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For all

Pour Tous

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

(La conversation suivante a eu pour point de départ un aphorisme de Sri Aurobindo:)

70 – Examine-toi sans pitié, alors tu seras plus charitable et plus compatissant pour les autres.

Très bien ! (Mère rit) C'est très bien.

C'est très bon pour tout le monde, non ?

Surtout pour les gens qui se croient très supérieurs.

Mais vraiment, ça correspond à quelque chose de très profond.

Justement, c'est une expérience que j'ai depuis quelques jours et qui est comme arrivée à son apogée depuis avant-hier, et une vision d'ensemble au point de vue terrestre, ce matin.

C'est presque comme un renversement d'attitude.

Au fond, les hommes se sont toujours pris pour des espèces de victimes harcelées par les forces adverses, et ceux qui sont courageux se battent, les autres se lamentent. Mais de plus en plus, il y a eu une vision très concrète du rôle que jouent les forces adverses dans la création, de leur nécessité pour ainsi dire absolue pour qu'il puisse y avoir le progrès nécessaire afin que la création redevienne son Origine. Et la vision si claire qu'au lieu de demander la conversion ou l'abolition des forces adverses, c'est sa propre transformation qu'il faut accomplir, pour laquelle il faut prier, qu'il faut effectuer.

Ceci, au point de vue terrestre, je ne me place pas au point de vue individuel ; le point de vue individuel, on le sait, n'est-ce pas, c'est au point de vue terrestre.

Et c'était la vision, tout d'un coup, de toutes les erreurs, de toutes les incompréhensions, de toutes les ignorances, de toutes les obscurités, et, pire que cela, de toutes les mauvaises volontés de la conscience terrestre, qui se sont senties responsables de la prolongation de ces êtres et de ces forces adverses, et qui les ont offertes dans une grande – plus qu'aspiration, une sorte d'holocauste, pour que les forces adverses puissent disparaître, qu'elles n'aient plus de raison d'être, qu'elles ne soient plus là comme des indicatrices de tout ce qui doit changer.

Elles étaient rendues obligatoires de toutes ces choses qui étaient des négations de la vie divine ; et ce mouvement de la conscience terrestre au Suprême, l'offrande de toutes ces choses avec une intensité extraordinaire, était comme un rachat pour que ces forces adverses puissent disparaître.

C'était une expérience très intense. Elle s'est cristallisée autour d'un petit noyau d'expériences trop personnelles pour que ça puisse se raconter (je veux dire que je ne suis pas seule en cause), mais qui se traduisait comme cela : » Prends toutes les fautes que j'ai commises, prends toutes ces fautes, accepte-les, efface-les, pour que ces forces puissent disparaître. »

Cet aphorisme, c'est ça à l'autre bout, c'est ça dans son essence. Tant qu'une conscience humaine aura en elle la possibilité de sentir, d'agir ou de penser ou d'être contrairement au grand Devenir divin, il est impossible d'en blâmer un autre ; il est impossible de blâmer les forces adverses, qui sont maintenues dans la création comme le moyen de vous faire voir et sentir tout le chemin qui est à faire.

(silence)

C'était comme un souvenir – un souvenir qui est éternellement présent – de cette Conscience d'Amour suprême que le Seigneur a émanée sur la terre – DANS la terre – pour la ramener à Lui, et c'était vraiment la descente dans la Négation divine la plus totale de l'essence même de la Nature divine, par conséquent l'abandon de l'état divin pour accepter l'obscurité terrestre, afin de ramener la Terre à l'état divin. Et à moins que ce ne soit Ça, cet Amour suprême, qui devienne tout puissamment conscient ici, sur la Terre, le retour ne pourra jamais être définitif.

HOUSE OF MOTHER' S AGENDA

(The point of departure for this conversation was one of Sri Aurobindo's aphorisms:)

70 - Examine thyself without pity, then thou wilt be more charitable and pitiful to others.

Very good! *(Mother laughs)* That's very good.

It's very good for everyone, isn't it?

Especially for those who think they're so superior.

But it really does correspond to something very deep.

This is exactly the experience I have been going through these past few days; since the day before yesterday it seems to have reached its peak, and this morning it developed into a comprehensive vision, an earth-encompassing vision.

It's almost like a reversal of attitude.

Actually, people have always taken themselves for victims hounded by adverse forces - the courageous fight back, the rest lament. But increasingly there has been a very concrete vision of the role the adverse forces play in the creation, of their almost absolute necessity as goads to make the creation progress and become its Origin again. And there was such a clear vision that one should accomplish one's own transformation - that's what we must pray for, what we must work out - rather than demand the conversion or abolition of the adverse forces.

And this is all from the terrestrial, not the individual standpoint (for the individual standpoint, it's quite clear): I am speaking from the terrestrial standpoint.

And there was the sudden vision of all the error, all the incomprehension, all the ignorance, all the darkness and - even worse - all the ill will in the earth's consciousness, which felt responsible for the prolongation of those adverse forces and beings and offered them up in a great ... it was more than an aspiration, it was a sort of holocaust, so that the adverse forces might disappear, might no longer have any reason to exist, no longer need to be there to point out all that has to change.

The adverse forces were necessitated by all these negations of the divine life. And this movement of earth consciousness towards the Supreme, the offering of all these things with such extraordinary intensity, was a kind of reparation so that those adverse forces might disappear.

The experience was very intense. It crystallized around a small nucleus of experiences too personal to mention (because I wasn't the only one involved), which translated into this: "Take all my wrongdoings, take them all, accept them, obliterate them, and may those forces disappear."

That's essentially what this aphorism says, seen from the other end. So long as a single human consciousness carries the possibility of feeling, acting, thinking or being in opposition to the great divine Becoming, it is impossible to blame anyone else for it; it is impossible to blame the adverse forces, which are kept in the creation as a means of making you see and feel how far you still have to go.

(silence)

It was like a memory - an eternally present memory of that consciousness of supreme Love emanated by the Lord onto earth - INTO earth - to draw it back again to Him. And truly it was the descent of the very essence of the divine Nature into the most total divine Negation, and thus the abandonment of the divine condition to take on terrestrial darkness, so as to bring Earth back to the divine state. And unless That, that supreme Love, becomes all-powerfully conscious here on Earth, the return can never be definitive.

Editor's Note: This was mistakenly not published last week. Apologies

**AUROVILLE FOUNDATION
EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF XXVII MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
REGARDING MATRIMANDIR.**

During the meeting of the Governing Board on the 14th February 2003 at the Office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, Bharat Nivas, Auroville, the concerns regarding Matrimandir were considered by the Board Members in detail. Discussions were also held with the members of the Working Committee and their invitees, the Auroville Council and the Matrimandir Workers Team.

The Governing Board had studied all the papers presented in respect of Matrimandir including enclosures as at 1,2, & 3. The Board noted and appreciated the procedures which were followed by the Residents Assembly. However, it was painfully noted that there was disagreement on important issues. It was felt that these issues needed to be resolved as early as possible. It was further suggested that agreement should be arrived at by concerted effort of all concerned before the conclusion of the Governing Board Meeting.

In response a further meeting was held in order to narrow down the differences and disagreement, and even to arrive at an agreement. At this meeting, Mr.Fred Mr.Ulli and Mr.Arjun representatives of the Working Committee the Auroville Council and the Matrimandir Workers Team respectively were present. Mr.Roger Anger, Member of the Governing Board was also present throughout these meetings.

