

The construction of the Hall of Peace is proceeding. We just finished the foundations and the raising of the concrete columns is now completed. We have actually already made the foundations for the entire complex (including the future Unity Pavilion main building with its multi-purpose Hall) as it would have been structurally unsafe to join the foundations at a later stage. It feels good to see the pillars reaching up, demarking the entire building complex.

On February 28th morning, after the bonfire, we invited Aurovilians, friends from the Ashram and guests to share with us a special moment around the peace table. For this occasion we had taken the table outside and placed it between the pillars in the exact spot where it will stand once the Hall of Peace is completed. A powerful vibration of Peace and Light was experienced by many of the participants during the simple ceremony.



In the misty morning, just when it slowly got more and more light, with the sun not able to penetrate yet the cotton-like cover, the time had a special feeling to itself. It was all magic and from another space and time. The subtle tinkling of the Russian Peace Bells enhanced the feeling of enchantment. Vera's soft and delicate play made one imagine dancing elves with sounding bells on their ankles...

We all sat in silence aspiring for Human Unity and Peace in the World and felt this powerful energy field above and between us. We felt truly blessed by the Grace of the moment.



"If you want peace upon earth, first establish peace in your heart.
If you want union in the world, first unify the different parts of your own being."



The Peace table stood there, majestically, on an ocean of rose petals, in the center of the space demarcated by ribbons made of cashew leaves. It was easy to imagine and visualize the actual building and the table's place in it.

Since many had been up early and had come directly from the Dawn-fire at the Amphitheatre, we had arranged for tea and muffins after the meditation. People lingered, having tea, talking together, inspired and uplifted.

The peace and serenity stayed with us throughout the day.

When almost everybody had left, the table was moved back into the office building where it is kept until the Hall of Peace is ready.

In order to share the special moment and spread the peace, the many rose petals which had covered the ground under the table during the meditation were brought all around Auroville and to the surrounding villages, to the Irumbai temple, and in the evening to the ceremony of the Canadian Inutsuk.



The work is very inspiring and we are so happy to know that the Hall of Peace is materializing. It is a new phase which has begun. That experience of Peace, so concrete during the meditation, makes us think about Mother telling us that she had initiated Auroville to stop war. The very creation of an active platform for Peace-work in the International Zone, carried by the profound energy of Auroville, is an important step towards her aim.

The Hall of Peace opens a dialogue on Peace, and holds it in continuous focus. This is an important work in the vision of Auroville, and a task given to us by Mother: to manifest an actual Human Unity, a Unity in Diversity. And this Unity starts with each of us, first in ourselves.

When looking at the world today, it is more than evident that there is an urgent need to foster, grow and cultivate Unity... The Unity Pavilion may well play an important part in this, on more than one level, - and we are keenly aware of this.

We therefore dare to ask you to help us gather the money to complete the Hall of Peace building. For this **IRS 50 lakhs / US \$ 100,000 / € 80,000** is still needed. We know that only together, in unity, we can achieve this. As a next step we plan to bring up the walls and cast the concrete roof slabs. For this an amount of **IRS 12.5 lakhs (\$ 32,000, € 20,000)** is required.

Please consider the Hall of Peace project and donate towards it generously.

Donations can be sent to Auroville Unity Fund, specified for Hall of Peace. It is now also possible to donate via Internet for Auroville projects. Please go to www.auroville.com/donate

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With gratitude and love,
Jaya and Shivaya

