

# Auroville News

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On the auspicious occasion of  
Mother's 125th Birth Anniversary and Auroville's 35th Birthday,  
let us all renew in our hearts our commitment to save the land  
for the manifestation of Auroville.

# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

## LE RISHI

*(Aux âges antérieurs du monde, quand le continent arctique subsistait encore, le Roi Manu sollicite la connaissance auprès du Rishi du Pôle, qui après l'avoir longtemps dérouté par des à-côtés contradictoires de la connaissance, lui révèle ce qu'il importe par-dessus tout à l'homme de savoir.)*

*Quelquefois il s'écoule de parfaits milleniums,  
Jusqu'à ce que, à leur douce consommation,  
Nous répandions tout le ciel secret sur la terre,  
Après quoi nous nous élevons  
Au-dessus, emmenant avec nous la race humaine  
À la demeure de l'Amour bienheureux,  
La lumineuse épiphanie que nous appelons Dieu,  
Vers qui nous nous serons sans cesse dirigés  
En dépit de faiblesse, mal, chagrin et souffrance.  
Il Se tient en retrait  
Des mondes du Sommeil ; Il est et restera  
Quand ils deviendront aveugles  
Aux joies individuelles ; car même ces dernières  
Sont des ombres, ô Roi,  
Et trouvent une fin glorieuse dans l'éclat  
Éblouissant dont elles sont originaires.  
Nous ne sommes qu'étincelles de ce feu parfait entre tous  
Et vagues de cet océan :  
De Lui nous venons, à Lui nous allons  
Et Le désirons éternellement.  
Et aussi longtemps qu'Il le veut, notre naissance séparée  
Est et sera.  
Ne te dérobes pas à la vie, ô Aryen, mais reçois  
Avec allégresse, avec joie,  
Son bien, Son mal, et Son péché, et Sa vertu,  
Jusqu'au moment où Il t'ordonne le départ.  
Mais pendant que tu vis, remplis  
À la perfection ton rôle,  
Conçois la terre comme ta scène, toi-même l'acteur plein de force,  
Et le dramaturge, Lui.  
Travaille, mais à Dieu seul appartiennent les fruits,  
Lui, qui, seul, est.  
Travaille, aime et connais, - ainsi ton esprit conquerra  
L'immortelle félicité.  
Aime les hommes, aime Dieu. Ne crains pas d'aimer, ô Roi,  
Ne redoute pas d'être en joie ;  
Car la Mort est un passage, et l'affliction est une chose imaginée  
Pour harceler ceux-là qui se laissent duper.  
Échappe au moi et trouve une joie supérieure  
Dans l'amour seul.*

# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

## *THE RISHI*

*(King Manu in the former ages of the world, when the Arctic continent still subsisted, seeks knowledge from the Rishi of the Pole, who after long baffling him with conflicting side-lights of the knowledge, reveals to him what it chiefly concerns man to know.)*

Perfect millenniums are sometimes, until  
In the sweet end  
All secret heaven upon earth we spill,  
Then rise above  
Taking mankind with us to the abode  
Of rapturous Love,  
The bright epiphany whom we name God,  
Towards whom we drove  
In spite of weakness, evil, grief and pain.  
He stands behind  
The worlds of Sleep; He is and shall remain  
When they grow blind  
To individual joys; for even these  
Are shadows. King,  
And gloriously into that luster cease  
From which they spring.  
We are but sparks of that most perfect fire,  
Waves of that sea:  
From Him we come, to Him we go, desire  
Eternally,  
And so long as He wills, our separate birth  
Is and shall be.  
Shrink not from life, O Aryan, but with mirth  
And joy receive  
His good and evil, sin and virtue, till  
He bids Thee leave.  
But while thou livest, perfectly fulfil  
Thy part, conceive  
Earth as thy stage, thyself the actor strong,  
The drama His.  
Work, but the fruits to God alone belong,  
Who only is.  
Work, love and know, - so shall thy spirit win  
Immortal bliss.  
Love men, love God. Fear not to love, O King,  
Fear not to enjoy;  
For Death's a passage, grief a fancied thing  
Fools to annoy.  
From self escape and find in love alone  
A higher joy.

