unreached, inscrutable
Sent down the messages of its bodiless Light,
Cast lightning flashes of a thought not ours
Crossing the immobile silence of her mind:
In its might of irresponsible sovereignty
It seized on speech to give those flamings shape,
Made beat the heart of wisdom in a word
And spoke immortal things through mortal lips.
Or, listening to the sages of the woods,
In question and in answer broke from her
High strange revealings impossible to men,
Something or someone secret and remote
Took hold of her body for his mystic use,
Her mouth was seized to channel ineffable truths,
Knowledge unthinkable found an utterance.
Astonished by a new enlightenment,
Invaded by a streak of the Absolute,
They marvelled at her, for she seemed to know
What they had only glimpsed at times afar.
These thoughts were formed not in her listening brain,
Her vacant heart was like a stringless harp;
Impassive the body claimed not its own voice,
But let the luminous greatness through it pass.
A dual Power at being's occult poles
Still acted, nameless and invisible:
Her divine emptiness was their instrument.
Inconscient Nature dealt with the world it had made,
And using still the body's instruments
Slipped through the conscious void she had become;
The superconscient Mystery through that Void
Missioned its word to touch the thoughts of men.
As yet this great impersonal speech was rare.
But now the unmoving wide spiritual space
In which her mind survived tranquil and bare,
Admitted a traveller from the cosmic breadths:
A thought came through draped as an outer voice.
It called not for the witness of the mind,
It spoke not to the hushed receiving heart;
It came direct to the pure perception's seat,
An only centre now of consciousness,
If centre could be where all seemed only space;
No more shut in by body's walls and gates
Her being, a circle without circumference,
Already now surpassed all cosmic bounds
And more and more spread into infinity.

Green Group meeting 23rd January 2003.

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

Guest: Peter (C-S)

1. Matrimandir Lake

As yet there is no alternative proposal or written, defined objections to Harald Kraft's proposal (to be presented to the Governing Board shortly), although there is much talk and discontent circulating about it. It seems appropriate for the GG to put forward the ecological objections to the plan of water harvesting, without entering into a discussion on the merit of the lake itself. We feel it would also be a benefit for the community to be more clearly informed on our basic water situation – underlying aquifers, checkdams, run-off etc.

Points that need to be made include:

- On the red earth water percolates relatively rapidly, which is why the eries and lakes are situated more on the clayey area to the west of Auroville. To harvest water from that collected in checkdams on the red earth is therefore simply impracticable.
- The first aquifer (from which it is proposed to fill the lake) does not only belong to Auroville – it is also a crucial water supply to a much larger geographical area. It is ethically extremely questionable to use this resource to fill a lake where others need it for crops and general usage.
- All wells that access the second aquifer go through the first, effectively puncturing it and making it like a sieve. Even without these wells there is always seepage from the first to the second aquifer – it is not an absolute resource.
- Scientists in Germany (communicated through Michael Bonke) have assessed the whole plan as unworkable.

Suggestions that could be made include:

- An independent scientific assessment could be made of the water situation and the possibility of using the first aquifer to fill a lake.
- The possibility of using a desalination process could be further investigated. This is the only means of water harvesting in which the regional resource is added to rather than depleted.

Michael will co-ordinate gathering information and maps from the various sources in order to present the problems to the Governing Board and the community.

The GG is agreed and very clear that to fill a lake from the first aquifer is ecologically and ethically disastrous.

2. Proposal from LEM

LEM is at present overloaded with work and short-staffed. They suggest forming a Land Advisory Board constituted from various working groups (much like the Development Group was intended to function initially). The input Peter would like from the Forest/Farm Groups falls into three categories: (1) existing land stewards to take over stewardship of LEM lands, (2) land stewards to engage in negotiations with land owners for plots in their neighbourhood, (3) someone to join the Advisory Board. At present, Kireet has offered to help with bunding on newly purchased land. The rest will have to be discussed within the Green, Farm and Forest Groups.

3. Kireet as GG member

Kireet has been approved as a member of the GG by the Forest Group, and has joined this meeting although we are still waiting for approval from the Farm Group.

Green Group meeting 6th February 2003.

Present: Michael, Kireet, Kanniappan, Jonah, Jeff, Gemma (notes).

Guest: Johannes, Sheetal, Amandos, Ann

1. Request for land to build

Johannes and Sheetal (and Amandos) came to enquire about the possibility of a Friend of Auroville buying land in the Pitchandikulam area (close to Kamal's place) which they can then build a house on. They are currently Newcomers working in Bommaiur carpentry and have been house-sitting in Pitchandikulam. The clear basic policy of the Green Group is that building permission is granted only to people who are willing to be involved in greenwork, in order to avoid the Green Belt turning into a green suburbia. There are areas of the geographical Green Belt which are clearly purely residential and will never be anything else (e.g. Certitude, Samasti). In such areas this condition does not apply. Since Johannes and Sheetal do not know yet exactly where this piece of land lies, we cannot say whether it falls into this category or not.

2. Siddhartha Forest

Recently in Siddhartha forest Ann's capsule has been taken down and Balan has been demanding that she leave the place immediately. There have also been problems with another resident, who has been threatened by Balan. Although we are fully aware of the excellent work that Balan does there, we feel that on a human level his current behaviour is unacceptable. The WC/AVC and Harmony Group are already involved, and we will write to the WC/AVC giving our opinion and questioning the continuance of Balan's stewardship.

Present: Kireet, Harini, Venkat of Kuilapalayam school trust with several other teachers; Premaladha, S. Vijaya, Srinivasan and Samuel. AVAG unable to attend this time.

Henry of PECPO (Pondicherry Environmental and Consumer Protection Organisation) shared his enthusiasm and knowledge on consumer rights and awareness and ecological practices. He has successfully completed seminars in 11 different schools in the Pondicherry district (for which "Auroville" gave partial financial support towards printing costs).

Henry's many activities include filing cases for consumers and suing companies for environmental contamination, he is currently solicited by PIMS to advise on medical waste disposal as well as organizing and translating material for schools.

We intend to hold two teachers training seminars (in Tamil) using his knowhow and willingness, to encourage and spread this vital information, with additional emphasis on AV's particular environmental sensitivities and efforts.

Harini will see with AVAG for a convenient time to hold the seminar and the Kuilapalayam teachers look forward to the same after the exams in March.

A computer (used) and/or any funding to continue with this work are greatly appreciated and will have a powerful impact through this man's dedication.

Recently The Govt. of Pondicherry Directorate of Education has earmarked another 16 schools in the rural area (of which two fall in our vicinity: Kalapet and in Muthialpet). Financial aid for printing two Training Manuals on "Consumer Rights and Environmental Education for sustainable Development" comes to 35,000 Rs. Please contact Renu.

'Paradoxically, both poverty and wealth are enemies of the environment .

Poverty reduces the ability to pay for cleaner technologies or for the minimum standards. Wealth goes together with high-energy consumption and use of finite resources. based on vested interests and sunk capital. In both cases ignorance is still a key factor. All types of cities with different levels of resources need to act for the same ends'. - World Report on the Urban Future P.23

FAMC Report January 2003

FAMC Regular Members

Ananda (ABC) Auroasha (Entry Group) Bunty (SAIIR) Jeff (Green Group) Joseba (IDC) Joster (ABC) Judith (Chairperson) Otto (Auroville Maintenance Fund) Pala (Economy Group) Peter/Guy (LEM) Rathinam (AV Fund) Selvaraj (Working Committee) Tency (CSR) Ulli (Auroville Council) Younge (Housing) and Mr. Srinivasamurthy, Acting-Secretary of the Auroville Foundation

Matrimandir currently sends no representative.

This report covers meetings held on January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st.

Issues Related to Units & Services

Former Auroville Water Service: It was reported that the list of debtors has been reduced. The subgroup circulated the full details with respect to the liability towards PASIC. One major debtor is ready to pay if an arrangement can be made to sell the 15 pipes and the pump, which could not be used in the newly drilled well.

Auroville Water Maintenance: A letter was received from Grace, the wife of Nagappan, expressing objections to the decisions and proposals of the subgroup.

