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## HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Et puis, tu sais, je l'ai toujours dit: les ennemis qui veulent vous faire peur ou qui veulent vous attrister ou qui veulent vous inquiéter, la seule chose à faire est de leur rire au nez, voilà. Se fâcher ? Ils sont contents, ils disent : « Il est fâché. » - Non-non. Taper ? Ils échappent, ils sont comme de la gélatine, ça ne touche pas. Mais quand on leur rit au nez, ça les embête beaucoup ! C'est la seule chose : se ficher d'eux. Ce sont des histoires pour effrayer les bébés, pas pour nous.

Nous, nous vivons dans l'éternité.

Et je te dis (c'est l'état de conscience normal, naturel), il n'a pas fallu une minute la nuit dernière : il a fallu une seconde, brf ! fini. Et alors je suis entrée dans une sorte de joie tranquille, comme cela, qui a duré trois heures sans interruption. Après, on a recommencé à travailler.

Mais avant de dormir, tu fais ça : tu imagines (tu imagines si tu ne le vois pas), tu imagines une lumière blanche. Ce n'est pas une lumière cristalline, note, ce n'est pas transparent : c'est blanc – c'est blanc-blanc, un blanc tout à fait éclatant, une lumière blanche qui a l'air solide. Tu l'imagines comme cela (et elle est comme cela, mais tu l'imagines) : une lumière blanche. C'est la lumière de la Création, comment s'appelle-t-elle ?.... Maheshwari ? (Riant) La suprême Dame là-haut.

*Oui, Maheshwari.*

La lumière de Maheshwari. Mais il paraît que je l'avais toujours, parce que Mme Théon, quand elle m'a vue, c'est la première chose qu'elle m'ait dite ; elle n'a pas parlé de « Maheshwari » mais elle m'a dit : « Vous avez la lumière blanche » qui dissout automatiquement toutes les mauvaises volontés. Et ça, j'en ai fait l'expérience : j'ai vu des êtres qui tombaient en poussière. Alors tu prends ça, tu imagines ça, et puis tu fais un cocon autour de toi – tu sais, comme les insectes se font leur cocon -, tu fais un cocon avant de t'endormir. Je le ferai ici, mais ton 'imagination', c'est pour aider à ce que ce soit mieux adapté, ajusté. Tu fais un cocon, et puis quand tu es bien enveloppé de ce cocon blanc, que les ennemis ne peuvent pas traverser, tu te laisses aller au sommeil. Alors tout ce qui vient du dehors et d'une mauvaise volonté notoire ne peut pas passer. C'est sûr. Naturellement, il y a ce que l'on porte dans son subconscient... ça, il faut l'éliminer par sa propre volonté, petit à petit.

Mais cette Lumière, c'est tout-puissant, mon petit ! (S'adressant à Sujata :) Toi aussi, tu peux faire la même chose si tu as des ennemis la nuit.

*(Sujata :) Je l'ai vue, tu sais, cette lumière blanche.*

*Tu l'as vue ?*

*Oui, j'ai vu.*

Eh bien, c'est très bien. Tu es une bonne voyante, forcément tu l'as vue. Mais moi, je l'ai vue, n'est-ce pas, comme si c'était la lumière de quelqu'un d'autre – c'est ma nature. Je m'en servais même avant de rencontrer Théon : je ne savais rien, n'est-ce pas, rien, mais je la voyais. Et c'est Mme Théon qui m'a dit : « C'est votre lumière. » C'est Mme Théon qui a été la première à me dire ce que j'étais, ce qu'elle a vu : la couronne des douze perles sur ma tête. Et moi, j'en ai eu l'expérience, et après je pouvais m'en servir simplement à volonté : il suffisait que je fasse appel à ça. Et je la voyais comme je te vois, d'une façon tout à fait objective.

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And also, you know, as I have always said, with the enemies that want to scare you or want to sadden you or want to worry you, the only thing to do is laugh in their faces, that's all. You get angry? They're happy, they say, "He's angry" - no, no. You hit out? They escape, they're like jelly, it doesn't affect them. But when you laugh in their faces, they are really annoyed! That's the only thing: to make fun of them. Their stories may scare babies, but not us.

As for us, we live in eternity.

And I tell you (it's the normal, natural state of consciousness), it didn't take a minute last night: it took one second, brrf! finished. Then I entered a sort of peaceful joy, like that, which lasted three hours without a break. After that, the work was resumed.

But before you go to sleep, do this: you picture (picture it if you don't see it), you picture a white light. It isn't a crystalline light, mind you, it isn't transparent: it's white - absolutely white, a very bright white, a white light that looks solid. Picture it like that (and it is indeed like that, but you picture it): a white light. It is the light of the Creation, what is she called? ... Maheshwari? (Laughing) The supreme Lady up there.

*Yes, Maheshwari.*

Maheshwari's light. But it seems I always had it, because when Madame Théon saw me, it's the first thing she told me; she didn't speak of "Maheshwari," but she said, "You have the white light" that automatically dissolves all ill will. And I did experience it: I saw beings crumble into dust. So you take that, picture that, and you build a cocoon around yourself - you know, just as insects build their own cocoons - you build a cocoon before falling asleep. I will do it here, but your "picturing" is to help it be better adapted, better adjusted. You build a cocoon, and when you are quite wrapped in that white cocoon, when the enemies cannot get through it, you let yourself go into sleep. Then all that comes from outside with a manifest ill will cannot get in. That's certain. Naturally, there is what one carries in one's subconscious ... one must eliminate that by one's own will, little by little.

But this Light is all-powerful, mon petit! (Speaking to Sujata:) You too can do the same thing if you have enemies at night.

*(Sujata:) I have seen it, you know, that white light.*

*Have you?*

*Yes, I have.*

Well, that's very good. You are a good clairvoyant, so of course you have seen it. But I myself saw it, you know, as if it were someone else's light - it's my nature. I was using it even before meeting Théon: I knew nothing, of course, nothing, but I used to see it. And it was Madame Théon who told me, "It is your light." Madame Théon was the first to tell me what I was, what she saw: the crown of twelve pearls over the head. As for me, I had the experience of it, after which I could simply use it at will: I just had to summon it. And I would see it just as I see you, in a perfectly objective way.

### **FAMC Report February 2003**

#### **FAMC Regular Members:**

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

Matrimandir currently sends no representative.

