

Matrimandir

August 2026



Waterproofing Lake Section 2

The push to waterproof the next section of the lake is on! [The white area is a geotextile layer which is on top of the HDPE waterproofing layer installed below it]

From June to August this year, the Matrimandir team has been in full swing to carry out the huge job of waterproofing the 40,000 square meters of the second section of the Lake.

The main element of the waterproofing is a layer of 2.5 mm thick HDPE foil with protective white layers of geotextile above and below it.

With the help of an expert team of HDPE welders and dozens of people from the Matrimandir team, work has been going on for up to 16 hours a day to complete this immense job before the onset of the winter monsoon.

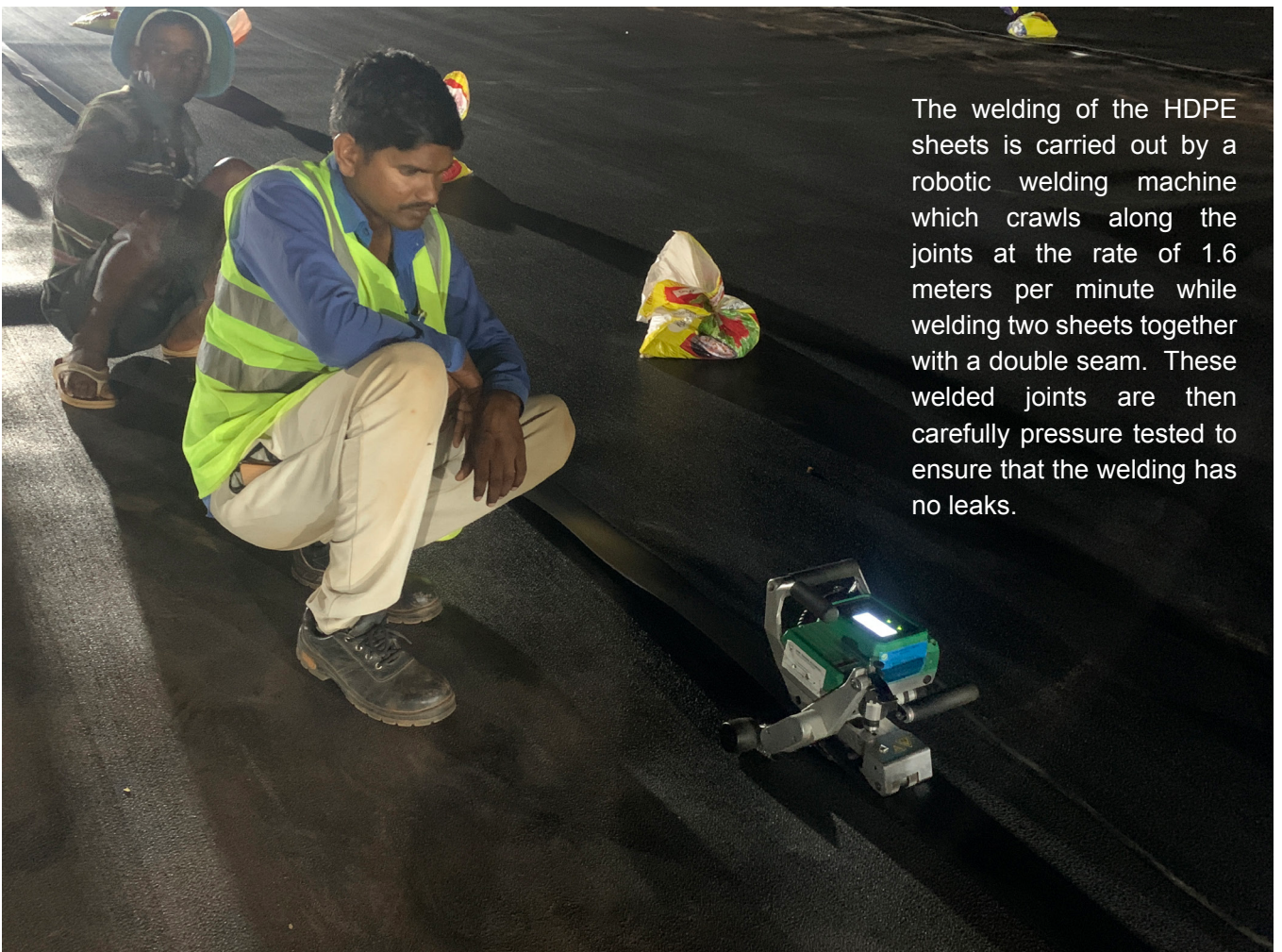
This summer has been exceptionally dry: while very difficult for the environment all around, a blessing for welding the HDPE layers in place.