At this meeting, it was agreed that:

1. The total money available with Matrimandir - specified and unspecified, to be presented by Mr. Arjun Puri.
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
3. All the designs, works to be done will be presented by Mr. Roger Anger. Wherever there are areas of agreement, the works will be carried out expeditiously. In case of disagreement, the matter will be taken up by the Core Group. Subsequently, if necessary, it will be taken up by the Finance Committee and if further necessary, by the Governing Board.
4. All communication with the workers on site of the Matrimandir shall be made by the above-mentioned Core Group for implementation of the decisions.
5. All the Financial information i.e. the details of receipts and expenditure will be reported to the Finance Committee/ Governing Board regularly.
6. Mr. Roger Anger is the Architect of Matrimandir and Auroville, to realise Auroville according to the vision of the Mother.

On 15th February 2003, Governing Board met the representatives of the Working Committee, the Auroville Council and of the Matrimandir Workers Team at 11.30 hrs. at Bharat Nivas. Apart from the members of Board, the following were present:

1. Mr.Arjun Puri
2. Mr.Ulrich Blass
3. Mr.Frederick Schulze Buxloh

At this meeting, Mr.Arjun Puri presented the details of funds available for Matrimandir. (Details are at the annexure 'A')

Apart from the agreement reached on 14th Feb., it was further agreed as follows:

1. That the Matrimandir Core Group will meet to carry out the work at the earliest.
2. With respect to the matters agreed by Matrimandir Core Group, the Group will take steps to implement them expeditiously. In areas of disagreement, Matrimandir Core Group will be at liberty to devise its own ways for arriving at an agreement expeditiously, including various ways as outlined by 'The Experiment'.

If agreement is still not reached, the matter will be referred to the Finance Committee, and if necessary, to the Governing Board.

As approved by the Chairman.

P.R.Srinivasamurty
Secretary-in-Charge

Development Council Notes - February 18, 2003

Regular Members: Joseba, Jacques, Peter A., Jill

Consultant: Eugen

Secretary: Sonja

Notes: Shweta

Guests: Jana (architect of Sukhavati II), Mukta and Poonam (Liaisons for future Crech/Kindergarten), four future Reve II residents

WATER MANAGEMENT

A meeting on water management was recently held at the Centre for Urban Research to inform the community about the water situation. It was well attended. In follow-up, the Development Council would like to call on all interested residents for their assistance and asks for their participation in a Water Monitoring Group which would conduct a 6-month awareness and evaluation campaign and meet with all the communities.

As the situation is critical – the first aquifer is dry, with a possibility of saline intrusion – a drastic reduction in our water consumption is needed. Many proposals came up at the information meeting, yet there is a great need for Aurovilians of goodwill to form a team. We request all interested individuals to contact the Development Council within the next 2 weeks. Please consider if you can spare some time for this needful community program.

SUKAVATI Phase II

Jana, the architect, came to present a model and site plan. The project is for about 14 units, buildings will be ground + 1 and a sleeping loft. At present 3 clients are committed, with several people interested. A living green wall is proposed with special attention paid to sound management and the wind corridor.

Details pertaining to a shifting of electrical lines have to be worked out with the Electrical Service, and the as the current and future water situation in the area raises some concerns. A balanced mixture of residents; singles, couples and families of different nationalities is a priority. The project will respect the density agreed. A catalogue for each type of housing is available for prospective residents.

FUTURE CRECHE/KINDERGARTEN

Mukta and Poonam came on behalf of Deepanam school. There is an urgent need of a Crèche as the one in Deepanam is full. A piece of land was proposed by planning Group in Center Field area adjacent to the existing Crèche and Kindergarten. Mukta and Poonam came to clarify some problems related to this land and see if change of road location, and use of the old Crèche can be given to them to consolidate the land for Deepanam project.

SARAVANAM

Saravanam, who works at Matrimandir, had requested to build

an isolated house outside the Matrimandir Nursery in the International Zone, yet this idea was not found to be feasible. We need to find him an alternative housing solution in connection with the Housing Group. Jacques will follow up.

MAITREYE ROAD ACCESS

There have been subsequent meetings with members of Sharnga with regards to the distance between the Maitrye access road and the house of Jean-Francois and Kripa. 20 m are kept between their house and road, a 5 m extra can be envisaged but they request 40 m. No agreement was reached. While in principle Maitreye is welcomed by the people of Residential Zone. Some people do not understand the necessity of an Outer Ring Road and therefore they are questioning.

REVE II

Residents from Reve II came to share their concerns about the ongoing construction, which has taken longer than expected due to setbacks such as the late arrival of certain construction materials. The new estimated date of final completion for the three blocks is mid-April. The engineers have expressed their concern that at certain times the residents have interfered with their work, while the residents suggest that the project has lacked a completion and coordinating management body. The Development Council tried to find solutions according to the actual present situation. The original architect of the project will be called to meet with the Development Council and some of the residents to discuss flat fees which were not channelled through the Central Fund.

Basile in Dana

We have been informed that Basile has already built a concrete structure above an existing storeroom, without informing neither us nor the direct neighbours. We publish the afterwards received building application in order to get feedback of Dana community. Conditions will be given with the permission if no objection is received.

Recent BUILDING APPLICATIONS waiting two weeks for feedback

Suhasini to extend Auroville Boutique, at the Visitor Centre

Basile in Dana for up grading of a storeroom

Dear Friends,
IDC invites all people who are concerned with the water situation to discuss the campaign what was decided in the assembly of C U R.
Warm wishes
IDC

MANDATE FOR THE ENTRY GROUP 2003 (proposal)

MISSION STATEMENT

The Entry Group on behalf of the RA processes all applications to join Auroville and oversees the entry procedures. It keeps records of foreign students, volunteers, workshop participants who come for longer than 6 months and therefore require an Entry or similar visa.

ENTRY GROUP MEMBERSHIP

The Resident's Assembly ratifies membership in the Entry Group. The term of office is three years. If a member wishes to continue after the term the Residents Assembly must again ratify him/her. The members are expected to commit to Mothers guidelines in their own lives, to regular attendance at meetings, and working as a group. Their decisions are group decisions and the group stands responsible for them, and keeps accurate records of them. All members must observe discretion about the information entrusted to them. Members of the Entry Group must have resided in Auroville for at least seven years.

DUTIES OF THE ENTRY GROUP

The function of the Entry Group is to receive and inform people who are interested in joining Auroville, and to do all the required administrative work such as correspondence, processing applications, and requesting recommendation letters from the Auroville Foundation.

The Entry Group interviews applicants and reviews all the information and feedback coming from the Contact persons, the educational program staff, the workplace and the community at large. It is they who decide on Resident of Auroville status. The Entry Group can review and settle "problem cases" or conflict situations, and be a reference body for the Newcomer and the Contact person in case of difficulties.

DUTIES OF CONTACT PERSONS

Contact persons are Residents of Auroville who have volunteered to help facilitate one or more Newcomers to integrate into the Auroville community during their Newcomer period. The Entry Group selects a Contact Person for each Newcomer based on language and affinities or needs. The task of a Contact Person is to interact with the Newcomer and provide guidance and assistance, in the light of the aims of Auroville, when and where needed. The Contact Person acts also as a link between the Entry Group and the Newcomer, providing quarterly updates on the Newcomers progress in integrating into the community and on any changes in the workplace or residence.

THE NEWCOMER PROCESS

Any person who is interested to join Auroville is requested to stay as a registered guest in Auroville for a minimum period of three months. During this time, the guest may explore the community life by observing and/or participating in various activities, projects and services.