*This report covers meetings held on February the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>. There was no meeting held on February 28<sup>th</sup>.*

#### **Issues Related to Units & Services**

**Altecs Building:** It was decided that the issue of occupancy of the building would not be re-opened. The sub-group is the body that communicates on behalf of the FAMC and will deal with the creditors to decide the order of repayment and to specify a time frame. If Guru Amplifiers is interested in taking up space in the building they should contact Carsten.

**Auromics Trust: Opening of New Unit Avision.** It was agreed to open a new unit, called Avision, under Auromics Trust with Alok Aurovilian and Auronevi Pingel as executives.

**ABC Trust: Closure of Dormant Units.** The closure of the following dormant units was approved: Forest Carpentry, Harmony Furnitures, Weather, Kairos, Murali India. It was also agreed to close the dormant unit Auromart.

**Solar Café:** The request to open a new unit with Shakti (Tetiana Pertseva) and Muthu (K. Muthurmam) as executives was approved. This unit will operate under the Pour Tous Trust.

**Solar Kitchen:** The request from the SK to appoint I. Tushita, and Gilles G. as additional executives along with Angelika Sheffner, the present executive, was approved. It was agreed to request the Trustees of the Pour Tous Trust to draft a letter of recommendation. It was also mentioned that the transfer of the unit from Auroville Fund has not yet been completed.

**Project for the Disabled Village Children:** A request to open a new unit under Auroville Fund with Angelika Ehrle and S. Selvi as executives was approved.

**Auroville Health Centre – Usage of the Children’s Nursing Home:** A request was made from the Project for the Disabled Village Children to the FAMC to clarify the status of the Children’s Nursing Home building, it’s present and future use according to the specific purpose for which it has been funded, and an agreement in principle to be able to take up usage of the entire existing building if Auroville ever has it’s own hospital. There was also a request for the immediate use of two rooms that had been unoccupied. It was decided that since a past effort at mediation proved unsuccessful that the executives of the Project for Disabled Children as well as the executives of the Health Centre will be asked to accept arbitration. A sub-group of the FAMC will be set up to review all of the issues involved and render a binding decision.

**Auroville Water Maintenance:** Meetings with the support group, sub-group, and executives of the Water Maintenance Team (WMT) are ongoing. The WMT is planning to operate from the compound opposite the new Telephone Exchange near Rêve. Kumar, one of the present executives, has stated that he intends to leave his position at the end of the month of February. A request was made that the sub-group take minutes of their meetings and circulate them among the FAMC. The sub-group was also requested to indicate if and when the involvement of the FAMC would be necessary.

**Aqua Dyn:** There are two court cases pending against the unit. At present they are selling water purification equipment abroad and are not adding to their liabilities.

**Bommaiyur Toy Company:** The accounts are in the process of verification.

**Procedures for Appointment and Resignation of Executives and Trustees:** It was decided to place this issue back on the agenda at a later date.

**Recommendations from the White Paper:** At the request of the Economy Group, the Auroville Social Research Centre under the sponsorship of Stitching de Zaaier has undertaken a review of Auroville’s economy from 1968 to the present. In February 2002, a preliminary “White Paper on Auroville’s Economy” was presented by Professor Henk Thomas of Netherlands and Mr. Manuel Thomas, a chartered accountant from Chennai who has analysed some 2000 Auroville balance sheets and formatted them in such away as to make them comparable. The paper concerns itself with the development and present situation of Auroville’s commercial sector. The findings and recommendations presented in the paper were discussed by the FAMC as detailed below:

**“Firstly, it is recommended that the terminology with**

**respect to contributions makes a clear distinction between ‘true collective’ contributions and others such as the ones for Maintenance of people in their own unit, or for investments and other expenditures in their own unit.”**

This recommendation is made to facilitate analysis determining the total expenditures and true collective contributions of the units. The issue is whether Aurovilian Maintenance for Aurovilians working in the units should be treated as an expense or as a contribution. From the accounting and analysis point of view it makes sense to treat them as expenditure but from the point of view of the type of collective economy Auroville is trying to create, it is preferable to treat them as contributions. There is no uniformity of practice by the various units and the policy has changed from time to time.

There was a proposal to again send a directive to all commercial units to make a schedule of contributions to Auroville using the prototype that Maroma has created. Another proposal was to create one main ledger heading called ‘Auroville Contributions’ with three sub-headings. The first sub-heading would be called ‘Aurovilian Maintenance’, which would be for the maintenance of all Aurovilians working in the units. The second sub-heading would be called ‘Central Fund Contribution’ which would be the unspecified contributions to the Central Fund. The third sub-heading would be called ‘Specified’ and would cover the very wide range of contributions made by the units to specific projects, activities and individuals. This second proposal was agreed upon and a directive to this effect will be circulated to all commercial unit holders.

It was also agreed that, when the performance of the unit is analysed, ‘Aurovilian Maintenance’ would be considered as an expense and not as a contribution.

The question then arose as to the basis on which the guideline of at least 33% profit contribution would be calculated and it was proposed that it would not include contributions for ‘Aurovilian Maintenance’.

It was clarified that “contributions” that are actually expenditures such as a unit’s contribution towards Trust expenses would continue to be treated as expenditure and that a new terminology would need to be found.

**“Secondly, it is recommended that actual (true) contributions are calculated as a percentage of the total profit before contribution of the current rather than that of the previous year.”**

It was decided that this recommendation could not be adopted, though the rationale was acknowledged, because it does not correspond to the actual working realities in Auroville at present. For most units it would difficult to make profit projections during the current year and contribute on that basis. Also, the Central Fund prefers to know how much can be expected on a monthly basis.

**“Thirdly, it is recommended that the distinction between commercial and non-commercial units is made on financial and economic criteria rather than on arbitrary ones.”**

It was felt that the Trust set-up is already addressing this recommendation where each unit is clearly under a commercial or service Trust. Only under the ‘Free Flow Trust’ will there be a mixture but, in this case, the units are receiving budgets for what they provide to Auroville while billing is only done for sales outside Auroville.

In general, it was felt that the distinction between activities that generate money for Auroville by doing business with the outside and activities that provide for the needs of Auroville and Aurovilians should be maintained. It was also felt the self-supporting services, such as Pour Tous and other municipal services should not be termed commercial. It is part of our goal to have services in and for Auroville, and it is not in the spirit of Auroville to remove this distinction on the basis of financial and economic considerations. This recommendation was accepted and has already been applied in a presentation last year on grants and donations received by Auroville over the past ten years.