The points raised in Grace's letter were 1) Location: The Water Maintenance Team (WMT) had enquired with the lawyer whether it was possible to go back to Abri permanently. The lawyer dissuaded them from doing so as it is legally not

possible, except on a temporary basis. 2) Disposal of Equipment: The WMT feels that Auroville is selling off valuable equipment at rates below their value and without consulting them first. 3) They are uncomfortable about their future. 4) Aurovilian maintenance was already being deducted from their revenues whereas they had expected a six-month grace period during which the Central Fund would cover the maintenances. A meeting will be called with the sub-group and the support group very soon. It was decided that the FAMC would write a letter to Kumar and the Auroville Water Maintenance Team stating that Abri is not an option.

Sludge Unit: There had been a misunderstanding regarding the use of a tractor as to whether or not a fee should be charged. It was clarified that the sludge unit was given as a donation and as long as it used for the purpose for which it was given a contribution to the liabilities need not be asked. However a fee can be charged for its use to cover the upkeep and running costs.

Commercial Unit Performance

On the basis of the balance sheets of 2001-2002, a list of Trusts and Units that needed to be looked into was reviewed and follow up action was taken.

ABC Trust: The situation of Auromirayan has been referred to the Trustees for an update. Auriginal Pizzeria has closed down and the executives are being advised to finalize the accounts now. The executives are being informed that a 9-month audit must be done for Naturally Auroville.

ADPS Trust: A lot of work has been done to streamline its operations and it is now generating a modest profit.

Altecs Trust: Auroville Energy Products (AEP) has taken over the Altecs building and an agreement between AEP and the FAMC has been finalised. This transfer of assets will settle Rs 15 lakhs of the outstanding liabilities of Altecs Energy Systems. The first instalments of this amount is being used to pay off the SBI bank loan and the amount outstanding with the Auroville Maintenance Fund. With respect to further liabilities towards Aurovilians who loaned funds to the unit, more funds will become available when the top floor apartment is transferred. An e-mail was received from the executive in which he expressed reservations regarding the transfer of the Altecs Building to Auroville Energy Products on the terms agreed to by the FAMC. The FAMC decided that despite these reservations the agreement with Auroville Energy Products was the best option available. Regarding Penta Services and Rain Tree Records, the ABC representatives on the FAMC are clarifying the current situation with the help of the Trustees.

Aurosarjan Trust: It was reported that there are pending sales tax and other issues with regard to the accounts for the years prior to the change of Trustees. It was decided that the Accounts Coordination Group should take up these issues.

Auroville Export Trust: The Trustees have been appointed as additional executives and are working on finalizing the accounts of Bommaiur Toy Carpentry. The situation of the unit is improving since the Trustees have taken control and changed the management. The executive who had been managing the business offered his resignation but it was decided that he could be removed from the management position but until the balance sheet has been received and until it is clear who will assume the financial liabilities, his resignation cannot be accepted. It was reaffirmed that there is a guideline that an executive cannot resign until a balance sheet has been prepared or a Trustee or a new Executive agrees to take over all financial responsibility.

New Engineering Trust: The Trustee has been contacted and requested to arrange for a 9-month audit and to settle, as a matter of priority, all outstanding statutory obligations.

Toujours Mieux Trust: Decauram has closed down and the workers have been paid out. Transferring or selling the assets can cover the small amount of outstanding liabilities.

The FAMC requested the Accounts Coordination Group to draft a proposal regarding Gratuity to insure that units make provision to meet this liability.

Aqua Dyn: The legal proceedings continue. The sub-group was requested to ask for an operating profit and loss account as of 31.12.02. The main focus continues to be to limit liabilities.

Auroville Wind Systems: A letter was received from the executive asking for FAMC approval for the Auroville Foundation to receive advance payment for the Sagar Island Wind Diesel Project 2nd Phase from WBREDA. The FAMC gave its approval.

Auroville Health Center and Pharmacy: Removal of Dr. Phillip Melville as executive has been approved.

ADPS Trust: Resignation of Pierre Fouladoux as Trustee has been approved.

Swagatam Trust: The appointment of Manou as Trustee in place of Devaki was approved.

Free Flow Trust: The withdrawal of G. Elumalai as an appointee Trustee was accepted. The Trustees of Free Flow Trust will be Frederic (Aurosoya), Gillian, Martina and Olivier (La Ferme).

Artisana Trust: Appointment of L. Ganesh as additional executive to Ganesh Beads- Approved. The transfer of Sound Wizard from Altecs Trust to Artisana Trust was approved.

Kattida Kalai Trust: The resignation of Jean Luc as Trustee was approved. The appointment of Palani to replace him as Trustee was also approved.

Land and Land Use Issues

Banyan Nursery: LEM reported that there is a family interested to exchange land in the city area for this plot. It was agreed that the matter has to be pursued even in Stuart's absence.

LEM: A proposal was received from LEM to generate more involvement in the daily running of LEM. The team needs to be expanded with capable people to run the office, manage the lands, negotiate purchases etc and there need to be at least two executives involved in the day-to-day work (at present there is only one). Several suggestions were made. The Ashram could be contacted to see if there would be any interest. Several people in Auroville with the necessary office skills could be approached. A mid-level manager, who could run the office and be responsible to the managing executive, could be employed. It was proposed and agreed to ask the Green Group if they would be interested in taking over the management of the lands presently under the care of LEM and in getting involved in negotiations regarding lands in the Green Belt.

Advisory Board:

The FAMC approved the formation of an Advisory Board as presented in the proposal from LEM. This Board is to meet once a month. The Advisory Board will be constituted of the FAMC representatives of WC, AV Council, IDC, Green Group plus co-opted individuals, who can participate in the work. It was agreed that the FAMC would communicate the formation of the Advisory Board to the respective working groups on behalf of LEM.

LEM: The resignation of Hemant as Executive was approved.

LEM: Puthurai Aranya Land Exchange Proposal: Approved.

Land Purchase: The LEM representative proposed that members of the FAMC would work closely together with LEM and Land Fund team to secure funds for major land purchases. It was expressed that the urgent need to secure the land for Auroville is a challenge for the whole community. This responsibility should not fall solely on LEM/Land Fund team, but become a shared task with the FAMC. It was proposed to create a task group to develop financial (and other) strategies for lands to be bought, protected or secured in Auroville's interest. Guy agreed to convene the group.

Issues Related to Housing

Brihaspati: The sub-group was reconvened with Rathinam (coordinator), Joseba (IDC), Jeff (Green Group) and Younge (Housing Service). The financial transactions with regard to houses at Brihaspati and Angiras Garden have been clarified.

SAIER has been asked to look into the status of Red Earth Riding School (RERS) as a unit availing itself of 100% tax exemption for donors. All of the parties involved agree about which assets they are responsible for and the amounts to be contributed but the actual funds are not available as of now. The land on which Red Earth Riding School was located will be handed over to the IDC. The school is requesting a contribution for the transfer of this land. With respect to the amount owed to Auroville Maintenance Fund for the generator, pump and other assets shared by the farm and school, the farm has agreed to pay half. They will approach the Farm Group for a loan or grant. It was proposed that a time frame of 1 year be set for the repayment of this loan otherwise the guarantor will be responsible. The Housing Service has allocated funds for Prasada and Kadhira's housing. It is proposed that the Rs 2.6 lakhs due the Repatriation Fund will not be refunded.

Auromodel House: The present occupants of the house in which Igor lived in Auromodel have requested that a payment plan be set up for them to take over the permanent stewardship of the house. The contribution for the house, according to the previous decision of the FAMC, would go to the Housing Fund and would not be set aside for the future housing of Igor. The Chairperson agreed to re-send the minutes on the issue of Igor's house to the Working Committee. It remains the FAMC's position that there should be no compensation agreements; that assets created in Auroville belong to Auroville. Due to the fact that Igor's situation is complex and beyond the mandate of the FAMC, it was decided that the issue should be left to the Working Committee. The Working Committee was asked to respect the decision of the FAMC in regard to non-compensation for the creation of assets.

Utility House: A short review of the problems involved in the housing situation of Gerhard and Miki was made and the FAMC agreed on a pragmatic approach. Subsequently however, the Housing Service representative presented new information that the community of Utility no longer agrees to Gerhard and Miki moving there. The community members want to choose someone themselves to occupy the house and also request that the Housing Service stay out of the process. The house is not in a habitable condition due to the attempts at renovation made by Gerhard and the estimated cost to restore the house is Rs 3 lakhs. There is also an additional amount owed to the Auroville Maintenance Fund/Auroville Fund by Gerhard. It was decided that the Housing Service be asked to continue to dialogue with Utility and try to work something out. It was agreed to send a letter to Gerhard explaining the point of view of the FAMC.

