

Auroville International Conference 2002

The Gathering

Friday July 19th, 2002

The big day has arrived and Auroville and AVI folks are arriving at the Sequoia Seminar Center under the huge redwood trees of coastal California to meet for another AVI conference. We will meet starting today, Friday 19th through Wednesday the 24th.

It is a beautiful forested area, away from any city or town in the hills, with little houses and huts interspersed between trees, paths and little roads. When June and I came here first to check things out, we got lost several times, although we had a map.

People arrived and some are really tired from long flights, the longest flight I heard of today was 43 hours from Madras ! It's a such a joy to hug and greet everybody and see so many friends. We are expecting 75 to 80 participants and most of them are already here.

The organizing team of AVI USA did a wonderful job to take care of everything and everybody. After dinner, Dr. Ananda Reddy gave a well prepared speech about the International Zone, Auroville and the role of the AVIs - the entire talk will be put tomorrow on the AVI USA website to you to read. It is really an Auroville-energy here.

This is just a small note to tell you that it has all started and more will follow. I wished that the joyful energy will go out into the world from this place and reach all of you in your hearts who cannot be physically with us.

Good Night

with Love,
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