**MATRIMANDIR TORA MEETING****18<sup>th</sup> February 2003**Present: 50Chairpersons: Amrit, Mauna, UlliNotes: Auralee**DECISIONS:**

1. **Joining the TORA or a study group:** the registration period will be extended for one more week – until February 26<sup>th</sup> – for any persons who wish to join the Tora. They should get in touch personally with a member of Focus (Amrit, Mauna, Michael T, Ulli) or email [focus@auroville.org.in](mailto:focus@auroville.org.in). Then membership in the TORA will be closed. Aurovilians who are unable to commit to the whole process can indicate their willingness to join a study group and research an aspect of the Matrimandir work which remains to be completed.
2. An invitation to the **first meeting of the various study groups**, including the list of members for each group, will be made shortly by Focus. These meetings will be scheduled after working hours – at 5:15. An announcement will be made.
3. There will be a **General Meeting next Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:15**, to discuss the relationship between the Matrimandir Core Group and the Community – and specifically, the Tora. The meeting will start **promptly at 5:15**, regardless of how many people have arrived, and will end at 7:00 pm.
4. The **Amphitheatre group will meet with MWT** in the next day or two, to plan for the dawn events of Feb 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Sigrid will meet tomorrow with John to fix a time for that meeting.

**NEXT STEPS:**

1. Aurovilians committing themselves to participate in the TORA should register by Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> by contacting a member of Focus personally or by sending an email to [focus@auroville.org.in](mailto:focus@auroville.org.in), indicating the study group topic they want to research. All names will be published in the *Auroville News* and on the Net.
2. The Matrimandir Core Group will define its relationship with the Community (and TORA) in a General Meeting to be held on February 24, 2003.

**DISCUSSION:**

The meeting began with Ulli giving a summary of the meetings with the Governing Board which culminated in the formation of the Matrimandir Core Group. As per the extract of the Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting pertaining to that decision:

2. There will be a Matrimandir Core Group consisting of five Members:

(i) Mr. Roger Anger

(ii) Mr. Arjun Puri

(iii) Mr. Friedrich Schulze Buxloh (alias Fred)

(iv) Mr. Ulrich Blass, (alias Uli)

(v) Secretary of Auroville Foundation

A question period followed, with questions and reactions from various people. Clarifications were given wherever possible. It was acknowledged that the role of the Tora, and the agreed-upon process, including voting, remain hanging, vis-à-vis the as-yet undefined functioning of the Core Group. It was decided to ask the Matrimandir Core Group to make a statement of its combined intention as to how it will function with the Community. This will be the topic of a general meeting next Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. The first meeting of the study groups will be announced shortly.

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## Development Council Notes - February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003

Guests: Njal and Sonja (Centre Field),

### REVE

All the finishing materials that were previously pending have been found in Pondicherry and are expected to be on site by the 4<sup>th</sup> of Feb. The internal road, parking and landscaping will be finalized soon. Cable TV will be coming to the area and a common laundry arrangement is being planned. The future Residents are meeting on a regular basis.

### ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Njal came to present his concerns and the practical work he is doing and to stress how in Auroville we need to move towards a more nature-integrated lifestyle. He feels that on the environmental level it is crucial that we become more self-critical vis-à-vis our ideals and our ground reality. He highlighted how we are still basing our decisions on economic factors based on short-term values that undermine our long-term sustainability practices.

The IDC encouraged Njal to continue his practical work while developing fact sheets which can be available to architects and other interested persons. Any persons concerned and able to contribute their time and energy for the environment can contact Njal. The work is two-fold, consisting of practical steps in the bioregion and conducting an awareness campaign in Auroville itself.

### CENTER FIELD

Sonja came to discuss the situation in Center Field community as Rolf Ali, her neighbour, wrote an email asking the IDC to look into the situation. It was clarified that the small structure is a massage workshop with a keel roof (sink only), which was given building permission in October, 2001. The actual structure is 40-50m. from the neighbour and the solution of a living fence was being looked into.