**“Fourthly, it is recommended to analyse commercial - and for that matter non-commercial ones as well - sectors separately before drawing conclusions of the Macro or Aggregate results of all units taken together.”**

This recommendation was accepted as it was recognized that there are wide disparities in performance between various sectors in Auroville.

**“Fifth, it is recommended to distinguish within the commercial sector between units that are operating in a solid manner like small scale enterprises and medium sized, and a large number of very small units that either are de facto functioning like units in the well-known ‘informal sector’ or in which the unit holder explicitly wishes to survive at a stable/constant level rather than to expand and join the ‘capitalist rat race’.”**

This recommendation was accepted, though it was remarked that small-scale and medium-sized enterprises in Auroville, which wish to expand, draw their motivation from other sources than the capitalist drive for profit maximization and indefinite growth ‘at all cost’. In this context, there was a proposal to remove the words ‘capitalist rat race’ from the recommendation.

It was proposed that this distinction could be made by looking at the turnover and profitability of each unit, and at motivation of the unit holder. The big units and small units are very different and the needs of both have to be addressed.

There was a suggestion that, unless a unit holder agrees

to contribute at least Rs. 1000 per month to the Central Fund, the unit would not be opened. It was also said that loan requests should only be considered for those units that are committed to contribute to the Central Fund.

**“Sixth, it is recommended that special attention is given to a relatively small number of highly specialized units which have the potential to become ‘Maromas of the future’.”**

This recommendation was accepted. Special attention should be given in the area of financing, marketing, and overall management.

**“Lastly, it is recommended to adopt a new system of analysis that includes a set of ratios as well as statistics that are adjusted for inflation. Only then will it be possible to ascertain the carrying capacity for the large collective sector that is so important in Auroville.”**

This recommendation was accepted.

The discussion on this section of recommendations from the White Paper was concluded. Points on other sections will be taken up as soon as possible by the FAMC.

#### **Issues Related to Housing**

##### **Sadaca Housing Project – Request for a Line of Credit:**

There was a request from the Sadaca Housing Project for a Rs 30 lakhs line of credit of which an estimated Rs 15 lakhs will be used. Construction will not begin until the funds for two apartments have been fully pledged. It was further requested that the Auroville Maintenance Fund assume the financial burden so that it does not have to be passed onto future clients. No objections were raised to this proposal but a decision was postponed until the initial proposal with all of the terms and conditions can be circulated among FAMC members.

##### **Brihaspati – Allocation of Stewardship – Financial**

**Details:** A proposal was made to set up a time frame for the repayment of Rs 3.6 lakhs due the Housing Service. There was a request made to SAIER to submit a report on the tax status of RERS as well as documentation on all income, turnover, and donations received.

**Utility House – Financial Arrangements:** Utility community members have chosen a newcomer couple named Bruno and Estelle, as the new occupants of a recently vacated house. The new occupants have agreed to finish the work needing to be done on the house.

**Housing Policy Feedback:** The process to complete a revised version of the Housing Policy is ongoing and included the following points under discussion:

It was realized that the criteria that the Housing Service uses to prioritise the allocation of houses and apartments

have not been incorporated into the Housing Policy. The Housing Service was asked to present a draft of how they determine their priorities. This information is to be added to point 5 of the Housing Policy. The Housing Service was also asked to prepare an updated activity report.

It was decided that the issues of building permission, issues regarding the protection of natural resources on Auroville land and the issue of changing a temporary structure into a permanent one lies within the domain of the IDC and need not be incorporated in the Housing Policy.

It was decided an addition to point 5 in the Housing Policy was needed to the effect that stewards could not grant permanent residence to non-Aurovilians, including family members, without the permission of the Entry Group and the Housing Service. It was strongly recommended that the Entry Group ensure that non-Aurovilians, including family members, sign an agreement similar to the one Newcomers and Aurovilians have to sign, renouncing any claim on assets in Auroville. It was also expressed that there has to be clear status for dependents, family members and other non-Aurovilians who must be here for whatever reason. It was also suggested that we get a legal opinion as to whether or not the Auroville Foundation Act overrides other legislation in regard to rights of occupation. With regard to the proposal that a % on construction costs should be contributed for the Land Fund, it was decided to ask the Housing Service, the IDC, Auroville Fund, and LEM to form a sub-group. It was proposed that the sub-group would determine a fixed percentage to be contributed by all constructions of Rs 4 lakhs or above that will be allocated between Auroville Fund, Housing Fund, Land Fund and Development Fund. Different guidelines may be evolved for the City, Green Belt, Auromodele and elsewhere. The amount of land and plot size relative to per capita use also could be taken into consideration. It was also proposed that a ceiling could be defined including cost of the land, overheads, the cost of the house without infrastructure, and that the contribution asked, presently 12%, would go up to 15%. The discussion on this point is incomplete and will continue at a future meeting.

**Auro Siddhi Global Marketing:** Information and feedback relevant to this topic are being gathered.

**Formal Approval of FAMC Mandate:** After due process, the mandate was approved and will come up for review as the need arises.

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

**ENTRY SEMINAR****March 13, 2003**

Present: 65-70

Chairperson: Sanjeev, Joy

Notes: Auralee

**Summary:**

1. Study groups were formed, with people signing up to look in depth at:

The proposed Entry Mandate

The proposal on levels of commitment (self-determined agreements on how one wants to relate to Auroville, in effect providing a variety of statuses), coordinator Mauna the process of integration into the community

2. People interested in giving some energy to a particular study group are invited to contact the Study group coordinators:

Sanjeev...all topics

Angad...all topics

Santo...all topics

Balan...all topics

Mauna....Levels of Participation

3. The study groups will meet during the week, to examine the issue and come up with a proposal for the Entry Seminar #2, on March 27th.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

The meeting was staged outdoors, on the patio of Super School, a very pleasant venue. First, there were 3 mini-presentations from Entry Group members: on the mandate & criteria for admission, on the aims & functioning of the entry process in the context of Mother's vision and present-day Auroville and on the process of integration.

The Entry Group mandate is the basis for its work, and has three basic criteria for admission:

a basic knowledge of English

a willingness and capacity to do work that is needed for the growth of Auroville

a basic, fundamental knowledge of the vision of Mother and Sri Aurobindo, of why Auroville was created and what makes this place different. In other words, one has made the effort to know what Auroville is about.