Housing Policy Feedback:

The process of reviewing feedback on the Housing Policy has begun. When the process has been completed a revised version of the Housing Policy will be published and a document, explaining why some suggestions have been incorporated and others have not, will accompany it. These documents can be expected to be ready some time in February.

Issues related to Entry

Newcomer Coordination Group: A broad based group set up by the FAMC to deal with newcomer related problems in a wider more inclusive manner was formerly chaired by Alain G, who has resigned due to the feeling that the working groups involved were not implementing the decisions that had been

reached by the group. It was generally felt that this group serves a very useful purpose and that someone should be found to take up its coordination. The Entry Group volunteered to take responsibility for coordinating the group.

Auro Global Siddhi Marketing A letter from a customer complaining about the trading practices of Nilesh (a newcomer) who runs a marketing business (which is not an Auroville unit) called Auro Global Siddhi Marketing, was received. It was agreed to request the Entry Group to talk to both Nilesh and his wife. Since then the representative of the Entry Group was told that the accounts of the unit are being audited, and that detailed chronological reports are being drafted and feedback is being compiled from all units represented by Auro Global Siddhi Marketing.

Issues related to Economy

Economy Task Group (ETG): Some members of the ETG came to the FAMC to report on the work done over the past ten months and to ask whether the ETG has the approval of the FAMC to interact directly with the community. They also asked for the FAMC's advice on how to proceed further. In preparation for the meeting a paper had been drafted in which a series of proposals were outlined. The group introduction emphasized that there was no unanimity among the group with regard to the proposals presented. Here is an outline of the proposals presented in the paper. One general recommendation would be to encourage different economic models to be experimented with at the same time. Regarding the Central Fund there were several possible recommendations including that the Central Fund be budget driven, that the true costs, covering cash and kind expenditures, of maintaining an Aurovilian be known, used and updated on a regular basis and that those Central Fund activities that can generate income be encouraged to do so. Regarding our internal economic operation there were other recommendations that included acknowledging that we are already using a unit of account in our internal accounting system which is not rupees; renaming this unit of account and defining its properties; opening a new fund for channelling the maintenances of ALL Aurovilians. Regarding the generation of income recommendations could be that businesses be encouraged to maximize their potential by reorganizing to allow risk taking, attraction of capital and limitation of liabilities through the structure of limited liabilities companies and other forms of business; that an exploration be made of the unique features of Auroville to identify those which provide living/educational experiences. At the meeting four members of the ETG made presentations of different aspects of the work.

The first presenter spoke about the present situation in which different economic models were operating simultaneously in Auroville, and that it was not possible to go straight to the ideal system but that it should be allowed to emerge. The question posed was how do we pass from where we are to where we are supposed to go. In the present system individuals work to earn money to have the freedom to choose among a variety of goods and services. The ideal system would be one in which the individual would be provided his material base and be left to work according to his nature. In this model no circulation of money would be necessary. It was proposed that we observe carefully what is emerging, to consolidate the

results and learn from this study rather than taking an exclusivist approach.

The next presentation concerned the Central Fund. The question was posed, "What have we done to control expenses in Auroville?" The idea was proposed that our economy should be budget driven to ensure fiscal discipline. This would help each activity to determine how much money it needs and to be clear about what it wants. This will allow clear choices to be made. At this point the community is not able to discern the true cost of an activity. There is a lack of transparency regarding actual costs. For example a more realistic estimate of the cost of maintaining an Aurovilian is approximately Rs 9,000 per month. It was suggested that when looking at budgets or fundraising that a real figure for maintaining Aurovilians should be used. (The actual figure and the details of what it includes need to be worked out in detail.) Finally it was emphasized that those Central Fund activities that can generate income be encouraged to do so.

The next presenter spoke about the need for a more collective spirit by recognizing and feeling that Auroville maintains us. We are already using a unit of account in our internal accounting system, which is not Rupees. This unit of account needs to be re-named and its properties defined. Also we need to open a new fund for the channeling of the maintenances of all Aurovilians.

The fourth presentation concerned the need of businesses to have more freedom in how they attract capital. New ways need to be found to promote business, for start-ups to flourish, and for resources to be gathered without individuals having to invest all of their personal savings. There are for example already some places in Auroville where people from outside come and give money and energy and in return receive a highly valued experience. This type of breathing in of people, energy, and money and breathing out of individuals who have had a new experience needs to be generated in more areas of Auroville as it nourishes the activities here.

Feedback from FAMC members included the following comments:

The members were thanked for all of their hard work. One view was that the main problem is that we do not agree on a common vision or process in the economic groups. A recommendation was made to the Economy Task Group to be specific and clear when going to the community. It was proposed that since the difference between what is disbursed and the estimated real cost to maintain an Aurovilian is so large that next time maintenances are discussed with the GOI the higher figure be used. It was also proposed to call the money allocated in cash to Aurovilians "pocket money" and the rest of the maintenance to be called a "general maintenance". The need to explore structures other than the Trust in the field of business was mentioned. A paper on alternate business forms is to be circulated and added to the FAMC agenda. It was expressed that care must be taken as to who is allowed to become a unit holder; that the people and their skills must be known in order to help assess if they will help or hurt Auroville. It was also expressed that there is never enough money in the collective pot to provide the minimum to people let alone to do experiments. Most funds generated in Auroville are held and utilized in a decentralized way and do

not pass through the Central Fund. If we do not look at how we generate money and at our level of transparency we will never be able to attract funds from outside. There needs to be a drive within the community to do things together and to pool our resources. The collective fabric is becoming looser rather than stronger. People feel that they have to stand on their own because there is no collective support.

It was recommended that the Economy Task Group should postpone going directly to the community until specific and clear recommendations could be made. When the idea of a seminar was suggested, it was commented that the seminar of two years ago, although suggesting similar ideas and achieving agreement on them, did not result in those agreements being implemented. It was suggested that a more effective method should be found. In essence the feedback of the FAMC was that in interacting with the community regarding economic proposals a great detail and clarity is required, and using a method of approach that will result in the implementation of the proposals.

Procedures for Appointment and Resignation of Executives and Trustees:

A proposal was made to streamline procedures for approving the appointment and resignation of Trustees and Executives. It was proposed that units should make their applications to the Trustees who should approve the changes and forward them directly to the FAMC. In the case of resignations, a balance sheet or a letter assuming responsibility for any outstanding liabilities should accompany the application. In the case of a change in Trustees, the other Trustees should pass a resolution and forward it to the FAMC. Similarly in the case of a resignation a balance sheet or a resolution assuming responsibility for any outstanding liabilities should accompany the application. It was further proposed that the once the FAMC has given its approval this could be forwarded directly to the Foundation rather than having to be channelled via the Working Committee. With regard to this latter point, discussion is continuing.

FAMC Membership. The present membership of the FAMC is to be found at the top of this report. It was agreed that having two representatives in total for the WC and AV Council would be sufficient. With regard to co-opted members, it was found to be unnecessary to co-opt an accounts coordinator due to the strong present representation in this area on the FAMC. It was agreed to ask specific people to represent the areas of infrastructure and building activity, of services and of village relations. It was also agreed to sound out two more people with valuable but generalised experience. If and when the people concerned have agreed to join the FAMC their names will be published.

Invitation to Observe/Advise FAMC:

Ulf Meuller is a Swedish consultant in group processes and leadership who is visiting Auroville for the third time, coaching working groups. As he is working with several of the working groups represented on the FAMC it was decided to invite Ulf to come to the FAMC as an observer and to request him to submit his comments and advice on its processes in writing.