A proposed road will be located in between Tapas's and Sonja's house, closer to Tapas' side. The development of the area was stalled after a project did not receive the funding expected. Eugene will go on site and provide Sonja with a copy of the site plan.

### SARAVANAM

Saravanam has not yet found an adequate housing alternative, as he was requested to vacate the storeroom he has been using intermittently on a piece of land in Kottakarai overseen by Ramalingam. After a meeting with both parties and a financial settlement being agreed upon, proper housing for Saravanam and his wife remains pending. He came to the meeting with a proposal to build a house and was referred to the planning group to discuss an appropriate location.

### POUR TOUS II

The engineer met with the architect of the future Pour Tous II and advised the group to give building permission. However, the technical details that the IDC requested have not been given. As this is an urgent case, building permission was given on the conditions that the technical studies pertaining to the foundation and in-detail date will be given to the IDC before the building construction begins.

### OBJECTION TO VIDUTI PROJECT

Mani of Protection came to talk about the proposed Restaurant/Boutique/Info Centre to be built in Kuilapalyam square in the tamarind grove next to the Bakery. He indicated that the intersection is already a serious traffic hazard and parking at such a project will only make matters worse. He did not see it published in the News and was not aware of the commercial aspect of the project, as he has been the steward of this land for many years. The IDC will try to invite all the concerned parties to discuss the matter and find a better understanding.

## 2 Building Applications are waiting for 2 weeks of feedback:

Anushya, extension of Selvams house at La Ferme

Monique, extension of her house at Grace

### Auroville's 35th Birthday Bonfire on 28.2.2003 at 5.30 a.m.

Preparations for the Bonfire: Thursday 27.2.  
3.30 p.m. Please come to the Amphitheater.  
We need helpers for the afternoon and early  
morning too.

All are welcome to enjoy some precious time  
together working as well as enjoying the  
atmosphere and music.

Carlos, Joy, Sigrid, Srimoyi  
The Amphitheater group

### Dear Friends

We the students of After School would like to in-  
vite you to our 'Open House' where we will present  
a cultural programme of music, dance and drama.  
The event will be on Saturday March 1st at 6 pm  
at After School in the Last School Campus.  
We look forward to seeing you there!  
Love, After School students

### AMPHITHEATER

**Tuesday 25.2. 2003 at 5.30 p.m. sunset**

"Savitri", the initiatic epic poem by Sri Aurobindo read  
by Mother accompanied by Sunil's music :  
Book V The Book of Love  
Canto 3 Satyavan and Savitri

Sigrid

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!  
Savitri Bhavan  
for introducing Srimathi . Prema  
Nanthakumar to us  
who made the evening much delightful and  
meaningful

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Shankar, Last School

### "LAND FOR AUROVILLE" FLEA MARKET

Thank you so much, dear Aurovilians, helpers, unit  
holders, guests and visitors for your love and  
support of the "Land for Auroville" flea market last  
Sunday at the Eucalyptus Grove. Your lovely energy  
manifested Rs. 54,280.

May Mother's Force and Guidance be always with  
us to do Her work every day.

With love,  
from the Land Fund Team

## GENERAL MEETING ON MONDAY, FEB 24th

During the last meeting of the Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation the concerns regarding Matrimandir were considered in great detail. Discussions were also held with the members of the Working Committee and their invitees, the Auroville Council and the Matrimandir Workers Team, and the Architect. An agreement was reached between all present that a Matrimandir CORE group be formed in order to decide on all issues regarding Matrimandir. The members of this Core Group are: Roger Anger, Arjun Puri, Frederick, Ulli, Secretary - AV Foundation.

(As soon as the official wording of the agreement has reached us, it will be placed on the AVNet, and published in next week's News. The preliminary wording of the agreement together with other background information has already been posted on AVNet.)

In order to discuss the above matter and the ramifications it may hold for the decision making process regarding the Matrimandir situation, all are invited to attend.