If, during this time the guest decides to join Auroville, an

interview with the Entry Group is scheduled. Thereafter, application forms may be given, along with copies of the "Joining Auroville" brochure and the Newcomer Guidelines, where all the current policies on housing, finances, and work are clearly spelled out.

A Certificate of Health is required at the time of application.

If the applicant fulfills the criteria for admission, (See below: Criteria for admission as Newcomer to Auroville) the Entry Group will recommend to the community through the Auroville News and Intranet to accept the applicant as Newcomer. The community has a period of two weeks to respond. In the case that no negative response is received the Entry Group will declare the applicant a Newcomer. In the case that reservations against the applicant are received the Entry Group will discuss these observations with the person(s) who have submitted them and with the applicant, and thereafter make its decision.

The Newcomer period lasts for two years. Newcomers are requested to take up a work that is useful to the community for at least five hours a day. The Newcomer should familiarize him/herself with all the various aspects of Auroville, to join in various collective activities, open community meetings and other gatherings. As English is the common language for collective communications in Auroville, basic communication skills in English are essential for integration. (This does not imply that perfect mastery of the language is required.) Newcomers are further urged to learn Tamil, French and Sanskrit. Starting a new undertaking during the Newcomer period – be it a service, commercial unit or an independent project – requires the permission of the Entry Group.

It is expected that the Newcomer will remain in Auroville throughout the Newcomer period. Exceptions can be made, but it is required that at least one full year is spent continuously in Auroville. (Occasional excursions ~~upto~~ up to two weeks are acceptable)

The Newcomer period can be extended up to three years only. If a Newcomer, who has held that status for less than one year leaves Auroville for more than three months, he/she must restart the Newcomer process upon his/her return. If a Newcomer, who has held that status for more than one year, leaves Auroville for more than 3 months up to one year, he/she must remain as Newcomer for at least one full year upon his/her return to Auroville.

The participation and progress of the Newcomer will be reviewed after the first year of the Newcomer period based on the criteria. If, at that point in time, efforts have not been made to fulfill and uphold the criteria, the Newcomer period may be terminated, whereupon the Newcomer will be asked to leave. He/she may re-apply after 2 years.

At the end of the Newcomer period, the Entry Group will review feedback from the Contact People, workplace, and the community at large and interview the Newcomer. If all the criteria for acceptance are met, the Entry Group will recommend to the community through the Auroville News and Intranet to accept the Newcomer as Resident of Auroville. The community has a period of two weeks to respond. In the case that no negative response is received the Entry Group

will declare the Newcomer as a member of the Residents Assembly. If the Newcomer fails to meet the criteria for admission after the two-year period, the newcomer period maybe extended by another year or he may be asked by the Entry Group to leave the community for a minimum of two years before applying again.

ENTRY PROCESS FOR MINORS

Children of Newcomers below the age of 18 years come as Students of Auroville. At the age of 18 or above, they may choose to apply for Resident of Auroville Status with the Entry Group.

In the case that only one of the parents wishes to join Auroville together with one or more children, an official statement from the absent parent or legal guardian stating that they have no objection that the child resides in Auroville, will be required before the child can be admitted

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION AS NEWCOMER TO AUROVILLE

- A fundamental understanding of the Ideals of Auroville and the Vision of Mother and Sri Aurobindo.
- Willingness to offer one's energies and talents to the development of Auroville, and the ability to sustain oneself and his/her dependants through this offering.
- Basic communication skills in English
- No involvement in crime, violence, or sectarian associations.
- Must disclose, if any, details of psychiatric illness, antisocial or criminal behavior/activity. (If it were found out later that this information was withheld, it would be grounds for dismissal from Auroville. Please note that grounds for removal would not be the previous record but lying about it.)
- Health Certificate is also required.

Due to Auroville's present housing situation, in addition to fulfilling the above criteria, a Newcomer must deposit via the Housing Group an adequate sum for securing an appropriate accommodation after the first year of the Newcomer period. Housing that is offered in relation to work is not considered as a permanent housing solution.

The participation and progress of the Newcomer will be reviewed after the first year of the Newcomer period based on the above criteria. If, at that point in time, efforts have not been made to fulfill and uphold the criteria, the Newcomer period may be terminated, whereupon the Newcomer will be asked to leave. He/she may re-apply after 2 years.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO RESIDENTS ASSEMBLY

After the Newcomer has completed the two year period of integration into Auroville, the Entry Group evaluates and assesses each case based on the following criteria:

·A sincere dedication to realize the Ideals of the Auroville Charter

·Must have actively participated in working towards the

realization of Auroville in one's appropriate field, and have demonstrated the ability to sustain oneself and his/her dependants during the Newcomer period.

·Harmonious integration into the community and a spirit of collaboration

·Interest and respect for the local culture and customs, and demonstrated progress learning English

·Positive feedback from the workplace, contact persons, residential community and the community at large

·No involvement in crime, violence or sectarian associations

·Due to Auroville's present housing situation, in addition to fulfilling the above criteria, only those who have the resources to build or purchase living quarters, or who receive or share an existing dwelling on a permanent basis with the approval of the Housing Service, can join the community. Housing that is offered in relation to work is not considered as a permanent housing solution.

POLICY FOR RETURNING AUROVILIANS

Residents of Auroville who have been absent from Auroville for more than five years are removed from the Residents List. This implies that normally all rights and claims to living quarters are lost after the absence of five years.

Persons returning to rejoin Auroville after a period of five years or more will have an interview with the Entry Group. If he/she still fulfills the criteria for admission, the Entry Group will recommend, to the community, through the Auroville News and Intranet to accept him/her as Returning Resident.

Returning Residents are expected to re-integrate in the Auroville community within a period of six months.

Six months after having been declared 'Returning Resident', the Entry Group will recommend to the community to accept him/her as Resident of Auroville. The community has a period of two weeks to respond. In the case that no negative response is received, the Entry Group will accept the person as Resident of Auroville. In the case that negative observations against the applicant are received, the Entry Group will discuss these observations with the person(s) making them and with the applicant, and thereafter make its decision.

ENTRY GROUP

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Green Group Meeting 27th February 2003

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

This was an extra meeting held partly because last week's was entirely focused on discussing the proposed Matrimandir Lake with Narad, and partly to examine the progress of the Group so far.

1. The Green Group – who are we, what are we doing, where are we going?

As a group we are limited by all of our individual limitations, which in this case are mostly related to time and energy. There are various frustrations felt by group members, both related to their own individual contributions and to the functioning of the group as a whole.

In summary, as a group we can be relied upon to take up issues of land use and stewardship and so on but we cannot be relied upon to act as Auroville's environmental watchdog – to deal with all the environmental issues that come up on a regular basis. We do recognize that there is a need for a group to play that role, but at present it is a gap that we cannot fill. We can take up these issues that come up only if individual members of the group have the necessary time, energy and willingness.

It's a difficult job but we're doing our best! ...and its better that we're here and at least doing that rather than not existing at all!

2. Proposed tar road from Edayanchavadi to the Botanical Gardens.

Edayanchavadi is proposing to tar 400 m of road from the Udavi turning to the entrance to Saravana's plot. A meeting will be held on Saturday at which hopefully the complicated situation will become clearer. Sydo will attend.

3. TNEB connection at Brihaspati

Brihaspati wants a TNEB connection. It is difficult to know what to do because the Green Belt policy is still clearly to exist as far as possible on alternative energy.