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

Notes of Industrial Zone Group (Auroshilpam) Meeting on February 10, 2003**1. Mereville Trust**

Alok reported that he attended a meeting with the Development Group on January 24th regarding Mereville Trust's application. The following points have come up after the discussion:

- No site plan or building plan existed for the proposed area in the Development Group files.
- In the AV News of 28/12, it was stated that "Building Application for Mereville Trust" was awaiting 2 weeks feedback and not "Site Permission" as mentioned in the meeting and later in the AV News of Jan 25th and again in AV News of Feb 1st.
- On being questioned on this point, the Development Group stated that for "site permission" it is not necessary to inform/consult the community or the Industrial Zone Group as the DG is incharge of planning and knows the future plan of each area. What about earlier precedents of Upasana, Carsten, Svedam, Udyogam and Yantra, where each project holder had to give detailed site plans first to the Industrial Zone Group and then to the DG before site permission was granted?
- There was no mention in the Development Group's reports in the news about the meeting that occurred where Alok met with them.
- Verite's objection regarding respecting earlier agreements with the Industrial Zone Group regarding the 'Environmental Impact Assessment' of projects in the area, have not been answered satisfactorily.
- It was conveyed to the DG that we are and have always been willing to discuss any issues in the Industrial Zone and they should inform us beforehand so that we can attend such meetings as required.

We continue to object to Mereville Trust's any permission until there is a discussion with proper plans with all concerned parties.

2. Doris' Workshop

It was reported in the AV News of Feb 1st that "*A visiting architect from Kolam, Maria, was invited to help make a site plan for the area (next to Angiras Garden) at the request of Jacques and in consultation with Mona.*"

One meeting of 20 minutes between Maria and Mona is not enough to be called "consulting" on a project of this size. We look forward to a more substantial collaboration before any site plan is finalized in this area.

We would like to remind the Development Group to respect and represent what the people "on the site" feel and need. A more collaborative spirit would be helpful.

Mona, Alok

Members, Industrial Zone Group

izg@auroville.org.in

PRESENTATION ON MAITREYE PROJECT

You are cordially invited on February 21th, 16:00 @ The Center for Urban Research, previously called the Town Hall Annex.

Presenting the latest collective housing project; this housing project aims at Providing cost effective and aesthetically integrated solutions as an answer to the The housing crisis.

The presentation will be facilitated by Joseba, project holder, Anupama, architect and Kolum team. The contact person for interested residents is Sonja.

While this project has not yet been approved all potential residents are encouraged to participate right from the beginning. We would like to get the ball rolling and have an information sharing session together with all those who may be interested. See you there, on behalf of Maitreye project,

For a copy of the information brochure E-mail developmentgroup@auroville.org.in

**C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas -
AUDITORIUM
- THURSDAY 13 and SUNDAY 16
FEBRUARY**

**Special additional Film Program*:
“L’ANIMATION FRANÇAISE DANS
TOUS SES ETATS”
“FRENCH ANIMATION IN ALL ITS
VARIETY”**

A series of animated short films will be presented before the film (Thursday - around 20 min.) and continued on **Sunday 16th** (not particularly for children)

*Aurofilm, in collaboration with the Embassy of France in India and the Alliance Française, Pondicherry

News from the Eco-Service

(1) Insulation material

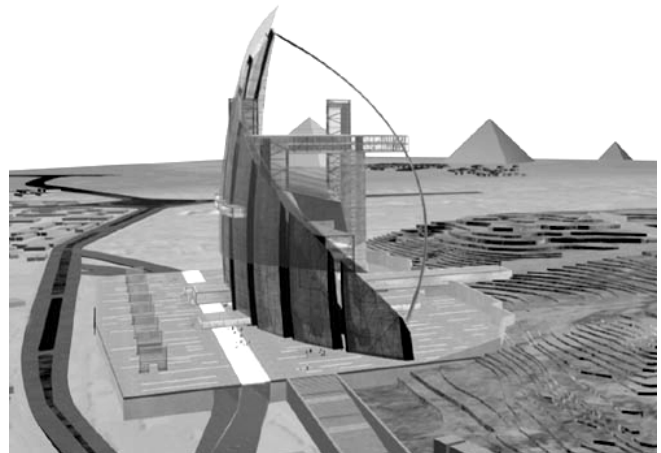
In our efforts to utilize and dispose of all wastes in Auroville as good as possible, we have taken in and are storing a good amount of insulation material (temperature / heat insulation and sound / noise insulation) which could be utilized e.g. for a generator room. Anybody in need of such material please contact Pratul at CSR (or Amrit, Verite).

(2) Septic tank desludging

The prices published in the AV News (Rs. 1,300 for the first trip and Rs. 900 for any subsequent trips of the tractor-plus-tanker) can only be valid if the users of this service do not expect that our team also searches for the septic tank, has to crack open the lid, has to hack an access to it etc.etc. If all these additional jobs have to be done by our team, we shall have to charge additionally.

The rumour that desludging or emptying of septic tanks can be organized cheaper by hiring a team from a neighbouring village, is correct. You can hire a team of “some men”, pay them to get drunk, and let them dig a pit in your compound and empty the sewage with the help of buckets into this pit. - We presume that it is understood by now that this is the kind of operation that we would like to avoid.

Regards from Eco-Service



**The Grand Egyptian Museum
International Architecture Competition**

After completing the First Phase of an architectural competition to design a new museum in direct neighborhood to the Pyramids and to house amongst other priceless antiquities the entire Tutankhamon collection the jury received a total of 1500 entries from architectural teams from all over the world.

The site, the grandeur of the exhibits and the vision of the Egyptian organisers with the support of the United Nations make this competition one of the most important of the last decades and the near future.

Due to the outstanding quality of the received conceptual works the international jury (headed by Peter Cook and Gae Aulenti) and the UIA (International Union of Architects, Paris) advised the organisers to publish a selection of the most significant works as they reflect the positions and visions of modern, global architecture.

We - the Team of Brand New Day architecture & design - would proudly like to inform the community of Auroville that our proposal has been selected by the competition committee to be part in this publication.

With Love. Brand New Day Team

**BLOOM THE FUNCTION WITH YOUR
PRESENCE**

**Nehru Youth Welfare Society of
PeriyamudaliarChavady**

Welcomes you all for the Inauguration of our Library and Speed brakers(in the ECR, Auroville road) on 16 th Feb-03 at 3.30 pm. The function will be presided by Mr.Rolf from Petite Farm. Night School Childrens felicitate the guests with Cultural programs at 6:00 pm.

All are Welcome

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Paintings of the Kindergarten Children

Ages 3 ½ to 6½ years old

Every week the children come in small groups to paint. They learn to mix colours, to hold the paint brushes properly, to fill a shape, to make a background, to keep the material and the place clean. They are free to express themselves. They can see pictures of painters and a choice of nice photos to get inspired. The oldest children sometimes are given a particular subject (for example, "planets") as a simple exercise. For the birthdays of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother they do something special.

Little children feel much more than they can tell in words. Painting is a good way to express deep feelings, and also to create something new, to enjoy and discover the colours.

The main aim of the painting class is that each child can develop his or her own creativity. The development process of painting is a mirror for the development of a child. All children go through the same "phases" of painting, although these phases may be shorter or longer, or earlier or later for each one. It is essential that each child can follow his or her own rhythm and that he or she can compose the forms and colors as he or she likes, as he or she discovers more and more phases.

Small children do not function like adults. As they are not yet in the mental part of their being, they have an incredibly rich fantasy. They do not think before painting, "I will paint this or that," they simply take the brush and paint spontaneously and joyfully – they are full of enthusiasm. For most of them it is easy and natural to paint. They are so happy to express their creativity.

If you would like to see the some of these paintings, they are currently being exhibited in the lobby of the Financial Service/Auroville Fund offices in the Pour Tous compound.

NB It is very helpful to have a collection of postcards especially "art postcards" from painters, but also other pictures like nice calendars and postcards with flowers and animals, coloured, contrasted, soft and simple pictures on them. So if you have some postcards or pictures that you do not need, please leave them at the Guest Desk at the Financial Service or send them to Claire at the Kindergarten. Thank You

Connections

The work of Connections relies on your cooperation. In **2003, Connections** will continue to bring together jobs/activities in the community with Aurovilians with needed skills. Please come to us if you need help or if you want to help. With your cooperation, we will work to make Auroville a smoothly operating community.

❖ A Teacher Is Needed.

One of our AV Bi-Lingual Schools is seeking a Second Standard Teacher, who is good in English and Tamil. Both reading and writing in general subjects at quite basic levels is required. It is a full time job from 8.30 to 3 in the afternoon. For more information please contact Connections.