**What's new? Levels of commitment**

Following a tea break, there was a presentation of a proposal that had first been made in 1995 by members of the then Entry Group, whereby the status of 'Aurovilian' would remain a matter between oneself and the Mother, and all would simply be 'residents of Auroville'. Provided that basic commitment for the aim and raison d'être of Auroville would be there, each Newcomer would be encouraged to see how he or she wants to relate to Auroville, how his or her present life situation would rightfully and properly fit into the functioning of the community as it is now. Various agreements between township and residents, describing

the various privileges and duties concerned, would be available, while possibility for change would be incorporated in the set-up as well. In this way, eventually each and every individual living in the township and its bioregion, would be 'plugged' into the adventure in the way most suitable for him/her and Auroville itself. Needless to say that if consideration of such an overall set-up would be accepted for implementation by the community at large, details would have to be worked out between Economy Group, Housing Group, Development Group, Residents Service and Entry Group.

**COMMENTS and suggestions:**

Criteria for admission

Many people expressed that the ability to pay for housing should not be a criteria for joining Auroville.

Asking local Newcomers to learn basic English as a requirement for entry is similar to asking all Western newcomers to learn Tamil before coming.

The EG could give people more flexibility and time to find their place. Five hours' work a day is felt to be too strict, as compared with the lifestyle of the Aurovilians.

Feedback on entry process

People feel that they are being judged and are not in a relationship based on trust;

An entry process that is not based on fear is needed. It was emphasized several times by different people in the meeting that the function of the EG is primarily to welcome people to Auroville and to facilitate their integration.

An entry process with people to share their experience, help Newcomers find their way, provide information rather than judge their character and their sincerity would be helpful.

We need to change the social fabric of Auroville. This could be done through creating different levels of relationship and commitment, which would ensure a balance between what we give and what we receive.

An exit process would facilitate the work of the Entry Group, as it would be a way of correcting any errors in admission. An exit process should include a) an initial warning, b) a final warning, c) expulsion for a limited time period, and d) an irrevocable expulsion.

Newcomers could be admitted in batches to create more group identity and educational possibilities, and perhaps housing projects together.

**Membership in Entry Group**

The reason for an official entry process is to respect the hospitality of India, as we have a collective responsibility to ensure that all our residents abide by the laws of India. Members of the Entry Group should be as diverse as possible. The rule that EG members should have been Aurovilian for 7 years does not make sense to some: new Aurovilians are more able to welcome Newcomers, as they have recently been through the process.

## WATER CAMPAIGN

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003

ATTENDANCE: Gilles B., Rolf, Joseba, Dirk N., Manfred, Astrid, Jurgen, Shweta Ketu

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>, at SAWCHU – 16:00

**- - - More volunteers are needed to contribute - - -**

### THE SITUATION

In Auroville today we are using the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Aquifer as the 1<sup>st</sup> one is mostly dry. The deeper aquifers replenish themselves more slowly and saline intrusion is occurring in the beach communities and in the cultural zone with water shortages occurring in many communities during the summer months. All our best efforts are needed, the situation is one of urgency.

### TARGET

The water tank of the Residential zone is also pushed to its maximum capacity and there is a need for us to reduce our water consumption to an average of 150 litres/person. We will conduct a six month campaign to reduce water consumption in Auroville. The Indian average is 135, in France it is 145, in Germany 125, here we are well above that mark. We will conduct an awareness and information campaign and we will be contacting every community, if possible please select a water representative from your community and inform us at ([developmentgroup@auroville.org.in](mailto:developmentgroup@auroville.org.in)).

### PRIORITY AREAS

1) The Auromodele area is critical because saline intrusion is eminent and for many years this area has been consuming extremely high levels of water and with the involution of the water table, we will focus on those areas which consume the most. Other areas of mention in the Residential Zone

- Prarthna – 580 litres/day per person (13 people)
- Surrender – 503 litres/day per person (46 people)
- Arati – 452 litres/day per person (11 people)

### TASKS

In the next 6 months we will be focusing on:

- 1) Creating an educational manual to help reduce our water consumption patterns
- 2) Conduct information sharing and set-up a permanent exhibition on water in the Centre for Urban Research
- 3) Prepare a code of conduct policy with regard to the sharing of water with neighbours and get it ratified at a Resident's Assembly

### GARDEN MANAGEMENT

Aurovilians have the responsibility to educate their gardeners so that we minimize water consumption. Please water your gardens in the morning and in the late afternoons, as not in the middle of the day so as not to waste water. Flower planets in pots saves up to 70% of the water.

### Development Council Meeting - 11.03.2003

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

**Consultant:** Eugene

**Secretary:** Sonja

**Notes:** Shweta

**Guests:** Cornelis, Grace, Jayamurthy, Karna, Martin, Selvaraj

### **RAJAMANI'S DEVELOPMENT (Shop opposite NCC)**

The house opposite New Creation Corner belongs to an Aurovilian, Rajamani, a former member of the Pour Tous team. It was reported that he has recently opened a commercial shop which is located on Auroville land. For many years the extensions to his house have not been channelled through the proper building application process. We received a letter from Economy Group stating that he has not passed through either ABC or the Economy Group regarding his new shop while claiming that payments can be made through P/T accounts, which is not valid. He will be invited to meet with us. A discussion on illegal developments within Auroville followed. The IDC recognizes that an arbitration group of some kind is necessary for the many cases in which even basic rules and regulations are not respected.

### **WATER MAINTENANCE GROUP**

The former water service is now operating as a unit but is still servicing the plumbing & maintenance concerns of the Auroville area. They presented plans for a new building of approximately 4.5 Lakhs. It will be used for office, garage, storage and workshop. A sub-group of the FAMC will monitor the transition. We recommended that they present their plans to an architect. The site is located in the service area and stimulated a discussion on the need for an overall planning concept for this area.. The IDC agreed on the principle that a concrete slab is installed to protect against any spilling and that the washing of the vehicles takes place in Pondy until they have a proper waste water treatment facility. Site permission is pending the green light of the FAMC regarding the new executive.

### **KUILAPALYAM RESTAURANT - VINDUTI**

The project holders of this future project were invited to meet with the Development Group and another concerned Aurovilian who expressed a need for more clarification. A follow up meeting was scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. The project will be located before the Bakery in the tamarind grove of Kuilapalyam.

### **CIVIL SERVANTS**

Cornelis came in support of the project for Civil Servants from Germany, which will consist of simple capsules, a common kitchen and a small storeroom. They have been exploring various locations. The group discussed the matter and suggested some sites; we will contact the stewards of these communities and see what can be arranged.