From the Entry Group

The Newcomer status of Aurodaivam, who was working and living at Savitri Bhavan, has been revoked due to his involvement in criminal activities.

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Ed's Note regarding 'AVNews Agenda:'

The 'AVNews Agenda' done by Claude Gaborit will be more than happy to receive **emails with the Subject** being the time, date and location of event...etc... So if you want to get your (summary) announcement on the agenda:

Email only to avnewsagenda@auroville.org.in and please not to

avnews@auroville.org.in for it will make a mess of AVNews' email box.

Thanking you

RED CHILD'S BAG

A small red child-size bag with "Pooh" on it and a baby feeder bottle and some clothes inside was found on the road near Kuilapalayam. Anyone claiming it please contact Tim (ph.262-2381 at home, or 262-2296 at work). Thanks.

"If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost:

that is where they should be.

Now put the foundation under them."

- Henry David Thoreau

Statement of Intent

The members of the Matrimandir Core Group (Mr. Roger, Mr. Arjun, Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ulli, Mr. Srinivasamurthy, on behalf of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation) have unanimously accepted the task given to them by the Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation as laid down in the Extract of the Minutes of the GB meeting on February 14th and 15th.

The Core Group aspires to work in a spirit of trust, harmony and goodwill, as only in this spirit true agreements can be found.

The Core Group understands its task to be as follows:

- The scope of work covers all areas at Matrimandir.

- Decisions to be taken expeditiously based on agreement to promote harmonious functioning at the site and unity of action.

The Core Group is supportive of the work of the Study Groups and recommends an early start of the work.

The Core Group appeals to All to support and join this effort in building trust and collaboration; to leave behind all that has divided us and to create an environment where respect for differing viewpoints may emerge so that Auroville may attain that level of harmony essential for its protection, growth and progress.

Signed:

Srinivasamurthy

Roger

Arjun

Frederick

Ulli

Dated 24th February 2003

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

BHARAT NIVAS – AUDITORIUM - MARCH 7, 8 and 9th

“**INDIAN PANORAMA FILM FESTIVAL**” (2nd part) Please note the timings (they are correct!)

FRIDAY 7 - 7.30 pm

- **VEDIC MATHEMATICS** (12 min.)

- **VASTUPURUSH / GUARDIAN SPIRIT OF THE HOUSE**

Directed by **Sumitra Bhawe & Sunil Sukthankar** (2001, *Marathi* - 3h.)

SATURDAY 8 - 6.30 pm

- **NARGIS DUTT** - Documentary on the great Indian actress (63 min.)

- **HEMANTER PAKHI / AUTUMN BIRD** - Directed by **Urmi Chakraborty**

With: Soumitra Chatterjee, Santu Mukherjee, Tanushree Shankar, Mamata Shankar

Synopsis: Aditi Majumdar is an educated middle age housewife bored with her humdrum existence. An old friend encourages her to start writing... (2001, *Bengali* - *Duration:* 2h.)

SUNDAY 9 - 7.45 pm

- **SMITA PATIL** (16 min.)

- **BUB / FATHER** - Directed by **Jyoty Sarup**

Synopsis: 13-year-old Vinod, a Kashmiri Pandit, is the sole survivor of a terrorist massacre that leaves his entire family and 20 others dead. The Divisional Commissioner of Srinagar is forced to take Vinod home since the child has no one to look after him. When the government announces a grant for the boy's education, an uncle turns up to collect him... (2001, *Kashmiri* - *Duration:* 1h.54')

ALL FILMS IN THEIR ORIGINAL VERSION WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES

C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY 14 MARCH – 7.30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

LES TONTONS FLINGUEURS

Directed by: **Georges LAUTNER**, France, 1963

With: Lino Ventura, Bernard Blier, Francis Blanche, Jean Lefebvre, Claude Riche, Sabine Singen

Synopsis: Fernand Naudin, ex-gangster, is called by 'the Mexican', his old friend who, on his death-bed entrusts him with his business which includes his daughter. The whole thing is coveted by Raoul and his men... A briskly comedy, parody of the 'films noirs,' starring the cream of the actors of the time, and with the famous sharp dialogues of M. Audiard (not for children).

Original French version, with English subtitles - Duration: 1h45' – B&W – 35mm film

VENDREDI 14 MARS – 19h.30' (le film commence à 19h.45' précises)

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Version originale française avec sous-titres en Anglais – Durée : 1h45' – 35mm – N. & B.

SITUATION WANTED

I AM AN EX-STUDENT OF SRI AUROBINDO INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF EDUCATION.

GRADUATE GIRL WITH OVER SEVEN YEARS EXPERIENCE IN TRAVEL AGENCY AND OFFICE SECRETARY WORK SEEKS A JOB. I CAN READ, WRITE AND SPEAK IN ENGLISH, FRENCH, HINDI, TAMIL & BENGALI AND HAVE BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF COMPUTERS. PLEASE CONTACT : Ms.P.BOSE. OFFICE PH : 233 5128 RESIDENCE PH : 222 0195.

TVS XL super 'Power gear' for sale.

Excellent condition, 1.5 years old. Price: Rs. 12,000/- Contact: Sheril @ 2623-568, 2622-170 (9am-12pm, 2-4pm) or 2623-520 (5-10pm)

A Full and Fun Day at the YC.

Where Kickstart meets Toast and Jam.

On Saturday, March 15th from 2 till 10pm at the youth center.

A day of art happenings, farmer's market, musical and theatrical improvisations, food, and actions.

In the past few weeks it has been invoked that by August 15th a million dollars will be raised for the purchase of the land that is currently on offer to Auroville. At present ideas are being developed to achieve this.

So far two clear concepts have emerged.

1. That a million is a thousand times a thousand, and it is easier for us to conceive of raising this amount. Thus we need to find a thousand ways of raising a thousand dollars, fifty thousand rupees, either as individuals or as groups.

2. Many hands make light work. In order to achieve this goal we need to involve everybody, and the simplest way to do this is for each individual to commit 1 day a month for the next six months to solving this problem.

How people then spend that day is up to themselves. It can be alone working on a way to raise a thousand dollars, as a group doing the same thing or if this is not the feeling of the individual then simply they can work for that day and contribute their income.

Other points that have emerged are

1. That Auroville has over one thousand resident adults, and more than 4000 friends worldwide with a heart connection.

2. That if all of Auroville's adults and 1000 of our wider family just contribute the six days income we will be well over half the way to the million dollars.

3. Already we have other pledges of over 50,000 dollars to the target.

The other important realization is that this process can be fun, and inclusive. To this aim events and happenings will be organized throughout the six months that will have no other purpose than to come together and enjoy the moment.

Announcing the Golden Mumpti Awards 2003



This years award ceremony will be held at the Information Center on April the 1st, we are now asking for nominations in the following categories.

1. Citizen of the yearŠŠŠŠŠ.
2. Greenbelter of the yearŠŠŠ..
3. Artiste of the yearŠŠŠŠŠ..
4. Tamilyan of the yearŠŠŠŠŠ
5. Community of the yearŠŠŠ..
6. Auroville product of the yearŠ..
7. Newcomer of the yearŠŠŠŠŠ.
8. Therapist of the yearŠŠŠŠŠ
9. Youth of the yearŠŠŠŠŠŠ.
10. Oldtimer of the yearŠŠŠŠŠ
11. Couple of the yearŠŠŠŠŠŠ

Lateral and creative voting much appreciated

An event brought to you by agb productions

Agb productions

Entries are invited for this year's Golden Mumpti Video Competition

**The title of the video will be
"A Million Dollars".**

Open to all, the videos will be between 30 seconds and 3 minutes long.