❖ Organising the Free Store

Maha Saraswati needs an Aurovilian, Newcomer or Long term guest to organize for distribution the Recycled articles that have been repaired and made serviceable again.

Coordination and organization are the main tasks.

Presently there is a person who takes care of the technical side of the work technical experience is appreciated.

Do you have an affinity for recycled goods? Good English communication skills and a bit of Tamil are desired.

This is part-time, volunteer work.

Please contact Olivier: 2622 212; email: Olivier@auroville.org.in

❖ Assistant to the designer

One of our creative units needs a **designer cum coordinator cum client receptionist**. As you can imagine, this position requires a dynamic person who is also patient and welcoming. A background in clothing design is desirable, but if you have the ability to interact with the workers to keep production going smoothly along with language skills in English and Tamil, then what is most essential is the desire to learn design and clothing fabrics as an apprentice to the Head Designer. A female is preferred.

This is a full-time position but a certain flexibility is possible.

Apply to Connections

❖ Production manager

One of our production Units requires an experienced clothing manufacture **Production Manager**. English and Tamil ability are essential. But what is also essential is a personality that has a good balance between patience and firmness and so knows how to keep a positive working atmosphere.

This a full-time position. Please apply to Connections

❖ Experienced Office Assistant

An Auroville **Service Unit** requires an **experienced office assistant** who would join the Unit and become a member of the team. Since such activities as taking the minutes of meetings and writing necessary correspondence are essential to the job, the person must be really good at English with basic computer skills. Timings are Monday to Friday, 9am to 12

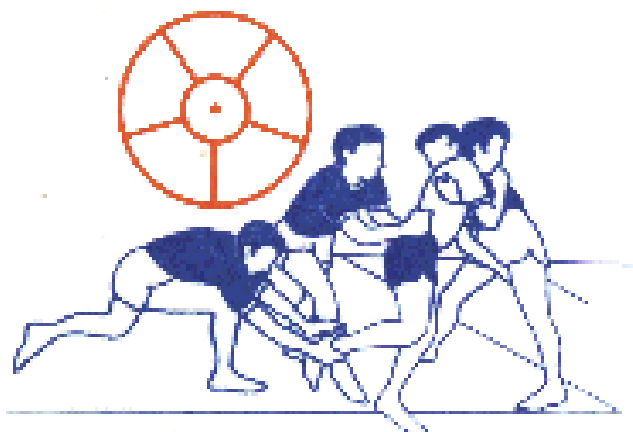
Please contact Connections

Monday thru Friday, 9:00 to Noon

The **Connections** team

Anand, Don, Jaya, Marijke and Paulien

SAWCHU Building, Tel.: 2623440, email: connections@auroville.org.in



AUROVILLE KABBADDI TOURNAMENT 2003 (1st & 2nd of March 2003)

Dear Friends,

We, Auroville Kabbaddi Club will be conducting our annual Pondicherry state level Kabbadi tournament in Auroville celebrating Mother's 125 Anniversary celebration during the first week of March, 2003. There will be 38 teams participating from Pondicherry. We kindly invite all of you to the tournament to celebrate Mother's birthday with us.

We need financial help for the followings: ground preparation, stage arrangement, uniforms, first aid, registration fee, meals, refreshments and snacks for all the officials and prizes for the best four teams.

The estimate amount required for the above event is Rs. 45,000/- we kindly request you to help contribute towards this event so we can celebrate together. **Our POUR TOUS Account number is 0258.**

Thank you for your kind help and hoping to see you there.

Auroville Kabbadi Team.

AMPHITHEATER

Tuesday 18.2. 2003

5.30 p.m. sunset

"Savitri", the initiatic epic poem by Sri Aurobindo read by Mother accompanied by Sunil's music :

Book III The Book of Love
Canto 3 Satyavan and Savitri

Thursday 6.2. 3.30 p.m.

Preparations for the 21st ! All are welcome to enjoy some precious time together .. listening , working,.....

Sigrid

NEWS FROM QUIET

Svetlana now offers FACIALS at Quiet. Each session runs approximately one and a half hours and includes massage of face and neck, application of special herbal / clay packs, and treatment with colored polarized light which is said to have a regulating and regenerating effect on skin cells.

Those intrested in taking an appointment may phone the Quiet office Mon. - Sat. 8:00 AM - noon or 1:30 - 5:00 PM. Tel. 262 2329 or 262 2646.

MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY

We will celebrate Mother's 125th Birth Anniversary at the Matrimandir Amphitheater.

We will start at 5.30am. with the chanting of the Mother's mantra "Om Anandamayi.....", thereafter Joy will lead the chanting of the ' Earth's Aspiration Chant " a tune that was given by the Mother to an ashramite where everybody gathered at the Amphitheater will be welcome join in.

This will be followed by a text from the agenda in Mother's voice, and meditation.

All those who would like to practise the chant in advance are welcome to do so on Monday and Saturday from 5pm to 6pm or Friday from 4pm to 5pm at CIC Bharat Nivas.

(We request all who attend this gathering to be as quiet as possible. As you arrive one by one please make sure you don't disturb others with the sound of your footwear, talking, flash camera etc. Please leave your dog at home.)

Thank you
the Amphitheater Group

On December 2nd 2002 Ivan Illich died. I would be interested to meet with other people in Auroville who are influenced by the writing of Illich. If such a meeting to discuss Illich's ideas interests you please email me and we will try to organize a small gathering. brooks@auroville.org.in

It appears that our cat will deliver kittens in two weeks or so. Anybody wanting a free kitten please contact Dr. Shano Annapurna Farm phone 98423-43004.

Birds of night

"Nature has the will but not the power to realize perfection"

(Aristotle, 384 – 322 B.C.).

Eric Ramanujam, an Indian zoologist in Aranya, told me that night life in Auroville bioregion is more rich than the diurnal. He studies owls, predatory night birds. On Jan. 1 near Hermitage, Eric found a nest of Great Horned Owl with four white big eggs. He had check the nest on Jan. 5 but the eggs had disappear. Eric is sure that men took these eggs and ate them.

Together Eric and I investigated a food of Collared Scops Owl. He collected data in Aranya and I – in Last school. We published the results in Zoos' Print Journal. In the middle of January I found that the hole in tamarind trunk (where the owl lived in Last School) is full of pieces of bricks. Some children used the hole like a target. On Republic day, Jan. 26, I climbed to the hole and took out pieces of bricks. After some hours I saw the owl in the hole. It said: "Om Thanks, merci, nandri, danke, gracies, spasibo ! Om!"

Boris.

Aurovilian and Newcomers who want to go the Mother's Room on 21st February are requested to come to "AGNI JATA" Mallika's house to register their name and timing from Tuesday 11th February to Tuesday 18th February any time between 8.30 am to 1 pm. and 2 pm to 6 pm. You will be informed when the token is available. Auroville guests as Ashram guests can only get the tokens on 21st February at the Ashram in Pondy. PLEASE NO PHONE CALL, NO EMAIL.

Thank you.

Love Mallika.

EXPLORER FOR SALE

Anybody interested in a well maintained Explorer bike? Available immediately.

Contact Ajit at Samasti - Phone: 2622 258

Offering at the lotus feet of The Mother
Exhibition of Fabric painting Wall Hangings, T-shirts Greeting cards, Sarees, bed sheets

Artist

Mala Newcreation (Upstairs in front of the kitchen)

Date and Time – Sat – 22nd Feb. 9am to 7pm

Sun – 23rd Feb. 9am. to 7pm.

Hello, would anyone like to teach me some Tamil on a regular basis? Please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you very much.

Island, Minati

We need help from you ...

to organise for Mother's Birthday 21.2 and the Bonfire on 28.2.

Preparations are under way, but we need help for the set up on 20.2 from 3.30p.m. onwards at the Amphitheater.

Similarly we need many helpers to set up the bonfire starting on 27th 3.30 p.m. Amphitheater.

There is a need to collect different varieties of flowers , for the 21st. Who would like to participate should kindly contact Soham (Transformation), Sabine or Sigrid phone 2623669 or 2622338, sigrid@auroville.org.in ..

FOR SALE

Home's furniture at the New Comer House – For Appointment at Discipline Community Tel 2622510 – Gerald.

