

Matrimandir

November 2025



Work on the Garden of Harmony Begins

In early October, work on the Garden of Harmony began. During the previous months, design details had been refined by the gardens' design team and the Matrimandir construction team took up the very first phase of the work in October. Firstly, the design was marked on the ground and a forest of short steel rods has appeared in the garden area, marking out the central water body and pathway. The next phase will be to make a shallow excavation to expose the twenty-year-old irrigation pipes buried there, so that these can be rerouted to make room for the central water body of the garden. It was a joyful event indeed to begin this, the eleventh of the twelve Gardens.

Adjacent to it, in the Garden of Youth, excavation work for the

underground drive-in storeroom has been completed. The next phase of work there will be to lay down the concrete flooring.

The energy in the Gardens is picking up speed as we work to fully complete the Gardens by 21 February 2028.





Drone view showing the location of the excavated underground room in the Garden of Youth (4), marked with a red circle. The Garden of Harmony (5) will be built in the plot to the North of the Garden of Youth. Construction activity in the Garden of Utility (2) is seen at the lower left, between the completed Gardens of Wealth (1) and Progress (3). Work on the Garden of Perfection (6) will begin soon.

The History of the Creation of the Gardens

Over the last two decades, the construction of the Gardens has proceeded in several distinct phases.

Once the Matrimandir building was completed in 2008, the energy of the team turned towards the construction of the Gardens. For several years, the Matrimandir Nursery team had been busy building up the large collection of plants and shrubs that were known to be needed for the future Gardens. The Mother's descriptions of the Gardens had given clear indications of the range of plants that would be needed, including precise names for the principal flowers which she linked to the significances of the twelve gardens. The Nursery was started in 1971 and its activities continue unabated today.

In late 2008, it was agreed within the community that the Garden of Unity, near the Banyan Tree, with its "mini amphitheater" and fountain would be built according to the design that Roger Anger, architect of Matrimandir, had developed in his final years. Roger had passed away in early 2008. Simultaneously a separate team of garden designers developed the designs for the first three gardens: the Gardens

of Existence, Consciousness and Bliss. The first versions of these three gardens were constructed between the years 2009 to 2014.

A second design team then developed and proposed designs for the remaining nine gardens. This overall model was put on display for all to see in 2015. With general agreement, work commenced on the Garden of Progress in 2017 and it was completed in time for Auroville's 50th anniversary year in 2018.

It was decided to then take up the large Garden of the Unexpected, which lies on the western edge of the Park of Unity. The designs for this set of four gardens were worked out through a well-attended community wide process wherein different teams proposed alternative designs. Construction of the chosen set of garden designs was carried out during the years 2019 to 2022.

Once completed, and having had this design experience for the Garden of the Unexpected, a call was then sent out to a wide selection of Indian designers to create proposals for the Gardens of Life, Power and Wealth all situated near the Banyan Tree,



Presentation of the design model of the Gardens to the then Governing Board in 2015

close to the Matrimandir. An expert panel composed of eminent international garden designers was established to adjudicate design proposals which would come from within India. As a result, a team of young designers from North India was given the

opportunity to create the Gardens of Life and Power which one sees near the Banyan Tree today. These two gardens were constructed during the years 2021 and 2022.



The Garden of Utility under construction

In 2022, it was decided to return to the model of the nine gardens presented in 2015 and to continue to build on those designs.

The Garden of Light was completed by 15 August 2024 and the Garden of Wealth by 21 February 2025.

Currently work is under way in the Garden of Utility with planned completion in early 2026.

From all over the world there is an outpouring of support from garden lovers and devotees to hasten the completion of the Matrimandir Gardens.

The beginning of the work on the Garden of Harmony in October this year is seen as a symbol of a very urgent need in today's world.

The time has come to begin the detailed design process for the Garden of Perfection — everyone is keen to have the twelfth garden begin to manifest as soon as possible.

The energy behind the construction of the Gardens of the Matrimandir is increasing: the Gardens themselves seem to be pressing to become visible, active and radiant at the heart of Auroville.



New Matrimandir Publications

There are two other joyful events we are happy to share with you this month. First is the imminent launch of the completely redesigned Matrimandir matrimandir.org website.

Second is the publication of a beautiful, new, up-to-date Matrimandir brochure.

The Service Facility,

As work proceeds in the Gardens, another very important project under development is the Matrimandir Service Facility.

All our support facilities such as the administrative offices, the accounts section and all the physical support facilities such as the Chamber laundry, the workshops, the workers dining area are currently in the Lake area and in order to complete the Lake they are going to have to be housed in a new facility, the Matrimandir Service Facility, on the outer shore of the Lake.

A team of architects is working hard to finalize the designs of the Service Facility so that construction work can begin at the earliest. Only when this building is up will we be able to dig the Lake in this area.

On the fundraising side the need is great, as the project cost is estimated to be Rs 20 Crores, and so we are reaching out to all who might be in a position to help finance this project.

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

Fundraising has become a very important part of the work for the Matrimandir team

The Goal is to complete Matrimandir, including the Park of Unity and the Lake, as an Offering to The Mother for Her 150th birth anniversary on 21 February 2028.