**Monday, February 24th, 5.15 pm sharp, SAWCHU.**

AVC/WC

# Exhibition fi yffz fhl rp

At the Pyramids



## The Last School/Super School Students Invite you

To visit and discover in an exhibition  
the work of the  
Pyramids Art Center students  
(Deepanam, Transition, After School,  
CFL, Last School/ Super School,  
Free Students)

From the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of  
February 3 pm to 5.30 pm

The mounting of this exhibition has been  
undertaken as an experience in collective  
learning by the students themselves

### EXHIBITION

" A Toi "

Oil paintings  
Tibetan Pavilion  
from 21st February to 7th March '03  
from 3pm to 7pm.  
Opening: 21st February  
10:00am

Veronique N.

### ARKA INVITATION

Everyone is invited to attend the laying of a  
foundation stone for the first block of the ARKA  
residential area (by Crown Road, opposite  
Surrender community) at 4.30 pm on Sunday  
2nd March. Hopefully Nirodbaran, who has  
been invited, will help us to make it a memorable  
and joyful occasion.

The ARKA team

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### EVENING VIDEOS AT VISITORS' CENTRE

MONDAY THE 24TH AT 8PM:  
" NATURE DOCUMENTARIES FROM DAVID  
ATTENBOROUGH "  
TUESDAY THE 25TH AT 8PM:  
ITALIAN VIDEO  
WEDNESDAY THE 26TH AT 8PM:  
GERMAN VIDEO:  
" DER TALENTIERTER Mr RIPLEY "  
JEUDI 27 A 20H: VIDEO EN FRANCAIS  
" UN HOMME NOMME CHEVAL "  
FRIDAY THE 28TH AT 6.30PM:  
CARTOON FOR CHILDREN  
" BABAR, ROI DES ELEPHANTS "  
SATURDAY THE 1st AT 8PM:  
" LORD OF THE RINGS "  
adapted from Tolkien's masterpiece  
version integrale dvd. 3.30h.

**We Forgot Tara's Little Backpack at the Solar kitchen Last Monday.** It's furry and has a Teddy Bear on it. Inside are some kid's clothes, an Alu-Drinking bottle and a baby bottle. If you found it please contact us at Carsten's house. 2622 583  
Thanks, Elvira

**Looking for a children's seat which can be fixed on a MTB – FRAME** and can carry up to 22 kg. If you have one and don't need it please let me know! 2622 583  
Thanks, Elvira

### UPS FOR SALE

A four month old APC ups for sale, contact Arnab or Shantha at 2622168,2622749

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### Exhibition

Recent Paintings  
by Vahula

From Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Till Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Al Brand New day Office – (Beach road)  
Timings – 10am to 5pm.

### The Mother's Smile

"As for me, I prefer not to have any mechanism / in a spiritual practice / !"

(The Mother Aug.5, 1964).

For ten years I visited Dimitrii von Morenschildt (1902-2002) in the Ashram. He met the Mother in February 1958 and afterwards many times visited the Ashram from the United States. Dimitrii told me that Mother permanently smiled or laughed. It was happiness to see Mother's smile. Very often Dimitrii and his friends asked Pavitra (a scientist and Mother's driver) in the morning about her schedule for the day. The Mother daily checked the work in some parts of the Ashram which was spread out in different places of Pondicherry. When Mother went out from the car, in any place Dimitrii with his friends already waited for her smile.

Once Pavitra had a problem with his eyes. People told Mother that she must change driver. She answered : "It is more easy for me to refuse the daily traveling in Pondicherry".

Boris

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### PRESENTATION ON MAITREYE PROJECT

***We want to inform you, that after a deeper look on the timing we had to postpone our presentation. Please notice the new date.***

You are cordially invited on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 16:00 @ The Centre 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](mailto:developmentgroup@auroville.org.in)

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### PRESENTATION DU PROJET de MAITREYE

Nous tenons à vous informer qu'après examen approfondi du programme, nous avons dû ajourner notre présentation. Veuillez noter la nouvelle date.

Vous êtes cordialement invités le 27 février à 16h au Centre for Urban Research, appelé auparavant le Town Hall Annex.

Présentation du dernier projet de logement : ce projet a pour objectif de fournir des solutions économiques et bien intégrées esthétiquement en réponse à la crise du logement.

La présentation sera faite par Joseba, le chef de projet, Anapurma, l'architecte et l'équipe de Kolam. Les résidents intéressés pourront contacter Sonia.