A VENDRE

Mobilier a vendre a maison de Newcomer, Disciple – Pour R.D.V message a Discipline communauté Tel 2622 510

Gerald.

BIKE FOR SALE

SUSUKI SAMOURAI 15000 RS

CONTACT NAGHAPAN 2622 954

OR PIERRE 2622 333

OM for World Peace

On the eve of Mother's birthday (February 20th), we will chant OM from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m. under the Banyan Tree at the Matrimandir. You are welcome to join at any time during this 11 hour OM for World Peace.

Marti, Aurelio

MONDAY NIGHT VIDEO AT VISITORS' CENTER

"Life of Birds"

a video series by David Attenborough.

Part 7 will be shown at the Visitors' Center on Monday, Feb. 17th at 8:00 PM.

All are welcome.

Latest News from the Travel Shop

The Lufthansa deal valid until 28th February got even better. People who are still not sure about their flight dates can buy their ticket on approximate dates and if they really need to change, the penalty for date change is reduced to 1.000Rs only. It could be still cheaper to buy a ticket now and change the date later. Secondly they also will accept a limited number tickets issued with 6-months validity.

It has happened a few times in the past that an airline has withdrawn a deal earlier, with a just a phone call from one day to the next. I therefore urge everybody who is interested in a Lufthansa ticket to finalize the purchase immediately.

Meanwhile we had meetings with 3 other airlines flying from Chennai to Europe who will try to make a counter offer. Apart from these airlines flying from Chennai only to a few main destinations in Europe, do not expect that their offers will be significantly better than what we have today from Lufthansa.

As many people discuss their travel itineraries with us in person it is difficult to answer the phone while talking to one of you. So please bear with us and try at a later time again. If your work schedule does not permit to do so, please send us your query or booking by email. We will process your mail and answer within a day.

We still match any serious (not mysterious) offer from any Pondy agent.

Regards, Petra

Ph: 2622604, 2622078

For information or replies Email: travelshop@auroville.org.in

FROM NOW ON, MY NAME IS NO LONGER SURIYA (from Surrender) BUT - SARAMA - Thank you for your attention. Love . SARAMA. (Surrender).

Green Group meeting with Narad.

On February 20 in Aurogreen kitchen we will have a meeting with Narad at 2.30 p.m.

Narad expressed the wish to talk with the greenbelters, who are concerned about Harald Kraft's proposal.

All the people involved in green work and water are most welcome.

Green Group

" AUROVILLE AND TAMIL NADU "

A seminar on "Auroville and Tamil Nadu " (bilingual) will be held on 22nd Feb 2003, Saturday (Timings 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.) at Tibetan Pavilion, Bharat Nivas, Auroville. About 40 delegates from Tamil Nadu will be participating in the seminar. All are welcome.

R.S.V.P.

Meenakshi, Varadarajan, Auroyogi,

Ph : (2678842, 2677066, 2623258, 2622290)

For the Seminar Team,

Centre for Indian Culture,

Bharat Nivas, Auroville.

Kerala Roof Tiles

I will be ordering some roof tiles from kerala, first quality, double groove. If there is anybody who needs any please let me know as soon as possible by email. Even the persons who have already asked me for tiles should confirm their old orders.

thanks, suhasini@auroville.org.in

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN CREATING "SACRIFICE"

AVI, Anandamayi, Anuradha, Aron, the Bharat Nivas Group, Boobalan, Charu, Claude, Holger, Jaya, Jean, Jill, Joy, Kalamitra, Kathrin, Loretta, Monique, Nana, Nico, Partha, Patrick, Pushkar, Samya, Segar, Swar, Tapas, Thanajayan, Uma / Upasana Design, Valentina, Yujin.

The Auroville Theatre Group

Vermiculite Available

50 bags of vermiculite available, contact: Ajit or Ratna, Samasti, 2622 258

MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT (MT&D) PROGRAMME 2003

Since 1988, the Project Coordination Group — with funding from the Foundation for World Education — has been organizing a “*Management Training and Development (MT&D) Programme*” offering training, research and educational opportunities for Aurovilians. The programme gives financial support to Aurovilians who wish to attend a seminar, workshop, conference, short training course etc. provided the activity is related to their field of work for the community.

The Project Coordination Group has requested the Foundation for World Education to sponsor this programme again this year. In view of a timely assessment and selection the Project Coordination Group invites Aurovilians, who want to participate in this programme, to submit their application as soon as possible.

Participants will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- The programme is for Aurovilians only.
- The activity you propose should be for educational, training or research purposes, and should relate to the work you do in Auroville.
- The activity is preferably a short training programme, conference, seminar or workshop.
- The activity takes place in India or while you are visiting another country.
- The programme will pay for reasonable in-country travel costs for getting to and from the activity. It will not pay for intercontinental travel expenses.
- An application form has to be completed and submitted to the Project Coordination Group.

Application deadline is **15th March 2003**. For more information and printed application forms, please contact Guy or Shanti at CSR ☎ 2622-168 / 277 / 748 or ask for an electronic application form via e-mail at guy@auroville.org.in

Laxman and Marie are looking for a permanent house. Also willing to exchange houses.

For details contact 2622-835 or email: melusine@auroville.org.in

EXHIBITION AT PITANGA HALL

24.2. - 1.3.03

MATRIMANDIR:

Vision for an ever evolving concept

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(original plans for the city and MM worked out with
The Mother and other archive material -
up to the present concept for the gardens and the
CIRHU, by Roger Anger)

Burning...burning...burning....

It was and it is a long custom and habbit to burn leaves
and other organic matter, if it couldn't be used.

It is still going on, also in Auroville communities.

Maybe we are not aware or simply don't care.

Organic material can easily be used for mulching and
compost making.

Ask farmers and foresters if they are interested in it.

Often it can easily be put under scrubs, hedges and
trees. It is helpful to improve the structure of the soil.

In many western countries it is forbidden to burn.

Let's try not to heat up mother earth.

Green Group

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Friends,

Please note the new adress,
Decauram@auroville.org.in will cease to be active
by the end of this month, all further mail for
Decauram or Jan please direct to
Sabaki@auroville.org.in
and be happy.....
Jan

Cinema Italia

Tuesday 18th February, 8.00 PM at the Visitor Centre, video room, 1st floor :

The Postman. Il Postino.

On a remote Mediterranean island, Mario Ruoppolo (Massimo Troisi), a shy and simple minded fishermen's son, is hired to deliver mail to exiled "poet of love" Pablo Neruda (Philippe Noiret). As the two develop an improbable but tender friendship, Mario enlists Neruda's help to win the heart of a beautiful woman. During the sometime hilarious courtship, Mario awakens the poet within himself and journeys on a life-changing course of romanze and self discovery.

Original Italian version with English subtitles.

Martedì 18 Febbraio, ore 20,00 al Visitor Centre, sala video, primo piano:

Il Postino. di Michael Radford, 105 minuti.
con Massimo Troisi, Philippe Noiret, Maria Grazia Cucinotta. 5 Oscar Nomination.
Versione originale con sottotitoli in Inglese.

SWEET MOTHER

**BEHIND THE PHYSICAL BODY THERE
ARE MANY FORMS AND POWERS AND
PERSONALITIES OF THE MOTHER.**

THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 7.30 PM

**VIDEOS ON BIG SCREEN UNDER THE
INFINITE SKY
IN THE GARDEN OF SAVITRI BHAVAN**

EVENING VIDEO PROGRAM AT VISITORS' CENTRE

MONDAY THE 17th AT 8PM:

" NATURE DOCUMENTARIES FROM DAVID
ATTENBOROUGH "

TUESDAY THE 18th AT 8PM:

ITALIAN VIDEO

WEDNESDAY THE 19th AT 8PM:

GERMAN VIDEO

JEUDI 20 FEVRIER A 20H :

" DERSOU OUZALA "

un film d'Akira Kurosawa. 1h55m. version
française. Oscar du meilleur film étranger

FRIDAY THE 21st at 6.30pm :

CARTOON FOR CHILDREN french with english
subtitles

" LE ROI ET L'OISEAU "

with a text from Jacques Prevert.