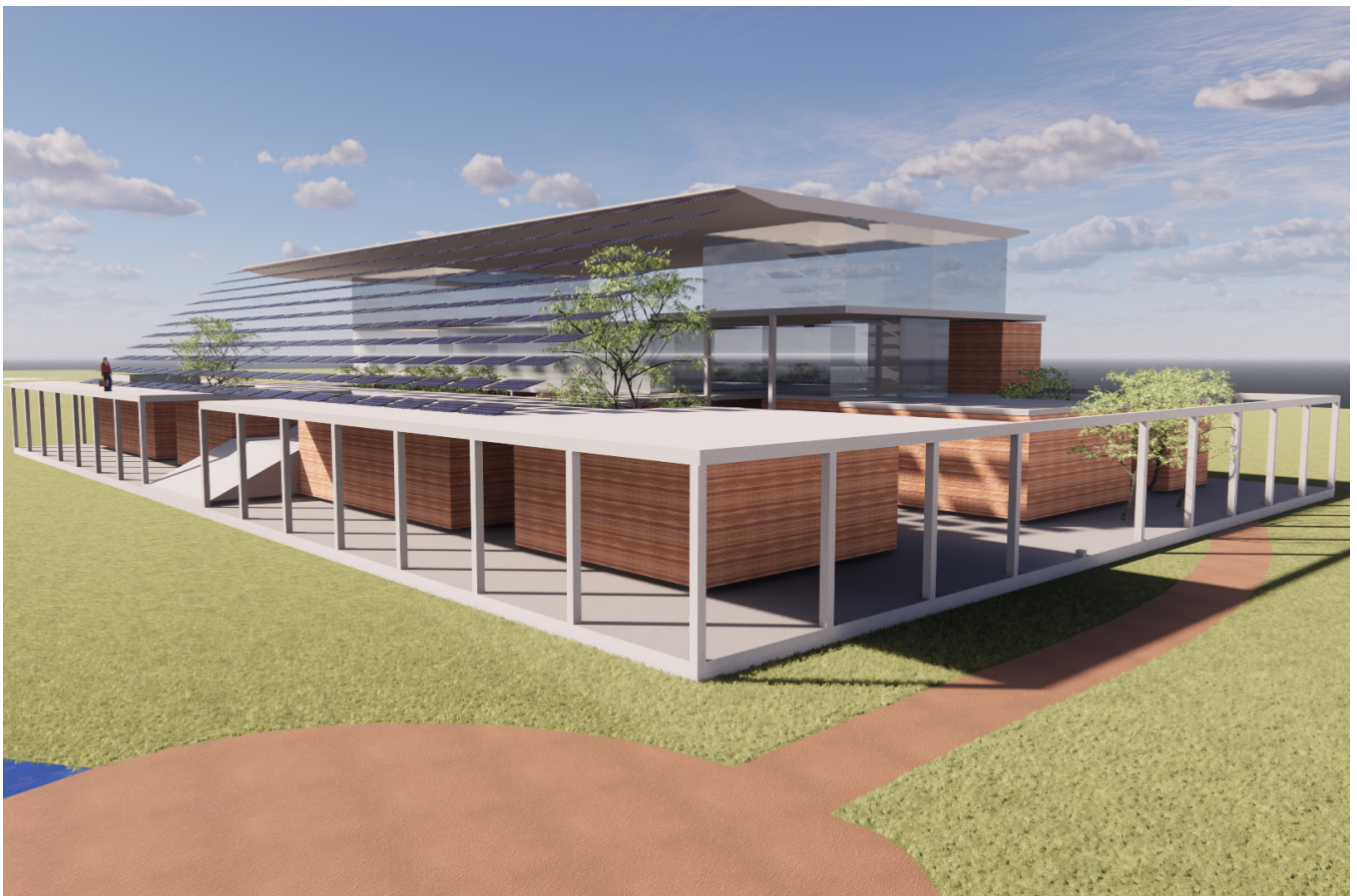
From Matrimandir we are reaching out to all of The Mother's children.

We are reaching out to you and we are asking you to reach out to all your contacts to help raise the funds.

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

To achieve this goal there is a lot to do and a lot of money to be raised.

To achieve this goal many projects need to be completed.



The Project Budgets and Timelines

PROJECTS	BUDGETS IN INDIAN RUPEES	PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE	COMMENTS
Garden of Light	68 Lakhs	Completed	Sponsorship still welcome
Restructuring of the Garden of Bliss	31 Lakhs	31.12.25	Sponsorship welcome
Garden of Utility	50 Lakhs	31.12.25	15 Lakhs still needed
Garden of Youth including Underground Storeroom	1.6 Crores	31.12.26	Sponsorship welcome
Garden of Harmony	80 Lakhs	15.08.26	Sponsorship welcome
Garden Perimeter Road Remaining 520 meters	81 Lakhs	31.12.26	Sponsorship welcome
Lake Sections 2 & 3	25 Crores	31.12.26	Sponsorship welcome
Lake Sections 4 & 5	75 Crores	31.12.27	Sponsorship welcome
Modernization of the Electrical Infrastructure	60 Lakhs	31.12.25	Sponsorship welcome Very Urgent
Service Facility	20 Crores	31.12.26	Sponsorship welcome Very Urgent
West Bridge crossing the Lake	20 Crores	31.12.26	Sponsorship welcome Urgent
Reception Pavilion	20 Crores	21.02.28	Sponsorship welcome
TOTAL	165 Crores	15.08.27	"All can be done if the God touch is there"

Offerings to Matrimandir

Please note that all Indian offerings must be A/c Payee to Auroville Unity Fund. Cheques and Demand Drafts need to be accompanied by a letter / email from the donor specifying the offering is for Matrimandir along with PAN, full address, phone and email. Offerings can also be made through direct Bank Transfer to Auroville Unity Fund. Please contact Matrimandir Offerings Desk over email or phone for more details regarding bank transfers, tax exemptions and foreign donations

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AVI USA matching grant campaign

For those of you living abroad, we are happy to share the news that for the month of **December**, 2025, AVI USA will be giving us a matching grant for every donation you channel through them. For more information about how to donate through AVI USA please contact:

Auroville International U.S.A - <https://give.aviusa.org/page/matrimandir>

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
mmconcentration@auroville.org.in**