### **ANGIRAS'S GARDEN**

Angiras's Garden is a community in the Kottakarai area which requires a site plan. The IDC discussed the area and felt that there is room for more residences, while the people living there feel that the place is developed enough. It was decided that Peter A. would go on site and make a tentative future plan, after consultation with the Industrial Zone Group the residents will be invited for a meeting.



**QI GONG**

Every Tuesday, Verite Hall, 5-6 pm.

! Wu Ji Qi Gong !

Balance your Qi and your organcycles, learn how to relax more and feel the flow of energies moving in and around your body.

The exercises include moving, standing, sitting, lying postures.

Beginners and advanced practitioners are both always welcome to join.

For questions contact Chris:

chris\_ruby\_arts@yahoo.com

**Lost Bear Bag:**

If by any chance you're the one who has found my bright yellow bear bag, on the way from Center Field to the Pre-Creche, please contact me as soon as possible. It had 2 bottles, a snack box and some clothes.

Thank You, Aris Center Field, 2622 944.

**PASSION FRUIT PLANTS AVAILABLE**

We have a number of passion fruit plants available in Buddha Garden; some in pots and some in plastic bags, some give yellow fruit and some red. If you would like one or more please come and collect any time before 10.00am Monday to Friday. If you want to collect at another time please phone Priya 94432 22653 or email priya@auroville.org.in

**ATTENTION: CHANGED DATES**

Monday Night Video at Visitor Center

**A N I M A M U N D I**

the world alive' to music by Phillip Glass  
(30min)

followed by a fantastic show of mainly typical Irish dance performed by the world famous

**RIVERDANCE CO.**

**March 24th at 8 pm**

(on the 31st march there will be no video)

**THE MAHASARASWATI FREE-STORE /  
EXCHANGE STORE  
UPDATED FEBRUARY NEWS...**

Repair service : Every morning from 9h30 to 11h30.

You name it, we fix it or tell you how or where to fix it.

Logu will check your appliance on the spot and give you a rough estimate and advice for the repair. But he can also come to your house to collect anything you wouldn't have the time to bring yourself or to check your fridge, washing machine, TV, and just anything.

Cane furniture repair : We can recommend a nice and honest old man who will come to your house and repair on the spot.

We will charge a basic 50 rupees on top of the repair charges for any in house attendance, pick-up or delivery.

Knife sharpening : Bring us your kitchen knives and scissors and we shall sharpen them in minutes.

Home pick-up : If you have any heavy or voluminous item to offer to the service we can come and pick them up with a vehicle on Sunday mornings.

Call Logu at 623014 before 9am, lunch time or

evenings, or leave a message for him to call you back. All payments will be operated through the Financial Service's Pour Tous accounts.

**Here is the present list of items available for  
exchange :**

Lady shaver - Epilator - Football - 24 volt PL lamp - Camera - Electric heater - Home walking/stepping trainer - Wooden chess board - Electric vibromasseur - Cloth iron - Coffee machine - Table fans - Electric oven - Gas oven with 4 burners - Table lamps - Ice cream maker - Electric kettle - Electric can opener - tennis racket - Torch lights - Amplifier/equalizer 2 x 50 watts - typewriters - Electric Pan cake/chapati hot plate - Flute a bec - headphones - Water filters - Manual vegetable slicer/grater - car audio system - External modem 33.6 Kbps - Music systems - Guitar - Baby cycle seats - Roller blades - and a lot more...

But remember the exchange store opens only on Saturdays 3pm to 5pm !

The Mahasaraswati store is situated in the same building as the Kulapalayam Post office.

See you around,  
Logu, Celestine, Olivier

Nominations for this years Golden Mumpti awards are now open, watch out for the special voting booths at the solar kitchen and Pour tous later in the week. Also the facility will be avialible on the intranet within the next few days.

The categories are as follows

1. Citizen of the year
2. Greenbelter of the year
3. Artiste of the year
4. TAMILIAN of the year
5. Community of the year
6. Auroville product of the year
7. Newcomer of the year
8. Therapist of the year
9. Youth of the year
10. Oldtimer of the year
11. Couple of the year

### Agbproductions

Also a reminder to all film/video producers that 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.

### 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](mailto:cfl@auroville.org.in) or [chali@auroville.org.in](mailto: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 between 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.

**THE DENTAL CENTRE - PROTECTION AND THE DENTAL CLINIC - HEALTH CENTRE, WILL BE CLOSED ON 29TH AND 31ST OF MARCH AS THE STAFFS ARE GOING ON A TOUR.**

### AMPHITHEATER

Tuesday 25.3. 2003 6.00 p.m. sunset

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

Book VII The Book of Yoga

Canto 1 The Joy of Union; the ordeal of the forknowledge of Death and the Heart's grief and pain

Thursday 27.3. 6p.m.

" Words of Sri Aurobindo " read by Nolini.

Sigrid

### Cinema Italia

Tuesday 25th March, 8.00 PM at the Visitor Centre, video room, 1st floor : **Malena**

A boy's journey into manhood amid the chaos and intolerance of World War II.

In a sleepy Sicilian village, the most beautiful woman in town, Malena, becomes the subject of increasingly malicious gossip among the lustful townsman and their jealous wives. But only her most ardent admirer, young Renato Amoroso, will learn the untold true story of the mysterious and elusive Malena. The struggles and hardships that Malena must bravely endure serve to inspire Renato to new heights of compassion, courage and independence. Original Italian version with English subtitles.

**Martedì 25 Marzo, ore 20,00 al Visitor Centre, sala video , primo piano: Malena**

di Giuseppe Tornatore ( director of Cinema Paradiso ), 88 minuti. 1989 con Monica Bellocci, Giuseppe Sulfaro, musica di Ennio Morricone nominated for 2 Academy Awards Versione originale con sottotitoli in Inglese.

# EXHIBITION of CHILDREN'S DRAWINGS

HOW DO OUR CHILDREN SEE THE FUTURE CITY?



Children from Transition, Deepanam, Newcreation, Udavi, Kuilapalayam Trust School, Isaiambalam and the night schools coordinated by Saiier. We received more than 540 drawings.

**Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Mon, Wed, Fri 2-5pm - Tue, Thurs 9-12am

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 3-5 pm - Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am-4.30pm

**Tibetan pavilion**

Please use the road through the International Zone

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**Auroville Village Action Group & Udhayam Women's Federation\***  
**Invite you to participate in a collective Women's Day Celebration**  
**An occasion to pay homage & respect to the women of our region**

**At AVAG office, Opposite TNEB sub-station, 1km after Ancient Shiva Temple, Irumbai On Sunday, 23rd March, 9.30 am to 6.00 pm**

This is a continuation of the 'International Women's Day' which was celebrated by the women's clubs in their respective villages on the 8th March. Around 2000 women from over 100 village clubs in the Auroville bioregion will participate in this program. There will be a cultural program (dance, drama & music) followed by speeches and prize-distribution by some distinguished people of the region.

\* Udhayam Women's Federation is a body that consists of over 2000 women who are connected with AVAG. These women have been very successful in carrying out various village development programs. Today they have gained respect and confidence of the villagers and an identity of their own. The Women's Day is a very special occasion as it symbolizes their unity and strength and a hope for their liberation and progress.

For more information call AVAG @ 2678872 All Aurovilians, Newcomers and Guests are heartily welcome.  
**Come and add colors to the celebration.**

**MESSAGE FROM AVVEHICLE SERVICE.****Dear Aurovilians,****1/ General information about transfer of driving license:**

Just to remind all New-comers and Aurovilians who have a foreign license must come to regularize their situation and proceed to the transfers of foreign license to Indian license. Bring your passport, residential permit and foreign license and 4 passport size photos.

**2/ About your Indian Driving License;**

We need the photocopy of your Indian License in order to collect the database and to check your date of expired of the license.

**3/ Calling for New Candidates;**

We have finished our driving tests successfully. Now we are looking forward for new candidates. You will get your license within forty days. Who doesn't have the licence come and apply.

We need photo copy of your residential permit, passport and 8 photos.

(We have a polaroid camera in our office for the photos) for Indians, proof of residence, proof of birth.

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

We ask all Aurovilians and Newcomers and long term Guests to purchase vehicles in Tamil Nadu state, and not in Pondicherry state; Due to Auroville being a part of Tamilnadu. We are also purchasing the bikes as a service from Tamil Nadu instead of you.

Door delivery with in 24 hours!!!

**Office Opening Hours**

Monday to Saturday - 9.00am to 12.30pm  
2.00pm to 4.30pm

For more details contact us as soon as possible

Thanking You...

Ashok, Raju and Elumalai.

PHONE - 623 302  
Saturday, March 15, 2003  
E-mail- [avvehicle@auroville.org.in](mailto:avvehicle@auroville.org.in)

**TRANSCRIBER NEEDED**

SAIER is urgently looking for some help with transcribing a few tapes in English. Please get in touch with Sanjeev at the SAIER office or on [sanjeev@auroville.org.in](mailto:sanjeev@auroville.org.in) or with Kosha on [unity@auroville.org.in](mailto:unity@auroville.org.in).

kosha

I am Arun Kumar 13 years old. I would like to have a Aquarium Tank which is not in use or cracked. I would like to keep some beautiful colour fishes in it. I am interested in looking after them.

Please contact Grace at Matrimandir 2622268 (morning) or AV today 2622517 (afternoon)

love,

Arun Kumar



**PITANGA**

"Open

Air

Atmosphere"

Oil-Paintings by  
**Sivakumar**

24/03 - 5/04/03

Monday - Saturday,  
8 am to 5 pm

Pitanga, Ph. 262 2561, mail: [pitanga@auroville.org.in](mailto:pitanga@auroville.org.in)



## Reprint of Mother's Collected Works

*As an homage to the Mother on her 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary...*

**VAK Book Shop offers  
the reprint of 17 volumes of the  
Collected Works of the Mother**

- ★ Size of each volume: **18 x 12 cm** (crown-size).
- ★ **420** pages on an average, per volume.
- ★ The text will be set in type-face: **Sabon, 9.5 pt.**
- ★ 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.

Some volumes will be on display  
from the **24<sup>th</sup> of April** onwards at:

**VAK - The Spiritual Book Shop**

P.O. Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry – 605 002, India.  
Phone : 2331962 / 2336672, website : [www.vaktrust.com](http://www.vaktrust.com)

The price of the whole set of **17 volumes** will be only **Rs. 900/-**, if booked before **31<sup>st</sup> of August 2003**. Offer open till stocks last.

**At the service of the Mother**

*Madanlal Himatsingka*

Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry – 2, India  
Ph: 2334542, E-Mail: [himatsingka@auroville.org.in](mailto:himatsingka@auroville.org.in)

### Special Service for

#### Aurovilians and Newcomers

VAK Book Shop has kindly reserved 200 sets of this special subscription offer for Aurovilians and Newcomers. We are authorized to receive the bookings on behalf of VAK, issue receipts and handle the distribution of the books. Guests are requested to make their arrangements directly with VAK.

#### How to book:

1. You can make your bookings with us **at Pitanga**  
Timings: **Monday to Saturday**  
**from 11 am to 12 (noon).**

During this time you can phone us (262 2561) or pass by to give us the information needed.

2. You would then transfer the amount of Rs. 900/- per set to a special account at the Financial Service, which has been opened for this purpose only.

**Account No. 251208**

**“Mother's Collected Works/VAK.”**

Please note: We do not accept cash for your bookings at Pitanga.

3. After having received the money for your booking we will issue a receipt in your name. This receipt can be collected from the reception desk at Pitanga during the regular opening timings (Monday – Saturday 8 am to 5 pm).
4. The books will be released volume by volume. We will announce the arrival of each volume in the AV News. You can pick up your copies at Pitanga on presentation of your receipt.

*Andrea and Martin B*

### RECITAL OF WESTERN MUSIC

Featuring Guest artist

**ACHIM SCHWARZ (FLUTE)**

with

**LADISLAV (VIOLIN) &  
PUSHKAR (PIANO)**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 30th**

at

10.30 am Ashram (Pondy)  
4.30 pm Pitanga (Auroville)

### PITANGA HOMOEOPATHIC SERVICE

Dear friends,

I need a little rest: next week (24-28 of March) I will be out of station.

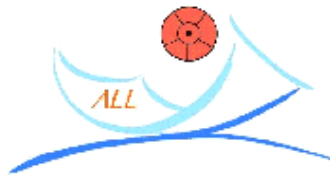
See you on Monday 31st of March.