The HDPE sheets are rolled out into the lake bed and temporarily weighed down with sand bags.





The HDPE sheets are covered with a strong protective layer of white geotextile, to make sure that no sharp objects can puncture the HDPE. Welding work has continued up to 10 pm every night.



The welding of the HDPE sheets is carried out by a robotic welding machine which crawls along the joints at the rate of 1.6 meters per minute while welding two sheets together with a double seam. These welded joints are then carefully pressure tested to ensure that the welding has no leaks.



At the far western end of this 300 meter long new lake section, the foundation for a 10 meter high concrete block retaining wall has been prepared. After several weeks of laying the steel reinforcement, concreting of this foundation slab began on 30th July and ran for several days. It is an amazing and wonderful push forward, reminiscent of the day and night concretings carried out decades ago while building up the concrete structure of Matrimandir.

The Garden of Harmony

Elsewhere on the site, work progresses steadily on the Garden of Harmony, while planning for the other two remaining gardens, Youth and Perfection, is underway.

As these two projects move forward, the daily rhythm at Matrimandir carries on: caring for the gardens, receiving the hundreds of people who come to visit the Inner Chamber each day and, the thousands who come every day to the public Viewing Point overlooking the Lake and the whole of the Park of Unity.



Summer Cleanup inside Matrimandir

For almost a month, from mid-May to mid-June, an intensive cleanup and repair session was carried out inside the Matrimandir.



Shampooing the carpet of the Inner Chamber



Polishing the marble slabs of the Lotus Pond below Matrimandir

Fundraising

"The Matrimandir will be the soul of Auroville. The sooner the soul is there, the better it will be for everybody and especially for the Aurovilians." The Mother 15 November 1970

With two years to go to reach the goal of completing the Matrimandir, fundraising has become a very important part of the work for the Matrimandir team.

From Matrimandir we are reaching out to all of The Mother's children.

We are reaching out and in turn asking you to reach out to all of your contacts to help raise the needed funds.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all join hands and complete the Matrimandir as a birthday offering to Her?

To achieve this goal there is a lot to do and a large amount of funding to be raised. As you can see, to achieve this goal many projects need to be completed.

The Project Budgets

PROJECTS	BUDGETS IN INDIAN RUPEES	BUDGETS IN US DOLLARS	TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED	COMMENTS
Garden of Light	68 Lakhs	\$ 70,400		Sponsorship welcome
Garden of Bliss	31 Lakhs	\$ 32,000	22.0 Lakhs	9 Lakhs still needed
Garden of Utility	50 Lakhs	\$ 52,000	42.6 Lakhs	7.4 Lakhs still needed
Garden of Youth including an Underground Storeroom	1.6 Crores	\$165,000		Sponsorship welcome
Garden of Harmony	80 Lakhs	\$ 82,800	8.65 Lakhs	Sponsorship welcome
Garden of Perfection	80 Lakhs	\$ 82,800	21.84 Lakhs	Sponsorship welcome
Garden Perimeter Road Remaining 520 meters	81 Lakhs	\$ 82,800		Sponsorship welcome
Lake Section 2	15 Crores	\$ 1,550,000	13 Crores	2 Crores still needed
Lake Section 3	15 Crores	\$ 1,550,000		Sponsorship welcome
Lake Sections 4 & 5	75 Crores	\$ 7,766,000		Sponsorship welcome
Modernization of the Electrical Infrastructure	60 Lakhs	\$ 62,100		Sponsorship welcome
West Bridge crossing the Lake	20 Crores	\$ 2,071,000		Sponsorship welcome
Reception Pavilion	20 Crores	\$ 2,071,000		Sponsorship welcome
TOTAL	151 Crores	\$ 15,640,000		"All can be done if the God touch is there"

For more details about Projects and How to Donate please go to our **website: matrimandir.org**

For any inquiries please contact Matrimandir Offerings Desk by email at **matrimandir.donations@auroville.org.in** or drop into the office. We love to see and hear from you.

Booking for Concentration in the Inner Chamber

Matrimandir Inner Chamber is open to visitors every morning except Tuesday and Sunday.

Link for booking **<https://mmaccess.auroville.org.in/visitors/new>** **Matrimandir Access Group**
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