Comme le projet n'a pas encore été approuvé, tous les résidents potentiels sont encouragés à y participer dès le début. Nous aimerions que ce projet se poursuive et nous vous invitons à une session de partage d'informations.

A bientôt, autour du projet de Maitreye.

Pour un exemplaire de la brochure d'information :  
E-mail [developmentgroup@auroville.org.in](mailto:developmentgroup@auroville.org.in)



**EAR ACUPUNTURE TREATMENTS**

(The medical term is auricular acupuncture)

TREATMENTS by REGINE :

Will start in PITANGA HALL

from Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February till the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2003 only on :

Mondays : 9 to 12h30 am and

Wednesdays : 10h30 to 12h30 am

Please make your appointment by phone at Pitanga Hall desk : 262 2561

**CAN BE TREATED :**

All kinds of PAIN (old and new ones) from rheumatism to neurology...

Tobacco, alcohol, food ADDICTIONS, Insomnia Neurological problems (lost of smell and taste...)

Migraine, headaches, Grinding teeth

Belly problems, Gynecological problems (sterility...) Skin problems (eczema, psoriasis, acne...) Hypertension, hypotension And...etc...

**IMPORTANT!**

A concert already posted in several places, of the Auroville Chamber Music Group with three flutes, recorder and piano is **postponed to Sunday March 16**. Place and time, Pitanga at 10.30 Am, remain the same.

- Merry

**Lester Browns' Books**

**The Earth Policy Reader (2002)**

and

**Eco Economy (2001)**

can be freely downloaded in PDF format from [www.earth-policy.org](http://www.earth-policy.org)

**"AUROVILLE AND TAMILNADU"**

A Seminar (bilingual) on the above theme will be held at Bharat Nivas on 22.2.03

7.00 am Invocation at Tamil Heritage centre, Bharat Nivas.

9.30 am to 12.30 pm – Seminar at Tibetan Pavilion.

2.00 to 3.30 pm – At CIC, Bharat Nivas.

A cultural Programme (Savitri Dance Drama) by the children an offering to the Mother on Her 125<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary year at 6.45 pm. – duration about 1 hour. Further details to be announced at the Seminar.

- Seminar Team.

About two months ago my 2 golden fingerings given to me by my parents have disappeared. I don't know if I lost them or they have disappeared. I would be extremely happy to get them back, since it is the only piece of remembrance from my mother and father. If you know anything, heard anything, found them but don't know to whom they belong to... please contact Agnes in Quiet Healing Centre 2622329  
Thank you very much.



**COMEDY**

**MUSEUM**

by  
**Tina Howe**

Afsaneh, Alan, Anandamayi, André, Bobby, Chris,  
E. Shrinivassan, Ellen, Jacky, Jeff, Liliana, Marco, Miki, Monique, Otto, Ralph, Reno, Roger, Rowland, Savitri, Srimoy, Thomas, Veronique

Lighting : Jean  
Setting : Aron



**Bharat Nivas Auditorium, Auroville**  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**  
**8:00 P.M.**

## **Bonfire 28.2.2003 35th birthday of Auroville**

Please come and quietly settle  
down after 5 a.m.

The Bonfire will be lit at  
5.30 a.m., followed by  
a message and music.

**All are welcome.**

The Amphitheater Group

### **INVITATION**

AUROVILLE VILLAGE ACTION AND  
MOHANAM CRAFTS invites everybody to  
join us in a consecration ceremony for  
" SVARAM -VOCATIONAL TRAINING  
AND RESEARCH STATION "  
at the old premises of Decauram,  
28th Feb. 9.30 am

This project wants to bring a fresh wind in one  
of the oldest units ( Ben's Carpentry ) of the  
Industrial Zone and you will hear more about us  
and our activities in the following weeks.

" touch wood "

## **PASSPORT FOUND**

German passport found near Solar  
Kitchen. Get in touch with Simone in  
Grace, tel 2622379.

### **LIFE OF BIRDS**

video series (part 8)  
by David Attenborough  
Monday, Febr. 24th, 8pm  
at Visitor Center

### **BREAK THE SILENCE**

A leaflet with this title is added to this (or the  
next) News, concerning the spraying of  
synthetic pesticides.