The winner will receive one of the coveted Golden Mumptis at this years awards ceremony, and will be screened along with all the other entries at the event to be held on April 1st.

Entries to be submitted by Friday 28th March to the organising committee.

CLARIFICATION

This is to clarify that the "happy birthday" was sung by sweet Ancolie and her friends at the bonfire and by nobody else.

Jérôme Mesnager
Variation around

G a n e s h

March 4 to 16

Opening in presence of the Artist
March 4, at 6.30 pm

Alliance Française
58, Suffren street Pondicherry

presented by



and Alliance Française

ATTENTION UTE WEGENER!!!

There is a letter addressed to you, sitting at the **AVNews printing room in Aurelec** (Next to Kuilapalayam). Pass by Monday through Saturday and pick it up or phone up 2622-133.

House Available:

If you are interested in acquiring a house in Auromodele (Petite ferme area), a free standing house suitable for a couple or single person, with the possibility to extend/build on the first floor. Please contact Cristina for details. (Tel.# 2623-527)

Camera for Sale:

Canon 500N with Sigma lens (28-80).
Contact Anita @ 2623-599



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Studies of nature are shown

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Pitanga Ph. 262 2561, mail: pitanga@auroville.org.in

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Tadvanam Hall
(in Evergreen community)

BODY AWARENESS

regular -Monday 3.00-4.30
classes -Thursday 8.00-9.30

RELAXATION

Friday 3.00-4.15

WORKSHOP Body Awareness

SAT, SUN, 15+16 March
10.00 - 12.00

:guided by Hans

:all are welcome

AV CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

In next season (aug.2003-april 2004) we also would like to start a chamber orchestra with musicians from AV & the Ashram. Strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, piano/harp. In order to make an inventory of the possibilities of instrumentation, we would like to know who is willing and has the technical skills to play in the AV Chamber Orchestra. The warming up piece would probably be: Sergei Prokofiev's Overture on Hebrew Themes, & Kurt Weill Violinconcerto, all depending on the people available. We would meet once a week for a 2-3 hour rehearsal in Pitanga Hall. Then the same orchestral group would be involved in the Savitri-project (2004), Pushkar-project (2005). There would be also an opportunity in the future to perform a theatrical work inspired on a Tibetan subject for the Tibetan Pavilion official inauguration ceremonies. Please contact Eugene, Arya 26.22.478 margeen@auroville.org.in

"We pay our homage to the Mother on her 125th birth anniversary

Announcing

Reprint of 17 volumes of the Collected Works of the Mother in a handy crown-size edition.

- Each volume will come in crown-size, that is, **18 x 12 cm**.
- **420** pages on an average, per volume.
- The type-face used for the body of the text is **Sabon** and the size of the font used is **9.5** points.
- The quality of the paper being used is the same as the one that has been used for the *Savitri* in the crown size, 2002 edition.
- The cover will be soft-bound with a hand-made-paper jacket.
- Each volume will contain a photograph of the Mother on art paper.
- Delivery of the complete set will be by the end of the year 2003.

The two sample volumes will be on display from the **24th of April** onwards at:

VAK Book Shop and SABDA

P.O. Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry – 605 002, India.

The price of the whole set of 17 volumes, in 18 x 12 cm, will be only Rs. 900/-, if booked before 31st of August 2003.

For more details, please see the next announcement in Ashram journals."

At the service of the Mother

Madanlal Himatsingka

Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry – 2, India

Ph: **2334542**, E-Mail:

hitmatsingka@auroville.org.in

Additional information

for Aurovilians and Newcomers

The number of the Collected Works at this introductory price will be limited. To make it easier for us to book these Collected Works, Pitanga is going to serve as a collection centre of bookings for Auroville. Details of when the booking can be started will be announced shortly. In the meanwhile interested people can view a replica page of the book, printed on the paper which has been chosen for the volumes, illustrating the font, type-face and point-size of the text at Pitanga reception.

Pitanga Ph. 262 2561, mail: pitanga@auroville.org.in

Pour Tous 2 in the City Centre

The name *For All Pour Tous* was given by Mother on 14 March 1972 for a bank account that was to act as the channel for the fluent functioning for need and demand without the internal exchange of money in Auroville. In honour of the 31st anniversary of this occasion, we are publishing some information about the project **Pour Tous 2** to be built in the city centre, next to the Solar Kitchen along the Crown Road.

All those who use any of the facilities in the present Pour Tous complex will agree that there is no space left to expand. The nearest neighbours are the Auroville community of Aspiration with huts just on the other side of the small road, another side is bordered by a canyon that runs down to the sea and on the other two sides border the crowded village of Kulapalayam.

New Pour Tous 2 in the City Centre

The next step is imminent and plans are to construct and equip a new building of 450 m² (first phase, ground floor only) located in the Residential Zone in the centre of Auroville. This project, now called Pour Tous 2, will open up the development of a significant stretch of *The Crown* – Auroville's central and circular Service Road – between the Solar Kitchen and Centre Guest House.

The ground floor of this new building will eventually house:

- Ø A new "*Pour Tous*" Stall. The present, filled to capacity Pour Tous complex in Aspiration will remain as an outlet for residents living in that area.
- Ø A small office for administration.
- Ø A small outlet for the Financial Service.
- Ø A collection centre for Auroville farms.
- Ø A storage area for goods from Auroville Farms and from PT Purchases Service. This storage facility would be used in common by the Solar Kitchen, the new *Pour Tous* Stall and other Auroville restaurants and shops.
- Ø Toilets and storage rooms.

The new building is designed to enable great flexibility in its use: providing for both organisational changes and a phased increase of floor area. (The ground floor will be built in at least two phases, and part of the activities may be located under the Solar Bowl). While the ground floor will serve as a self-service food, household and sundry supply outlet, it is

envisaged that the first floor may house other activities that cater to the needs of everyday life. Perhaps the organisation we can see now will change faster than the building will take to be built! So, for the moment, the concentration is on raising funds for the ground floor.

Pour Tous 2 is conceived as a large, open, flexible space that uses wide spans with a minimum of supporting columns to provide ample display possibilities. The building is a linear structure in concrete situated parallel to the Crown Road in keeping with town planning regulations, which also prescribe a covered arcade to link with future buildings. The storage and purchase space is located between the self-service distribution area and the Solar Kitchen with a service platform to receive goods for both facilities. As in the Solar Kitchen, the principle of solar passive design will be integrated into the building for natural lighting, shading and ventilation. The design principle aims at making the space welcoming and people-friendly.

The Solar Kitchen and Pour Tous 2 will be connected and share facilities for bulk storage and basic infrastructure such as water supply, waste disposal, sewage and wastewater treatment, TNEB supply and diesel generator, common caretaker, etc. The building is designed for expansion to double the size as the population of Auroville grows. The first phase is 450m², the size projected to answer the needs of residents and guests of Auroville for the next five years. The cost for this first phase, including the building, purchase of equipment, administrative expenses and landscaping is estimated to be Rs 65,00,000/= (Rs sixty-five lakhs).

The impact of Pour Tous 2 on Auroville's collective life can be compared with that of other collective facilities such as Pitanga Hall, the Solar Kitchen and the new Centre for Urban Research. Similar to these buildings, the proposed Pour Tous 2 represents a crucial aspect of Auroville's daily life. It will also, in a very significant manner, contribute to further community building and the creation of an urban nucleus in the city centre. As such, Pour Tous 2 is another important step towards the development of Auroville's city area in terms of its physical, social, economic and spiritual growth.