Marika

### LIGHT

Exhibition by Ireno  
Savitri Bhavan

Monday to Saturday  
From 9 to 12 and 2 to 5  
Open till March 30



### Information from Auroville Language Laboratory

#### Time schedule of language classes

<b>English:</b> Mo, We, Fri	2:30-4:00pm	beginners' class
Mo, We, Fri	5:00-6:30pm	intermediate level class with the teacher Ruslan
<b>Hindi:</b> Mo, We	4:00-5:00	with the teacher Shriram Jaiswal
<b>German:</b> Mo, We	5:00-6:00	beginners' class with the teacher Elicha

**Sanskrit:** Mita is offering a 10 day Introduction to Devanagari Script and pronunciation for those who want to learn Sanskrit & Hindi. It starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April at 5 pm.

After this Introduction Katia and Mala will offer a regular beginner's class. The time schedule will be discussed with the students then.

**Spanish:** Tue, Fri 5:30-6:30 beginners' class with Ana Ferran.

She is also offering a class for her old students' group. They and everybody who wants to join the class for advanced students are asked to contact us at the Language Lab.

**Tamil:** Shankar will start a class for beginners' on the 28th of March, Fri at 2:30. Possible times for classes are 9:15- 10:15am Thursdays and some time between 1:30- 4:00pm Fridays.

Advanced students can join an already existing group on Tue 4:30- 5:30pm and on Thu 5:00- 6:00pm.

Shanthy and Prabavathi will offer also a beginners' class two or three times a week in the afternoon between 3 and 4:30pm.

The first meeting of this group is on Thu, the 27<sup>th</sup> of March at 4pm.

**French:** The meeting for Tapas' beginners' class is on Fri, the 28th of March at 5pm.

Everybody is invited to the ongoing and new classes at the Lab (old CFL building on Last School Campus). For more information contact Egle at 2623661 or e-mail [all@auroville.org.in](mailto:all@auroville.org.in). Those who have filled the student's survey will be informed per e-mail about all events.

### Basis of Life

"What does the forest bear? Soil, water and pure air... The basis of our life" (Indian Village song, Chipko movement, 1973). Njal asked me to stay near the trial plot of another cashew trees, with a sign "10 km" for a reducing the speed of vehicles in a small part of Auroville road. It seemed for me that I was in hell: dust, exhaust gases, noise, some arrogant drivers with their incredible high speed... Njal and I spoke with many drivers. One of them told me : "Why do you have any pretensions to bike? For you, better pay attention to lorries only!"

I asked my Lord : "Is he right?" The Lord answered: "After the Massacre of Innocents I sent a King Herod's soldier to hell. And told me that his fault is very little, he killed only one innocent child. But another soldier killed two children. According to the first killer's opinion, it needs to punish only criminals with their double fault".

In our time for some people a high speed of bikes is more important than pure soil, water and air. One wise Chameleon in the Trial Plot asked Aurovilians, Newcomers, guests and Villagers: "Please don't hurry to hell with crazy devil speed, be happy with walkers, cyclists, God and sweet Auroville nature".

Boris

Dear All,

I would like to start by thanking all those who have participated in the exhibition 'Creations for Land' either by contributing their work, or by visiting, or passing on the information to friends. A big "Thank you" to you all! Since Creations for Land started a few more artists have joined in. And all in all it has been a wonderful event. To those who

have not yet

visited the exhibition, you have tomorrow the last day. **Don't miss it! Tomorrow, Sunday the 23rd of March there will be tea, biscuits and live jazz starting at three o'clock in the afternoon.** The silent auctions will be finalized, and all those who have purchased something may come and pick up their pieces. Here is the update list of artist who have donated their work to the Land.

Ray Meeker, Deborah Smith, Michele, Anamika Chinmayi, Adil, Rakhee, Supriya, Kratu, Julietta Angad, Dharmesh, Julia, Stephanie, Nele, Hans Agni Jaap, Peter, Johnny, Arpita, Kirti, Jocelyn Ravena, Amra, Nadia, Antarjothi, Kansha, Madhavi, Kali Popo, Anjali, Merlin, Sunder, Ange

Here's a note for the artists. As I failed to make things clear at the onset of the exhibition, I would now like to do so. Artists who feel that they want to take their donations back, may do so on Sunday after 5 pm. I had a further idea that some of the pieces not sold would go into making a collection for 'Creations for Land'. This would be a Collection of art pieces that would go on the web. Considering that we have donors around the world, we could offer one piece of art of in exchange for a substantial donation. Friends of AV from around the world could buy pieces from the Collection, etc. There is a possibility that Creations for Land happens again around the end of July, perhaps at the Alliance Francaise in Pondicherry. In that case the pieces in the Collection will be put out there as well. As I conceive of it, Creations for Land remains a flexible, growing collection of art pieces, at least until the middle of August. At which time it's future can be reviewed once again... With love and always open to suggestions, Ange

**C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM  
THURSDAY 27 MARCH – 7.30 PM (Film show  
starting at 7.45 sharp)**

**“MR. AND MRS. IYER”**

*Directed by Aparna SEN, India, 2002*

*With: Konkana Sen, Rahul Bose*

*Synopsis:* Meenakshi Iyer embarks, along with her child to a seemingly uneventful bus journey to catch a train at the foothills of a mountain. A young Muslim photo-journalist, Raja is a fellow traveler. But as the coach rumbles along the hairpin bends, a communal riot creates fire and fury, threatening lives and forcing Meenakshi and Raja to be like husband and wife in order to save their lives... *Original English version (with Tamil) – 35mm film – Colour*

**Please note that the film is on THURSDAY, not on Friday...**

**C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM  
JEUDI 27 MARS – 19h.30' (le film commence à  
19h.45 précises)**

**“Mr et Mme IYER**

*Réalisé par : Aparna SEN, Inde, 2002*

*Synopsis:* Meenakshi Iyer s'embarque en autocar avec son enfant pour un voyage à priori très ordinaire puisqu'il s'agit de relier une ville à une autre au pied des montagnes, pour attraper un train. Un jeune photographe Musulman, s'installe sur l'autre siège. Soudain, une violente émeute est déclenchée, menaçant la vie de tous les passagers et forçant Meenakshi et son compagnon de voyage à agir comme mari et femme pour sauver leur vie... *Version originale en Anglais et Tamoul – 35mm film – Couleur*

**Merci de bien noter que le film sera projeté  
VENDREDI, non pas Vendredi....**

**For your urgent attention please:**

From April 2003, Auroville Health Services Aurelec, Near Fraternity, Auroville Needs Two Part-time Aurovilian/Newcomers Who can volunteer for time. We can arrange the work hours with one existing office assistant in such a way that there is a presence at the office from 8:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m.