The English version is for your information. The  
two in Tamil ( Next week) we ask everybody to  
give to their ammas, gardeners, etc.

Please don't waste them!

If you have more workers than two or run a  
service/unit with many workers, please contact  
us for more leaflets.

Ask the people to take the leaflet home.

All the cartoons were made by Emanuelle and  
we enjoyed his creativity very much!

If anybody likes to volunteer distributing  
leaflets in the villages or contacting our units  
for distribution, contact us at the cashew trial  
plot or by phone : 2622234

## **Images from Tibet a exceptional multimedia presentation by Usha Kris At the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture on Saturday March 1 at 8 p.m. All are welcome**

Usha Kris started her photography career in 1982-83. She began with a simple camera system, and her initial assignments included Portraiture, Magazine spreads and Industrial houses. Her first contribution to Eve's Weekly made it to the cover. Taking a side step, her industrial and product photography talent found its way into brochures for export houses and catalogues for the likes of the KMA group, Atalier Shanti, and Ashok Leyland in the fields of Leather, Textiles and Engineering respectively, with each assignment being fresh challenges and opportunity for growth.

Magazine and newspaper Contributions: Through all this, Usha Kris continues to contribute to several leading and specialized magazines like - Jet Wings, Chic, Flair, Architecture + Design, Design Digest, Inside Outside, Femina, and Discover India and newspapers like The Hindu, and the Deccan Herald.

Usha Kris received the Bharat Nirman Award for excellence in the capacity of a professional photographer on March 9th, 2002 at New Delhi.

Usha will present the photos of her recent visit to Tibet.

## BROTHERHOOD

DEAR FRIENDS!

WE ARE HAPPY TO INFORM YOU THAT THE TENSION BETWEEN US (ELUMALAI AND VOLKER) WE ARE FRIENDS LIKE BEFORE WE BOTH SUFFERED A LOT, BUT WE FOUND A BETTER WAY TO BE.

IN THIS SENSE OF BROTHERHOOD WE REQUEST YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN SOLVING ELUMALAI'S HOUSING PROBLEM. IF ANY BODY KNOWS SOMETHING ABOUT A PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY PLACE TO STAY OR EMPTY SPACE IN YOUR COMMUNITY WHERE HOUSE CAN BUILD, PLEASE INFORM US IMMEDIATELY

CONTACT;

ELUMALAI, VOLKER, HOUSING SERVICE.

TELEPHONE; 2622658, 2623405

Email; housing@auroville.org.in

e\_elumalai@hotmail.com

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### IN HER GRACE, LOT OF THANKS !

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**We lost 3 keys** on the way in AV, one is a motor-bike-key, if someone found it, please bring it to POUR-TOUS-snackbar, **you ll get a reward!**  
THANK YOU

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### LOOKING FOR HOUSE SITTING OPPORTUNITY!!!

Hello my name is Brenna Greenland I am a student here this quarter from the University of Washington. I am staying to do an independent study abroad in Auroville for another three months and am looking for an opportunity to house sit while I am here. I am a very reliable individual who is very respectful and dependable. I am looking for a place between the dates of March 15th - May 20th. If you are interested please contact me via email at Brenna36@u.washington.edu

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### SHARING TIME' AT THE LOE-CHU

We are all part of that big Laboratory of Evolution and Centre for Human Unity that Auroville as a whole is. The Research-Unit called LOE-CHU is simply there as a Resource Centre and a space especially dedicated to that purpose, where our individual efforts at further evolution and a growing sense of unity can be stimulated, pooled and documented as much as possible.

Besides individual research and study in our specialised Library and Audiotheque (mornings: 9 to 12, except sundays; afternoons: wednesday and friday, 2 to 4), the LOE-CHU offers now something it wanted since long to propose: a time when we can share the personal experience or questions each of us may have in those two domains, Evolution and Unity, Auroville's two main goals. There had been already a request for

**I am Valentina, I am Aurovilian** and have no place to stay.

Can anybody help me in finding a place even only for a temporary period ? Please contact 2622704 Monday to Friday in the mornings.