Mother wanted Auroville to become a laboratory cum full-scale model of a more ideal society and She considered economy as one of its key components. The task of *Pour Tous* is to find ways to take care of the needs of all without circulation of money and, this will come about if everyone contributes to the collective according to his/her possibilities.

To be in a position to provide for the needs of all, requires an organisation that defines the respective needs of each one and the facilities to provide for them. The Pour Tous 2 project aims at adding substantially to these facilities. It is important that a reflection take place on how to allocate goods and services in ways that move us closer to our ideal.

The **FOR ALL POUR TOUS BUILDING FUND**, account 230540 has been opened to receive donations and contributions towards **POUR TOUS 2**.

SAVITRI-PROJECT 2003/4 season

In the next season we would like to put up a performance of the chamber opera "Savitri" op.25, an Episode from the Mahabharata by the English late-romantic composer Gustav Holst. It is about half an hour of wonderful music and it is scored for 3 soloists (Savitri, Satyavan & Death), 4-voices female chorus, 2 flutes, engl.horn, 2 Str.Quartets and Doublebass. As a prelude it is possible to perform "Hymn of the travellers" from the Rig Veda for female chorus & harp, also by Holst.

Is there anybody in AV who has a recording on CD or cassette of this work? Please, let me know

a.s.a.p.

Anybody who is seriously interested in participating in the womenchoir or as an instrumentalist, can contact me.

Eugeen, Arya 26.22.478 margeen@auroville.org.in

COMING UP CONCERTS in MARCH (8pm)

friday 14th Ashram Pondy AV Adult Choir

wed 19th Ashram AV Renaissance Cappella

friday 21st Pitanga AV Renaissance Cappella

saturday 22nd Tibetan Pavilion AV Renaissance Cappella

(Italian & English Renaissance love-madrigals)

Announcement from Auroville Language Lab

As you all probably know, the Auroville Language Lab has moved in to the old CFL building on Last School Campus. It opened on Feb 28th, Auroville's 35th birthday. It's a beautiful building, and Carlos and his team did a great job of re-painting it (Thank you Carlos!). We have now set it up with a lovely and inviting classroom, a mediatheque with computers giving access to a range of audio-visual material in different languages, a library area for self-study, and outside teaching spaces. It certainly represents an important step for Auroville: finally, a place dedicated to learning languages. The mediatheque has video materials in French, English, German, Spanish, and Cd-Roms in Hindi, Sanskrit, Tamil, Italian, English and some other languages; the video materials are already available in video format and will soon be available on computers. You can access them according to your own convenience for both self and guided studies and they will be a support for group classes as well. The library has textbooks and other books in Sanskrit, Hindi, Tamil, English, Spanish, etc. All are most welcome to come and have a look.

Some weeks ago, a "Language Student's Survey" was distributed to each house in Auroville through the Messenger Service. This survey is also available on the Intranet, and by email. More forms are available at the Language Lab. We know that many people do not particularly like filling out forms. However, we request you to do so in case you want to learn a language. The information on these forms, particularly regarding languages and timings, is going to allow us to make a new schedule of classes, not in an ad-hoc manner, but in a way that best meets the needs expressed. There will be classes in various languages including Tamil, French, English, Sanskrit, German, Spanish, Hindi (Bengali and Italian too if anyone is interested!)...of various levels. Individual programs can also be created. Therefore please do take a few minutes to fill out these forms and send them back as soon as possible by 15 March latest. The new schedule of classes can then be drawn up and announced. (Thank you to all who have done so already and please be patient for just two more weeks). Tapas will continue to offer Beginners French classes. The Intermediate English class with Ruslan will continue Mon and Fri at 3pm at the Lab. He has returned from an English teacher's training course run by Cambridge university and will offer English classes for various levels. Students who want to follow individual classes in Sanskrit are most welcome and may contact Vigyan Agni at the Lab. A new year-long Sanskrit class with Catia using the Correspondence course materials from Samskrita Bharati as a base is also proposed. This course will be combined with a teacher training program, with help from the Samskrit Department, Sri Aurobindo Ashram and some other institutes. So teachers from different Auroville and outreach schools who would like to teach Sanskrit at their schools but do not feel confident of their Sanskrit knowledge, are especially invited to be

part of this course. Others are also welcome to join. For Beginners, Mita will teach a class "Introduction to Devanagari script" emphasizing correct pronunciation of Sanskrit vowels and consonants to help students start to read Sanskrit/Hindi (10 day intensive; one hour a day). Sri Ram offers his help for Beginners Hindi and Sanskrit. Shankar will soon return and take up a new schedule of classes in Tamil, spoken and written, beginners intermediate and advanced; Shanti (from Shakti) will also teach a class in Beginners Tamil; Laxmi and Prabhavati also offer their help (for Beginners Tamil). Ana, who taught Spanish last year, is back and will offer classes in Beginners and Intermediate Spanish. A new course : "Introduction to German Language and Culture" will be co-taught by Egle and Elisha. We therefore need the information from your forms as soon as possible to organize the teaching schedule.

For more information, please contact the Lab at 2623661 or email all@auroville.org.in. The opening hours for the moment are 9am-12:30 and 3-6pm and all are welcome. Evenings classes and open hours can also be organized. All are most welcome.

News from the Eco-Service:

Eco-Service coordinator Pratul has been replaced by Aurovilian Bala (Courage). He can be reached over phone at CSR in the afternoons. If he is not available, please leave a message for him so that he can get back to you. Eco-Service/SWM Group

Bike for Sale

Good looking Blue Color ENFIELD BULLET 350 CC PY_01 E 9532 in a Superb condition looking for a new owner. Its in excellent condition for a reasonable price of 22,000/- only. If you are interested contact: Partha@auroville.org.in (or) 2623396 (preferably after 4:30 pm)

Looking for solar panel of around 100cm by 50cm for ganesh Bakery. Please contact Amudha @ 2622535

Kikst Art Meets Toast & Jam

Saturday 15th March starting at 10 am, the inaugural farmers' market.

Auroville products, both grown and crafted. in a festive gathering with tea and scones. Then 2pm Kikst Art rides again. Golden opportunity to enveigle children into the secret society of hand-made happiness. Artists & Craftists please take note.

Then in the evening, starting around & 7.30, Toast & Jam, live, acoustic, electric with special

T.S. Eliot Chorus, and dance-till-you-drop hip hop.

NEWS from altecs

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We still have 4 servicemen ready to service
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Annual Maintenance Contracts (AMCs) to
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2622 176 or 2622119 or

altecs@auroville.org.in

Hi My name is Ana and I'm Spanish.

I would like to exchange Spanish classes for English,
so if you are interested, please call me.

Phone: 262-2306 Samasti Guest House.

**The Entry Group, in collaboration with the
Auroville Council, is conducting a seminar to
present the problems we are facing in the Entry
Group and to propose and examine revisions to
the Entry Process and Mandate.**

All members of the Residents Assembly are invited to
attend this Entry Seminar. Newcomers are most wel-
come to participate in the discussions and study groups;
however any final decisions that result from these dis-
cussions are the responsibility of the Residents Assem-
bly.

This seminar will be divided into three sessions.