SATURDAY THE 22nd AT 8PM:

" THE BARBER OF SIBERIA "

Directed by Michel Seydoux. avec Julia Ormond
and Oleg Menshikov

1996/ 2h.50

Dear Newcomers whose 2 year period is now coming to an end, Many of you started your Newcomer period when the previous Entry Group re-opened in January 2001. It is now 2 years later, and due to all the extra work that the winter season brings, we in the Entry Group, find ourselves running way behind schedule.

We have not forgotten you!

We are in the process of reviewing each application and you will be called to meet with us as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we would like to ask you to write us! Tell us about your experience as Newcomer and how you envision your future participation in Auroville. You can do this via email or send a letter to the Entry Group office.

Our apologies for this delay and any inconvenience it may cause. Your patience and understanding is very much appreciated!

With Love, Entry Group

email: entry@auroville.org.in

Ed's Note: There are more messages in the supplement part of the News. Sorry

He who does not harm the world, and who is beyond being harmed by it, he who is free from accesses of joy, anger and fear, he is dear to Me. (Bhagavad Gita, XII, 15)

The Rewards of Teaching an Invitation to Future Teachers

written by Heidi Watts

Submitted by Transition School

At a recent staff meeting with Transition teachers we brainstormed a list of the rewards they gain from teaching: the reasons for coming to work, the things that make the work worthwhile and valuable to them.

As we sorted the lists we identified four major categories. The first two spoke to the pleasure of observing growth, growth in children and growth in oneself. The third focused on the significance of the work "It's a service to Auroville. It's a service to the world!" Teachers all over the world find similar rewards in being with children, "watching them unfold"; and in responding to the challenges which occasion growth and development in themselves. These, and the sense of doing work important to the world are the psychic rewards of teaching. Less common amongst teachers are the fourth category of rewards identified at Transition: the physical conditions; the autonomy coupled with responsibility; and the interpersonal relationships, which encourage self-discovery and personal development. These four major categories will be described more completely below, and mainly in the words of the teachers themselves.

Of the rewards of teaching one most commonly mentioned was the pleasure of being with children and watching them grow. Words like "joy", "beauty", "wonder" and "curiosity" came up frequently. Teachers described the pleasure of simply "being with the children, (their faces, eyes, smiles are just beautiful)". They also talked about their delight in "watching their development... watching skills develop... watching the children wanting to learn. watching their enthusiasmwatching them relate what they learned to the outside world.... exploring the richness of human potential. One person said, "I am in love with teaching."

The second and also frequently mentioned reward in one form or another was related to the teachers' sense of personal growth and development. "As the children grow we grow!" One teacher said, "I am learning immensely through teaching in all areas: dealing with colleagues, subject matter, personal growth, being in a community, dealing with life." Another said, "It's the tool for my yoga, and yet another "It's an important part of my sadhana because children give me an immediate feedback about who I am." "It's never boring, it's always challenging."

Sometimes the teachers mentioned specific areas of growth:

"I can do better math now than before."

"Children raise new questions about content, they stimulate your own curiosity", but more often they spoke about the challenge teaching offers for self-discovery and personal development in all aspects of the being.

"There is the challenge to pass things on, to be patient, to be clear."

"To work with a challenging situation or child reveals your

own capacities, strengths and weaknesses."

"It's an opportunity to experience surrender, equanimity, a lot of qualities that help your inner growth."

"It's a tool for the yoga." "It helps me to overcome my limitations." "It opens me to new ways of looking at things." Teaching, it seems is "an unending education for teachers".

Service, to Auroville and to the world, was the third category we identified.

The teachers described their work as "a job with a deeper and longer purpose." They spoke of feeling useful to the community, filling a need. Someone said, "A good education is the best way to change the world". Teaching, they believe, is a way of making a contribution to the future, for children are the future.

Turning from the more global rewards of teaching to the local, teachers at Transition spoke about the environment and the conditions for teaching. They mentioned the beauty of the place, the diversity of people, and the variety of resources. For example: "Super facilities! Nice computer room." "Many resources." "A beautiful environment." "Abundance of teaching materials".

Finally, they spoke with warmth about the conditions for growth and personal development that is possible when working collaboratively with colleagues in a supportive, democratic team. They commented on the degree of autonomy and responsibility they are given, and the ways in which they are encouraged to rise to the challenges of both.

"I like working in a place with a structure and a base."

"There is a respect for the individual within the teaching community."

"I am supported, helped, recognized in my work."

"I feel that my presence and my opinions are respected."

"There is a lot of positive interaction among colleagues at Transition."

It is no secret that the schools in Auroville are always looking for good teachers and Transition is no exception. If you are interested in teaching at Transition specific training or experience as a teacher is not necessary because the school has a well-articulated program for training teachers. New people are supported with a mentor and begin with a period of observation before being lowered gently into the complexities of a classroom, often working first with an experienced teacher for a year or more. The school needs people who like to be with children, but who are also willing to undertake a long-term commitment to learning the complex skills and

dispositions required of a teacher. Teachers at Transition are thoughtful and reflective; they are also committed to supporting each other in teaching and in school decision-making. None of this comes easily or quickly, but the rewards, for those who have the skills and the commitment are deep and long lasting.

The rewards come from working in a context where learning never ends, either for one's students or oneself.

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'TOLKIEN in the light of SRI AUROBINDO and THE MOTHER'

AN ONGOING PROGRAMME OF TALKS (Wednesdays, 4.30 to 6 pm), EXHIBITION AND OCCASIONAL FILM SHOWS. LABORATORY OF EVOLUTION - CENTRE FOR HUMAN UNITY

[As part of the work of the LOE-CHU, a series of talks have started being given there, like last year, of course about the practice of both Conscious Evolution and Human Unity, as envisaged and advised by Sri Aurobindo and Mother, but this time studied through a special focus on 'THE LORD OF THE RINGS'.

J.R.R. Tolkien's deservedly celebrated book, as well as the magnificent films now being made out of it by Peter Jackson, are much more than mere entertainment. There is a lot we can learn actually from Tolkien's still limited, but yet quite inspired vision of Evolution, from its beginnings in 'The Silmarillion' to the much later period described in 'The Lord of the Rings', and to its further envisaged future. A study of the various humanlike species and of all the main characters in the tale, as well as of their rendering in the films, will show us something of the way towards inner growth and a spirituality of Transformation that Sri Aurobindo and Mother invite us to follow. Such a study will also help us understand better this "Unity through Diversity" that is in Auroville's 'programme' too, and which we and the world at large so urgently need to discover and use constantly in our life.

The main body of the talks I will myself present over the weeks, but other persons may give also some of the presentations.

As always, we will try to record all the presentations, and I have put up a SMALL EXHIBITION upstairs. Through many photos and posters, as well as illustrated books and magazines, some in English, some in French, it presents Tolkien's life, his inspired work, and Peter Jackson's films, including the superb music scores by Howard Shore.

LOE-CHU's specialised Library and Audiotheque: Mornings (except Sunday) 9 to 12, Afternoons Wed. & Fri. 2 to 4] Tolkien's 'musical Genesis' at the beginning of 'The Silmarillion' (the subject of last week's talk by Merry) opens up the whole question of

'GOD, THE GODS, DEATH AND IMMORTALITY, AS SEEN BY TOLKIEN AND BY SRI AUROBINDO AND MOTHER', which will be the topic of my talk next Wednesday, 19th February, 4.30 to 6 pm, at the LOE-CHU.

(Bhaga)

FLEA MARKET for Land for Auroville

Sunday, 16th February 2003

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Eucalyptus Grove

At present a large quantity of important land is on offer. The "Let's Unite All Together" action was already quite successful to connect Aurovilians, Newcomer and Guests with the urgent need to secure the land for Auroville. The Flea Market will be another opportunity to open our hearts and minds to give and to express our love and awareness that Auroville needs land for its progress.

Please contribute whatever you can. The benefits of the Flea Market will go towards land purchase.

At the Flea Market we will have tea, cakes, coffee and juice for refreshment. If you like to bake a cake, it would be wonderful. And people, who like to help, Grown Ups and Growing Ones, are most welcome for the booths. This day can be again a wonderful occasion to experience the joy to give and to receive.

If you would like to help or to donate items please give a call or bring the items on Sunday 16th under the Eucalyptus Trees.

Please contact: Land Fund: 2622 168 or Margrit Mala (Arati): 2622 492 or Rolf (Petite Ferme): 2622 347.