I will appreciate any help. Thank you in advance.

With love, Valentina

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### Eat More Vegetables!!!

Figures show big increases in the amounts of local organic produce supplied to the Solar Kitchen and prepared in the meals for the community, over the last 5 years.

Big thanks to the Solar Kitchen menu planners & cooks, AV Foodlink coordination and distribution, and the farmers of Auroville, for tasty and healthy alternatives and a more sustainable future!

See chart & figures attached (Next week)

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### looking for a job

1. A young boy who is 21 is looking for a job. He can write and read English, and can speak a bit. Knows basic in computer, he has experience.

2. A lady who is about 30 is also looking for a house or garden work. Has experience.

Anyone interested or wants to know more about them, contact me.

thanks dawn

Findhorn Brochure:

I have the new Brochure from Findhorn - programmes for 03. If anyone is interested to have a look at it, can contact me. dawn

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**For Sale:** Canon Camera - EOS - 500N, Zoom lens (28-80) contact: Anita - 2623599

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### Dear Aurovilians New comers and friends,

An informal meeting with Gajapati Maharaja Kibyasingaha Rebji and Dr. Kireet Joshi on The Spiritual Development in Auroville (90 mini) and A talk on How to look for one's Nation Soul? (60 mini) by Dr. Ananada Reddy are ready in Video CD's documented by AERC. Whoever wants to have their copy can approach to Auroyogi or Subash.

Thanks, Auroyogi, AERC Phone: 2623258, 2622290

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such a sharing, and now the sessions we just had with the Governing Board have been the catalyst showing us our collective readiness for it, and the need for it on a regular basis.

THIS 'SHARING TIME' is proposed to be on FRIDAYS, 4.30 TO 6 PM, at the LOE-CHU (the space is arranged differently for group activities). THE FIRST SESSION WILL BE ON AUROVILLE'S BIRTHDAY, FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2003. The entire planet being actually a still vaster Laboratory of Evolution and Centre for Human Unity, ALL ARE WELCOME.

(Bhaga)

**Congratulations to the communities of Newlands, Success and Ravena** for arranging such a nice exhibition and walk. Not only was it an enjoyable Sunday outing but also a way to spread information and collect money for the Land Fund. Its not always easy for newcomers and guests and sometimes even Aurovillians to get to know Auroville. What most guests like is an inside look at some of the communities - to meet the people and a chance to ask questions, so I am sure the guests thoroughly enjoyed this treat. But who enjoyed it more, the guests or the Aurovillians, it would be hard to say. I had a great time.

### SPICMACAY CONCERT

artist: niladri kumar, sitar  
day: feb 18, 6:30pm  
venue: open air theatre, Pondicherry  
Engineering college  
entry free.

**OPERA VIDEO ON MONDAY EVENINGS 8 p.m.** at Merriam Hill Center (Centre Guest House)

Feb. 24th Verdi/La Forza del Destino (Mariinsky Theatre/Valerij Gergiev/live 1998)  
March 3rd Puccini-Berio/Turandot (Royal Concertgebouw Amsterdam/Riccardo Chailly)  
both performances sung in original language (Italian) with English subtitles, except for Turandot (sung in Italian, Dutch subtitles) in the premiere version of the completed opera by the renowned contemporary composer Luciano Berio

Please come on time, we start at 8 p.m. with the introduction by Eugeneen.  
(this time the copies are of good quality, as I have checked them out!)

### GERMAN VIDEO @ VISITOR'S CENTRE

Mittwoch, 26.2., 20.00 h  
"Der talentierte Mr. Ripley"  
Thriller, USA 2001, 120 min.,  
nach dem Roman von Patricia Highsmith,  
Regie: Anthony Minghella,  
mit Matt Damon, Jude Law,  
Gwyneth Paltrow, Kate Blanchett.  
Geschichte des hochstaplerischen  
Aufsteigers Ripley, der im Italien der 50er Jahre  
ins Netz seiner eigenen Intrigen geraet