1st Session: Thursday March 13 3-7pm

2nd Session: Thursday March 27 3-7pm

3rd Session: Monday March 31 3-7pm

**They will be held in the SUPER SCHOOL build-
ing in the Last School Campus.**

During the 1st session, the problems and limitations of
the Entry Process will be presented by a panel. The
importance of the Mandate, the Levels of Participation
within Auroville and Integration will be discussed and
debated.

Study groups will be formed to find solutions to particu-
lar issues. These study groups will meet over the fol-
lowing 2 weeks to brainstorm.

Session 2: Study Groups will present their results of
their investigations.

Session 3: Consensus will be sought!

Hello Everyone!

We are so happy to invite you to inaugurate
the kuilapalayam library (Apposite of Av
Bakery) This will mark begining of our
activities and we have invited special
silambam group (Tamil Traditional Martial
Art) from villupuram silambam Association
and our wonderful Kollattam (Stick Dance)

from

Bommiyarpalayam.

12th march wednesday at 6:pm

We are looking forward your presence

Thanking you

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM CFL at FUTURE SCHOOL:

All students interested in joining CFL at Future School
for the next school year (2003-2004), please notify
us before April 11th. You may send an email to
cfl@auroville.org.in or chali@auroville.org.in, or you
may contact Chali, Li Mei or Claudine at 2622776.

Invitation to all... There will be a seminar given by
David and Nadia about the community of Arkosanti.
It will take place on Friday, March 14th at 10:00 am in
the presentation room in Future School.

Request to all artists... Can you help us make our
new school more beautiful? Do you have any works
of art that you would like to loan or give, to display
inside a room or outside in the garden? If you think
you can help, please contact us (see above).

4th Annual Open House... We welcome you all to the
first Open House in our new home! Please come be-
tween 9 and 12 on March 27th or 28th (Thursday,
Friday), to see the space, feel the atmosphere and
meet the students and staff of the team.

Chrysostom Means Goldmouth

"The bee is more honored than other animals, not because she labors, but she labors for others." (St. John Chrysostom, 345-407).

A guest Victor Bachtiarov lived in Vikas during February. He arrived from Russia – Zlatoust town, means Goldmouth or Chrysostom in Greek. Victor bought me a letter from his wife Katya, who twice visited Auroville. She created a nice design in Auroville on February 27, 2002 for the foundation stone ceremony of Russian Pavilion. Katya is designer and journalist in Zlatoust near Ural Mountains.

She wrote from Russia: "Life is good, interesting, and of high quality. There are many good events. We don't see TV. In Russia many things are changing, people have more light than in previous times. They meet together, they smile. There is a strong aspiration for spirituality. We move towards a high consciousness very quickly. There is more joy in life".

It is the nice news from Russia, isn't it? But newspapers and TV prefer to give negative information which is unobjective and wrong very often. Some Aurovilians dream about dormitory in Auroville like Golconde in Ashram. There is no TV in Golconde !

Boris

Hello Community,

I would like to know who has extra building materials standing around. Such as : beams, pebbles, metal rods, etc... Perhaps we could interest each other? Contact me as soon as possible. By the way if anyone wants to help me build, I could use some. Thank you very much.
Island, Minati

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Clown Performance
with
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Special attraction
featuring
Sarah, Eric and friends
Sunday 9.03.2003
Visitor centre
8.08 pm.

**House or place to stay for a longer period
(6 months) available.**

**Responsible person may phone to 2 62 22 11
for informations.**

VISHAM (POISON)

Last year the drama "VISHAM" was performed in the surrounding villages with great success. It was such a good way to communicate the message! Danger in the use of chemical Pesticides, that we would like to repeat it this year.

For its realisation we need your participation. Constant effort makes things happen.

And may be soon, will have no more pollution in the atmosphere (at least, free from pesticide).

Thank you for your generosity.

Account Number : 628

For Drama "Poison (Visham)"

No more Pesticides

Claudne.

CONCERT

The Auroville Chamber Music Group will present a program of light Western classical music and Japanese folk songs on **Sunday, March 16 at 10.30 AM** (Morning !) at **Pitanga Hall** (Samasti).

We look forward to finally presenting this short program for three flutes and piano, and welcome you all.

- Merry

Hallo folks !

We are searching for some solar panels to buy/rent/etc..

Also we are looking for people who will need a house-sitter in the coming months. We are clean, reliable and everything else you want...

If you can help us please write to payle@auroville.org.in

Thanks,

Dear Aurovilians and Newcomers

My name is Mauritio, I'm a Newcomer and I'm a nutritionist by profession. I can test you (Kinesiology) for food allergy and intolerance and give advice on what kind of food you should eat. You can contact me in Djaima. Tel. 2623664 from 5pm till 7pm.

Always better for all,
Mauritio

Arumugam 23 year old a good worker from Quiet look for a new job. He can do all kind of work and is very helpful.

Please contact Mona. Healing centre Quiet Office
262 2329 or 262 2646

**We thank all those who have participated
directly and indirectly in the Seminar
"Auroville- Tamilnadu" held on 22-02-2003.**

In 1973, the idea of holding a Tamilnadu Conference in the Light of Mother and SriAurobindo's vision was mooted in a seed form, when there was a get together in connection with the visit of the two Chief Ministers, then Hon. Chief Minister of Tamilnadu and then Hon Chief Minister of Pondicherry and other Hon. Ministers in the same platform at Bharat Nivas Auroville.

Since there many happenings of many types have taken place. In the present case, the delegates for this Seminar in the 125th Birth Anniversary year of the Mother were mostly from the southern areas of Tamilnadu and some from Pondicherry. They are looking towards Auroville as a spiritual city envisaged by the Mother. Rather then as a city of the usual ordinary type. As Auroville is in the process of spiritual development they were advised to have the direct inner contact with the Mother and flowering of it in their external life. There were many fruitful exchange of mutually beneficial ideas and this will be developed in due course of time in keeping with the ideals of Auroville.

Any suggestions in this matter may be sent to "The Seminar Team" "Auroville-Tamilnadu Seminar" CIC-Tamil Heritage Centre, Bharat Nivas.

NEW TIMINGS for ENTRY GROUP

Starting on March 10 2003

Office is open for information to the public Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9-12 am
Tuesday and Friday closed to public for internal work
Interviews are scheduled by appointment only.

Tel: 262 2707

email: entry@auroville.org.in

Attention Guests !!!! Guests who would like to meet the Entry Group before leaving Auroville are requested to arrange an appointment to meet with us 3-4 weeks before your departure. (this applies to Guests who are spending the minimum 3 month stay required before applying to be Newcomer)

2years old SPLENDOR for sale, in good condition. Contact Giorgio/Supriya at 2655779

Latest News from THE TRAVEL SHOP

If you want to fly to Europe, now we recommend Emirates, Kuwait Airways or SriLankan Airlines. These Airlines fly to the main destinations only, but their prices are lower than the current Lufthansa fares. For Emirates departure until 31 March, Kuwait before 30 April and Srilankan Until 15th July (tickets have to be purchased before 31March). For details please check our website: www.inside-india.com/travelshop.

Indian Airline has extended their advance purchase scheme for domestic flights to selected destinations and we hope that Jet Airways will follow.

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HOUSESITTER

I'll be out from 9thMay to 12thJune and looking for a housesitter (against costs), preferable a lady.
PLease contact Petra (travelshop 2622 765),
petra@auroville.org.in

LIFE OF BIRDS

video series

by

David Attenborough
(part 10 -the last one)

Monday, March 10th, 8pm

at

Visitor Center

AMPHITHEATER

Tuesday 11.3. 2003 6.00 p.m. sunset

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

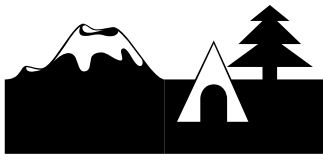
Book VI The Book of Fate
Canto 1 The Word of Fate

Thursday 13.3. 6p.m.