If you know English and have computer skills it is a plus.

We need you to help us with our fundraising activities and to answer phone calls.

Please contact Dr. Beena at the MultiPurpose Health Centre on Monday, Wednesday or Friday after 11:00 a.m. 2622292 or Surya at Protection Dental Centre 2622007 or Christopher at 2623567 to leave your contact message.

Help Us To Help All To Build A Strong Base Together  
For Health In Auroville

**CHOIR CONCERT**

AV Renaissance Cappella conducted by Eugene Saturday 22nd at 8 p.m. Tibetan Pavilion  
(Italian & English Renaissance love-madrigals)  
Nishtha & Chandra, recorder & Yves, guitar

**MUSIC VIDEO: LE JARDIN DE SERGIÙ  
CELIBIDACHE (1997) 2h20**

in French/German (English subtitles)

Exclusive documentary by his son, filmed in France & Germany in 1995, shortly before the death of Sergiù Celibidache, a legendary and feared music conductor, who always refused to cooperate with music industry to make audio-recordings on LP or CD. Music excerpts of rehearsals, classes & concerts: Haydn Oxford Symph., Schubert V, Bruckner IX & Bartok's Concerto.

At 8 p.m. sharp Eugene will give a short introduction in English about his experiences with his guru-maestro in Mainz & Munich.

Merriam Hill Center (Center Guest House) Monday  
March 24th, 8 p.m.

**GERMAN VIDEO @ VISITOR'S CENTRE**

Mittwoch, 26.3., 20.00h 'DAS GLUECKSPRINZIP'

USA 2001 ca. 120 min. Regie: Mimi Leder  
mit Helen Hunt, Kevin Spacey, Haley Joel Osmond, Angie Dickinson and Jon Bon Jovi. Als Journalist Al's Auto zu Schrott gefahren wird und er von einem Wildfremden einen Jaguar geschenkt bekommt, glaubt er zu träumen. Er geht der Sache auf den Grund und stößt auf einen aussergewöhnlichen kleinen Jungen.

Etwas schmalzig aber sehenswert.

**FIRST AUROVILLE GIRLS BASKETBALL  
LEAGUE 2003**

We, the AV girls basket ball team are organizing a league for girls only. All those who want to play/participate, please give your name(s) to Shanthi ( Shakti ) or Usha ( Djaima ).

Phone : Usha: 2622890

Email: sidusha@auroville.org.in

Shanthi: 2623104

Email: luc@auroville.org.in

Let's have fun! AVGBC

HILDE is our mid-wife since 25 years. So many children in Auroville were accompanied to this world by her. Lets make a family photo with ALL the parents and children she has shared this unique lifetime experience with. ALL come to Transition School on Sat. 29th March morning at 8h30 am sharp for the family photo!



**EVENING VIDEOS AT VISITORS' CENTRE**

PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK STARTING 24th OF MARCH

MONDAY THE 24th AT 8PM:

"NATURE DOCUMENTARIES"

TUESDAY THE 25th AT 8PM:

ITALIAN VIDEO

WEDNESDAY THE 26th AT 8PM:

GERMAN VIDEO

"DAS GLUECKSPRINZIP"

USA 2001. 1H20.

JEUDI 27 A 20H:

DEUX DOCUMENTAIRES A PROPOS DE L'IRAK

FRIDAY THE 28th AT 6.30PM:

CARTOON FOR CHILDREN

"LILO AND STICH"

2002. Directed by Chris Sanders. 1.30h.

A lovely cartoon for all ages. Not to be missed!

SUNDAY THE 30th AT 8PM:

"THE TWO TOWERS"

We are showing this film again as several people could not see it the first time!

**T'ai Chi Chuan in the Chi Hall, Sharnga**

"The Inner Way T'ai Chi Chuan is the work of Chan (Zen in Japanese language) masters who basically rejected all the writings, all ideologies. Their message wasn't a verbal one. They encoded their knowledge in a different language, the body language. The postures, the positions, the movements they left us contain the genetic code of their knowledge."

V.Stevanovitch

**Inner listening**

We are teaching energetic techniques such as Nei Chia (Inner Way).

We are teaching the Inner Listening.

In order to trust our feelings, we are trying to get rid of our 'certitudes', our 'knowledge', our rules and our theories and, eventually, be free of all these external models that are misleading and dimming our perceptions. This is a very practical work. The body, the muscles are involved. This work doesn't make, however, any division between the physical and mental planes of our being. They are interwoven!

**Outer, inner oneness**

Similarly, the research of Chi manipulation techniques as practiced in the School of the Inner way is interwoven with the search for the right movement, free from imposed and habitual patterns. It is as groundless to practice the 'outer' form of T'ai Chi Chuan without the supporting awareness of the flow of Chi, as to practice these 'inner' Chi techniques without realising and implementing them through the 'outer' T'ai Chi Chuan movements.

**The work is pleasant and should become easy. to be continued....**

**Latest new : Mauna will pick up some classes.**

**Welcome back!**

Contact: Marco at the Sharnga Chi Hall tel 262-2654.

Email: miniature@auroville.org.in

**Lost Bag** with no valuables (18-3-03) between Sharnga Guest house and New Creation Guest House. If you have any info. or have found it, Please contact Pascal at Sharnga 2622-419

**Cow gates now useless - secret discovered**

On 12 of march three cows from KK discovered how to walk over the cow gate in Silence. After some difficulties. One fell down. 2 days later 10 cows walked in and out without any problem. Over morphogenetic field every cow will know...

The secret in short : The cows seem to be very hungry and breaking in every fence. They are now really militant. What to do ? Any ideas ?

Hans, Silence

Innovation unlimited

Ed's Note: Shouldn't you have the innovative solution? :-) Zap 'em

**Solar Water Pumps**

AUORE Projects & Services is happy to announce the launch of the 2002-2003 Solar Water Pumping Programme under the yearly Government of India subsidy programme. A limited number of pumps are available (surface pumps as well as submersible pumps). These are the models:

- "900 Wp with surface pump - Rs 65,000/-
- "1800 Wp with surface pump - Rs 1,20,000/-
- "1800 Wp with submersible pump - Rs 1,65,000/-

For further details contact the AUORE team at CSR Office. Tel: 2622 749 / 168 / 277.  
Email: aureore@auroville.org.in  
Or have a look at the following website:  
**www.auroville.com/aurore** (all relevant documents can be downloaded from the homepage).  
The AUORE team

**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.