Found in Gaia Forest, a very large size pair of Puma training shoes. If interested, contact Glenn, 2623054

Dear community members

The applications for extension for Residential Permits expiring in April and May 2003 are ready and can be picked up at the office of the Residents Service.

Kindly take your passport along when you visit us.

Due to changes in the procedures of the RRO, they are contacting you directly. In case you receive or pay extensions/registrations, kindly give us a phonecall or pass by, so that we have the right data in our database and can keep you informed.

Regards Ilse, Mark, Raji & Tanvi

For the Residents Service

PONDY TRIPS ON DARSHAN DAY

21-2-2003

MOTHER'S 125TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

On Friday, February 21st, Mother's 125th Birth Anniversary, the Auroville minibus will leave from the Matrimandir Kitchen at 8,30 a.m. via the ordinary route, and return at 12 a. m.

As this is a very crowded darshan, the Sri Aurobindo Ashram is issuing tokens also for Aurovilians and newcomers (kindly contact Mallika, Auromodel), but not for guests. I will have a few extra tokens for those coming at the last minute. As for the guests, they can take the Auroville minibus but will have to get the tokens on the spot, as the Ashram is not extending this facility to guests. Paulette

MATRIMANDIR VISION FOR AN EVER EVOLVING CONSCIOUSNESS 1965-1973

This is an historical excursus to present the various layouts of the town and of Matrimandir in particular, worked out by the chief architect appointed by the Mother, Roger Anger, in consultation with her and under her direct guidance – along with other photographs conveying the atmosphere of major events as the Auroville Foundation Day and the Matrimandir Foundation Stone Day. On both occasions the model of the 'galactic' town with Matrimandir at the centre – first a symbolic flower emerging out of a large lake, then as the final Matrimandir on the oval island – were presented to the public, on Mother's instruction. A major feature is a series of drawings and sketches, made by Roger between 1967 and 1970, to be submitted to the Mother and discussed with her.

The first part of this exhibition is presently being held in the hall giving access to the Auroville Foundation, Bharat Nivas. On February 22nd it will be shifted to Pitanga, along with the second part.

Paulette

Dear Aurovilians and newcomers,

Since I have started working at the Auroville Housing Service, I have received a lot of phone calls at home. Please pass by the office at Bharat Nivas, instead of picking up the phone in the night, very early morning or weekends. You're welcome during the opening time. Monday, Thursday, and Friday 10:00 to 11:30 Wednesday (only for the House repairs) 10:00 to 11:30 Love, Youngie

German Video @ Visitors Centre

Mittwoch 19.02.03 19:30! [wegen Überlänge]

Pearl Harbor

Genre: Kriegsfilm, Liebesfilm
Regie: Michael Bay
Produzent(en): Jerry Bruckheimer - Michael Bay
Darsteller: Kate Beckinsale - Ben Affleck - Josh Hartnett - Alec Baldwin - Jon Voight - Cuba Gooding jr. - Mako
USA 2001 / 172 min.

Zwei seit ihrer Kindheit in New Jersey der Fliegerei verfallene Freunde, Rafe (Ben Affleck) und Danny (Josh Hartnett), melden sich im Zweiten Weltkrieg zur Luftwaffe. Während der Eine nach England geht und dort vermeintlich ums Leben kommt, sodass sich der Andere und die Verlobte des Totgeglaubten, eine Krankenschwester, in ihrer Trauer näher kommen, kehrt der Freund kurz vor dem Überfall der Japaner auf Pearl Harbor zurück. Vor dem Hintergrund der historischen Ereignisse entwickelt sich eine tragisch-sentimentale Liebesgeschichte.

NEWS OF MOTHER'S PHOTOS

A large package of photographs of Mother, ordered by people at Pitanga last August, will arrive by next week. There will be a new photo exhibition of photographs of Mother at Savitri Bhavan starting on Sunday, 16 February. When the package arrives, all August orders which are filled will be kept at Savitri Bhavan and those people will be contacted.

The new Exhibition, entitled "MOTHER'S LOVE" has many photos which people may want to purchase. Even though receiving photos has been a much slower process than was expected, the Delhi Ashram, which is the only source available for those rare photos, wants to continue to supply them. So the same ordering process will take place in Savitri Bhavan that took place in Pitanga. The only difference is that now we know it could take many months to get the photos.

The Delhi Ashram has sent twenty very large photographs of Mother and Sri Aurobindo. They are approximately 30"x40" (75cm x 101cm) They can be purchased directly from me by calling me at 262-3144. They are traditional photos, such as may be seen all over the Ashram. If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Love, Loretta

Auroville CHILDREN'S CHOIR in Concert,
on Tuesday February 25th at 7.30 pm at
Pitanga Hall.

Songs from different countries, styles and
composers.

All are most welcome.

AN EVENING OF STORYTELLING

The British Group is happy to present a
programme by Norman, who will read a
selection from his short stories.

Norman is a well-known British TV and film
actor who is on his third long visit to
Auroville.

Norman's stories are autobiographical. They
are stories about people and events of
everyday life.

Time: Saturday 15th February at 8pm

Venue: The Pitanga Hall

=mdi dapd; gwej ehs;

(The Mother's Birthday)

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**TO THOSE WHO CAME AND WATCHED THE DVD EX-
TENDED EDITION OF 'THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING'**
at the Certitude Sportsground

A DVD Projector, and particularly the special bulb in it, are
very expensive pieces of equipment. This makes every use
of that equipment mean a lot in maintenance cost: even at
a reduced rate, it comes to 1500,/ Rs.

If you can help cover that amount (even small donations,
30,/ Rs for example, if multiplied by 50 people, would be
enough), please contribute to the account #0340.

Thank you,
Bhaga

CHERS MEMBRES DE LA COMMUNAUTE

Les formulaires pour le renouvellement des permis de
résidence expirant en avril et en mai 2003, sont prêts. Ils
peuvent être retirés au bureau du Service des Résidents.
Veuillez apporter votre passeport quand vous viendrez.

Dû à des changements dans les procédures du RRO, vous
serez prévenu directement par ce service pour le retrait
des permis. Dans le cas où vous recevriez ou paieriez pour
des renouvellements de permis, veuillez nous téléphoner
ou venez nous voir pour que nous puissions mettre à jour
votre dossier. Cordialement, Ilse, Mark, Raji et Tanvi
Pour le Service des Résidents

**I have lost a black wallet yesterday (6/02) in
Auroville maybe near solar kitchen.**

**It contains several important documents
with the name 'SAVOIS Vincent'.**

If you found it please contact Shan Shanmugam
or the Centre Guesthouse.

Thank you very much in advance for your help.
Vincent Savoie

Honest Worker Needs Work.

I have a man who has worked with me for many years
now and I need to let him go, as I am down sizing our
operation here at AuroGreen. He is a good worker and
completely honest. He lives in Sanjeev Nagar, so can come
to work almost anywhere in AV. He is in his late fifties,
but still can do full work for quite some years more. But if
you might need a good watchman, he would be ideal for
such work and it would be easier for him and he could
work many more years. Contact me by e-mail: charlie@,
or by phone: 2622-927 Charlie (AuroGreen)

L'anniversaire de Mère

Nous célébrerons le 125^e anniversaire de Mère à l'amphithéâtre du Matrimandir.

Nous commencerons par chanter « Om anandamayee... » à 5.30 h

Après cela Joy dirigera le chant « Aspiration de la Terre » qui a été donné par Mère à un ashramite. Tous ceux présents à
l'amphithéâtre sont invités à y participer.

Ceci sera suivi d'un texte enregistré de l'Agenda avec la voix de Mère et par une méditation.

Tous ceux qui voudraient pratiquer ce chant à l'avance sont invités à venir au CIC du Bharat Nivas, le lundi et le samedi de 17 h à
18 h et le vendredi de 16 h à 17 h.

(Nous demandons à tous ceux qui viennent à cette célébration d'être aussi silencieux que possible. Quand vous arrivez sur les
lieux, veuillez ne pas déranger les autres avec le bruit de vos sandales, en parlant, avec les flashes d'appareils photos, etc. S.V.P
laissez votre chien à la maison.) Merci. L'équipe de l'amphithéâtre.