## CHOIR CONCERTS

**Thursday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Pitanga Hall, Samasti**

**Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> Pitanga Hall, Samasti**

**Auroville Adult Choir** conducted by Nuria & Eugeneen Bach, Gorecki, Elgar, Britten, Dvorak, Douglas & Icelandic songs

**Auroville Renaissance Choir** conducted by Eugeneen English & Italian Renaissance Love-Madrigals  
Intermezzi: Nishtha & Yves, recorder & guitar

**ALL PERFORMANCES START AT 8 p.m. sharp!**

## SOUTH AFRICA

Miracles and challenges on the way to realising the  
"Rainbow Nation" –  
a transformation process with fascinating parallels and  
relevance to Auroville.

Anyone interested is warmly invited  
to an informal presentation and question and answer  
session by Jasmine.

SAWCHU

Tuesday 25. 2. 03

5 pm.

### Nadaka

### IN CONCERT

with Somnath Nandi

**Nadaka: Acoustic Guitar & vocal**

**- Somnath Nandi: Tabla**

**Friday 28th 8PM**

**Visitors Center**

### A big thank-you!!

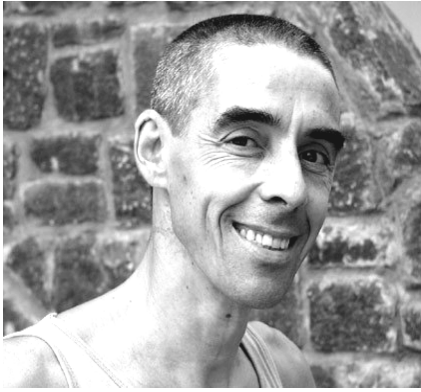
On February 21st, Mother's 125th Birth Anniversary, many Aurovillians gathered at Dawn at the Amphitheatre, listening to Mother's words, chanting and enjoying the beautiful and charged atmosphere.

Thanks to the organisers for this wonderful occasion worthy of Her 125th anniversary.

**BREAK THE SILENCE** (there was a PS that was missed at the end of "Break the Silence" Ed.)

p.s.1-An anecdote: Recently one Tamil gardener came to us after he saw a bottle of neem oil in his employer's storeroom and bought a bottle for himself ...(!)

p.s.2 To Muni from the roads service: A big hug for you and your "Slow" sign in front of the cashew trial plot. We feel super supported!



## STEFANO IS ON HIS WAY

Our good friend and brother Stefano Moro from Italy, who was with us here from 1981 onwards, has serenely and peacefully left his body on Monday, February 17th '03, 10 am in his home in Aurodam. He was just 47 years old.

Stef has battled with a most aggressive form of cancer for over a year, opting for natural and alternative means of treatment only. During this time he determinedly built up an increasingly strong and alive connection with his inner self from which place he continued to radiate hope and faith,

light and love to the ones coming in contact with him.

As long as he could, he read works of Sri Aurobindo, the Mother and Satprem. This strengthened and guided him in his integral yoga approach of actively, consciously confronting the karmic formation encountered by him in this lifetime. "I'll work this out", he said, "even if it would mean I would die along with it.." Stefano's courageous perseverance, and delight gained from new inner discoveries during this painful venture, impressed and uplifted the many friends who stood by him.

Hats off for this, Stefano, and thank you for your music and presence while you were here. We'll hold you up and remember you, and salute you while you're proceeding to the more celestial spheres of life..

Jay MA -

## Go and come, with love from all of us!

*= Our love and support and strength go to Stef's mother who was here these last months, and to Rossella and little Namoi who were involved in his decision to approach the illness in a natural way and who staunchly stood at his side all the way. May Mother, and Auroville, embrace you.*

*= Many Aurovilians came to bid him farewell. His body was buried in Aurodam on Thursday 19-02-03.*

*From Stefano's Mother:*

I want to say **Thank you** to all Aurovilians.

During these difficult days I have had the confirmation as Stefano always told me that Auroville is like a big family.

I was so happy to witness the love and help extended to my son Stefano; and I hope, deep in my heart, that this "Aurovilian Love" continues to support his daughter Namoi and his wife Rossela.

MIRELLA

P.S. A special thanks to the Health centre for their care and help