

Matrimandira

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In the Garden of Consciousness, the flower offering of Nature has been abundant during this season. We show you here two of these wonders.

- ◀ Supramental Action (Barringtonia asiatica),
- ▼ Power of Psychic Consciousness blooming in the Garden of Consciousness





In the Matrimandir Metal workshop work is underway to fabricate the Lift which will be installed in the underground room on the west of the amphitheater to lift heavier garden tools like wheel barrows and lawn mowers from this storage area. This Lift is a key feature of this "Tools Center" which is now under construction. Below, the positioning of walls and electricity lines are marked on the floor of the Tools Center as a first step in developing this underground space.





The 1.1 kilometer long oval road surrounding the Matrimandir gardens is being widened to a width of 7 meters along its full length so that the cobblestone road –to –come and the needed infrastructure lines for water and electricity can be laid down

- ▼ On the back of one of the 12 large petals surrounding the globe of Matrimandir an experimental underground drip irrigation system was installed on January 6th to water the grass which will be grown there. Even though we had a tremendous monsoon this year, the issue of irrigation in the Matrimandir gardens is an area where all steps have to be taken to reduce our water consumption as much as possible.





In the Garden of Youth the “Crest” of the garden is established with a band of buried ferrocement panels. It is within the area enclosed by this wide band that the elements of the garden itself, plants, pools, etc will be established. Below, members of the gardens design team work on the designs of the gardens of Wealth, Utility and Progress.





Maintaining and replanting in the four gardens which have been built is a year-round labor on the part of Aurovilian volunteers and by teams of employed gardeners. Above, a volunteer is weeding in the Garden of Bliss, while below Sri Aurobindo's Compassion flowers are being replanted in the Garden of Unity.



The main trunk of the Banyan tree, close to Matrimandir stood for some days in a wide pool during the heavy November rains.



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