

Matrimandir

May 2026



Utility Garden was completed by 21 February 2026 for Mother's birthday

The summer months are upon us; the land is heating up and the air is turning from the cool breezes of spring to the warm embrace of the summer winds.

One already looks ahead to 2028, Mother's 150th birth anniversary, and Auroville's 60th — the target the Matrimandir team has set for having as many facets of the Matrimandir completed as possible; completed or well on their way.

The target for the Gardens is well within view. The Garden of Harmony is now well advanced, work has begun on building the underground room in the

Garden of Youth and the planning is also coming along well for the Garden of Perfection.

Up on the Matrimandir preparations are well underway to install the new controls for the moving Golden Doors. (Recall that these curved doors slide upwards from between the steps of each pillar to close each entrance with smooth golden panels.) A technical Institute, IIT Chennai, has been spearheading the work to design the controls and source the motor for the first of these doors, which should be in action by mid-summer.



Construction work on the Garden of Harmony is well underway



The three hundred meter long section two of the Matrimandir Lake is being prepared to receive its waterproofing layer

Surrounding the Matrimandir and its Gardens, the Lake project is in high gear, with the goal of installing the waterproofing layers on the freshly excavated 300-meter long second section of the Lake before the end of the year. The entire 40,000 square meters of HDPE membrane, along with protective layers of white geotextile above and below, have to be carefully laid and welded together to complete the sealing of this section of the lake-bed.

At the Lake's western end a new concrete wall, 10 meters high, is to be built over the coming months so

that, when waterproofed, this section of the Lake can harvest the runoff from the winter monsoon.

This waterproofing project, our focus for the summer months, is a huge and complex task. We will give you all the work highlights in our August newsletter.

To make space for the Lake excavation on the eastern side of the Matrimandir Gardens, all of the very old workshops buildings will have to be relocated. Most of their functions and services have to be preserved, such as the laundry for the Inner Chamber, the



Rolls of HDPE waterproofing membrane being unloaded in early April 2026

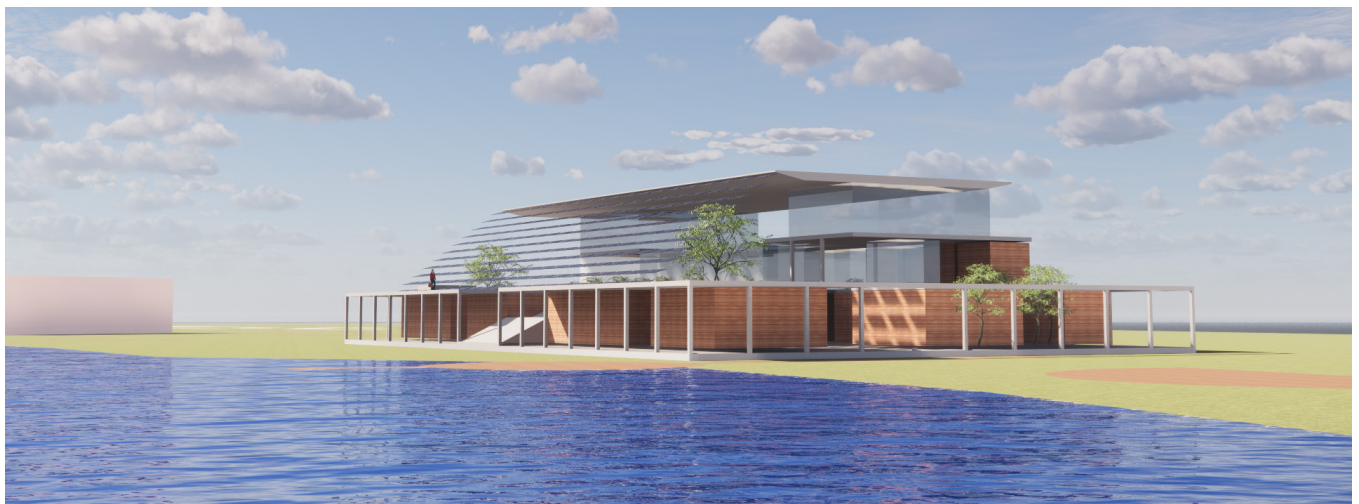
catering and various other services for the 150+ people working on the site, as well as the offices for administration, accounting and the stocks, all have to be housed in a new complex just outside the Lake boundary on the north-east side of the Gardens.

A team of Auroville Architects have been working on the design for this “Service Facility” for the last few years and are now in the final stages of interaction with the structural engineers hired for the project. The site has been cleared and construction work is scheduled to start this summer.

All these activities, as well as the daily reception of hundreds of visitors to the Inner Chamber and

thousands more who come to the public Viewing Point beyond the southern Lake boundary, are woven into the many faceted activities going on simultaneously each and every day at Matrimandir.

The atmosphere is charged with the energy of all these ongoing works and, at the same time, it is pervaded with the deep peace and silence which fills the air of Matrimandir; a peace which is palpable when one pauses, steps back from the activity, and feels the invisible ether of this incredible space holding Matrimandir at the heart of Auroville.



An architect's view of the Service Facility, soon to be built to physically support Matrimandir over the coming decades.

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 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 large amount of funding to be raised. As you can see, to achieve this goal many projects need to be completed.

The Project Budgets and Timelines

PROJECTS	BUDGETS IN INDIAN RUPEES	BUDGETS IN US DOLLARS	TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED	COMMENTS
Garden of Light	68 Lakhs	\$ 75,000		Sponsorship welcome
Garden of Bliss	31 Lakhs	\$ 34,000	22 Lakhs	9 Lakhs still needed
Garden of Utility	50 Lakhs	\$ 55,000	38.5 Lakhs	12 Lakhs still needed
Garden of Youth including Underground Storeroom	1.6 Crores	\$ 175,000		Sponsorship welcome
Garden of Harmony	80 Lakhs	\$ 87,500	8.65 Lakhs	Sponsorship welcome
Garden of Perfection	80 Lakhs	\$ 87,500	21.63 Lakhs	Sponsorship welcome
Garden Perimeter Road Remaining 520 meters	81 Lakhs	\$ 88,500		Sponsorship welcome
Lake Sections 2 & 3	25 Crores	\$ 2,732,000	5.13 Crores	Sponsorship welcome
Lake Sections 4 & 5	75 Crores	\$ 8,196,000		Sponsorship welcome
Modernization of the Electrical Infrastructure	60 Lakhs	\$ 65,600		Sponsorship welcome
Service Facility	20 Crores	\$ 2,186,000	2.78 Crores	Sponsorship welcome Very Urgent
West Bridge crossing the Lake	20 Crores	\$ 2,186,000		Sponsorship welcome
Reception Pavilion	20 Crores	\$ 2,186,000		Sponsorship welcome
TOTAL	166 Crores	\$ 18,154,100		"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
mmconcentration@auroville.org.in**