" Words of Sri Aurobindo " read by Nolini.

Our Thanks to Maroma for the lights ! We can light the Amphitheater on many more occasions in this way !

Carlos, Joy, Sigrid, Srimoyi
The Amphitheater group



Berijam – 2003

Auroville International Youth Program Forest Ecology and Environmental Living Berijam Nature reserve

As you all know the school holidays for our children starts in two months. We have started to organize this year's Summer activities. We would kindly like to inform All Aurovilians and Kids who have participated in the previous camps and people who would be interested in this years that the name and the style of organizing has been changed with the advise of senior aurovilians and the District forest Officer in Kodaikanal.

Participants would now be offered Classes, such as in local ecology, nature art and survival skills. For example, students may choose to study drawing and painting of animals, mountains, trees, and waterfalls. The participants learn to live within nature with as little disturbance as possible. Ecological living and wilderness study is taught by hands-on activities and first hand experiences. Guided forest walks are given and students learn about the local flora and fauna. Students would now be taught about ecological sensitivity including the use of natural cleansers, proper waste disposal, and non-disturbing observance of the wildlife. Clean up of litter in the tourist area of the Berijam nature preserve is a regular camp activity. The camp is set-up per accordance with the Forest Service guidelines and with the use of natural materials and solar lamps.

Participants share in an international and collective living experience as the participants come from different nationalities from Auroville schools and the students from village schools surrounding the Auroville town ship. Participants share in collective camp life of cooking, water and wood collection, and clean up. Recreational activities include hiking, yoga, rock & mountain climbing. The evenings are spent in story telling, games (volleyball, badminton), poetry reading and singing with campfire.

We would like to bring to your notice, that obtaining permission to camp in Berijam this year was very difficult. But with Her grace we have obtained it, (With strict rules and regulations).

For this purpose we would like to have adults who have past experiences in the above activities or if you like to help us in organizing this year's program. Anyone who is interested in Helping out may contact **Elumalai at Bakery (phone 2622159) or Rajavel at After School (phone 2622662).**

Some Notes on a Strategy to Develop Auroville into the City the World Needs

by Helmut Ernst

How may Auroville organize to finance the role it is expected to play in the world? In February 2003, Helmut Ernst shared with the Economy Task Group what contributions to the world Auroville could make and how these would in turn finance the township's development.

In view of the dramatic extension of Pondicherry towards Auroville and the on-setting urban development around Auroville, Helmut sees an urgent necessity for AV to grow much faster than it has in the past 35 years. The key theme of the presentation is that for Auroville to grow substantially it must put itself at the service of the world, and in so doing generate the funds to develop the envisioned city - Auroville at the cutting edge of human activity and learning.

He takes up the old idea of turning Auroville into a large international / multicultural campus offering the service of an integral education and research into the full potential of both Matter and Consciousness with emphasis on the inner and outer Unity of all Life and on the sustainability of any human activity. In this way Auroville could become a unique campus attracting not only the youth from all over the world longing for a place creatively devoted to the future but also the interest of governments and institutions interested in a way to a brighter future out of the present gloomy mess of world affairs.

It is shown in model calculations how this proposal would come to not only finance the campus through tuition but also help finance Auroville's growth in general.

This stimulating and encouraging presentation is available on CD or as a hard copy, please contact economy@auroville.org.in if you are interested to read more.

SPLENDOR HONDA FOR SALE

Good condition, Year:1999

Color:black, Papers:ok

Price:23000Rs

Contact:caroline@auroville.org.in

Dana, new comer house

The Economy Task Group (ETG)

The Economy Task Group was formed by the FAMC early in 2002 and has been meeting weekly since then. There is a core group of eight members and at various points a dozen or so other participants have contributed in a meaningful way to ongoing discussions. The Economy Task Group has become the forum for stimulating explorations into all aspects of our economy.

To date, no synthesis has been reached on the issues that have been raised, though there is agreement on the framework shown below as a way to present the scope of the exploration to a wider forum. Work on fleshing out this framework is well advanced.

1. Introduction

The background would be given of why the group was formed, including its original aims and objectives as well as a brief description of the working of the group and how the aims and objectives have evolved over the life of the group.

2. Overview of the Auroville Economy

This will include a discussion about the general features of the Auroville economy in terms of its spiritual aims and how this translates in our aspirations for a certain kind of economy. It will be presented as a distillation of the diverse meanings that have been expressed during our group discussions as well as ideas expressed elsewhere but not yet discussed. The different parts of the economy will be described and their interconnections emphasized.

3. The Economy Sector by Sector

3.1 Interface with the external economy; **businesses and the development of ways to obtain income from the outside.**

3.2 The internal economy and **the distribution of resources;**

- the **maintenance** of individual Aurovilians
- the provision of **services**
- the role of the **Central Fund**

3.3 The internal economy and **how we can become more sustainable;**

- the role of the **farms**
- the role of the **businesses**

3.4 **Human Resources**

3.5 **Regional Development**

Each section and subsection would have the following format:

- an introduction which includes a history of how we got to where we are.
- a clear statement of where we are and the problems and possibilities associated with that.
- a description of prevalent ideas and problems and, an evaluation of the possibilities of each.

- a list of suggested recommendations for improvement. Suggestions that would help to make a more complete picture are invited and may be sent care of Olivier@auroville.org.in who is the convener for the group.

NEW ITEMS FROM AUROVILLE

- AV Press: La Revue d'Auroville
- Eye See: Photopostcards
- Kaif: Chocolatecream, Nutsbread, Pas-Ha milksbread (in glassdoorfridge)
- Mother of Pearl: org. coldpressed sunfloweroil
- Royal: 10 Elements Musli
- Simply Scrumptious: Choco-Rum Truffles (in glassdoorfridge)
- Yuna: Vieux Camembert (in blue fridge)

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Whitebread comes only Mo, Wed, Fri at 12.00h, Ragibread on Tue, Thu, Sat. at 15.00h, Samai and Pumpernickel on Thu at 15.00h.

Just pass by and give your orders or call 2622842.

And last but not laest: bring your own bag or container to get bread and biscuits. It helps us to save packing material . Thanks.

With love, your Pour Tous team.

Dear Friends,

The Economy Group has received the e-mail reproduced below from Eva and Laszlo which we share with you. If there is anyone who can respond to their appeal by personally guaranteeing that the money will be returned by 30 June 2003, the amount they need (Rs 45,000/=) could be advanced to them.

Please contact Financialservice@auroville.org.in or come directly to the Financial Service, with love, the Economy Group

"On 3/5/03 at 5:30 PM eva hajdu wrote:

We are Eva and Laszlo. We know we already got a big help from you and Auroville, but still we need your help again, otherwise we cant go back to Auroville now. We couldnt gat a normal work in Europe, and we havent money to buy a ticket back. If we will be there, we will work dubles, and give back the amount under 1 year. Almost 1 years ago we didnt see our sons, and any Aurovillien. We are really suffering now to go back. we need 45.000 Rs. I think with the Western Union bank is international. Or you have a better way?

Please write the answer soon: evalovein@yahoo.de

Thanks for your understanding. With love:Éva and László"