

ANNEXURE 5.1
Matrimandir and its Significance



The Mother's Shrine

The Matrimandir wants to be the
symbol of the Universal Mother according
to Sri Aurobindo's teaching

Source: http://www.auroville.org/the-city/matrimandir/mm_conception.htm

ANNEXURE 5.2
List of Important days in the Ashram

"Darshan" in Sanskrit means "seeing". It refers here to seeing Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and to receive their blessings. After Sri Aurobindo retired from daily contact with his disciples, he saw them only a few times a year on what came to be known as the Darshan days.

During Sri Aurobindo's lifetime, messages were given out only occasionally on the Darshan days; afterwards, they were issued regularly. Some of these were written expressly for the occasion, others were passages chosen from the works of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo.

That tradition still continues today. The day starts with a meditation around the samadhi. During the day, sadhaks and devotees are allowed to visit either Sri Aurobindo's or the Mother's room, depending on the occasion. Message cards containing passages from their works are distributed to all who attend the Darshan.

Day	Occasion
01 January	New Year's day
21 February	The Mother's birthday
29 February	The Supramental Manifestation day
24 April	The Mother's final arrival in Pondicherry
15 August	Sri Aurobindo's birthday
17 November	The Mother's Mahasamadhi day
24 November	Siddhi day
05 December	Sri Aurobindo's Mahasamadhi day

Source: <http://www.sriurobindoashram.org/darshan/index.php>

ANNEXURE 5.3

List of Prayers

First in English and then in French

Samadhi Prayer

December 9 1950,

To Thee who hast been the material envelope of our Master, to Thee our infinite gratitude. Before Thee who hast done so much for us, who hast worked, struggled, suffered, hoped, endured so much, before Thee who hast willed all, attempted all, prepared, achieved all for us, before Thee we bow down and implore that we may never forget, even for a moment, all we owe to Thee.

- The Mother

Source: <http://www.sriarobindoashram.com/Content.aspx?ContentURL=StaticContent/Sriarobindoashram/-03%20The%20Ashram/Samadhi/samadhi.htm>

Prière du Samâdhi

9 décembre 1950

A Toi, qui fût le revêtement matériel de notre Maître, à Toi notre infinie gratitude. Devant Toi, qui as tant fais pour nous, Toi qui as tant travaillé, lutté, souffert, espéré, enduré, Toi qui as tout voulu, tout tenté, tout préparé, tout accompli pour nous, devant Toi nous nous inclinons en implorant afin que nous n'oublions jamais, même pour un moment, tout ce que nous Te devons.

- La Mère

Students' Prayer

Make of us the hero warriors we aspire to become. May we fight successfully the great battle of the future that is to be born, against the past that seeks to endure; so that the new things may manifest and we be ready to receive them.

- The Mother

Prière des élèves

Fais the nous les guerriers héroïques que nous aspirons à devenir, pour livrer avec succès la grande bataille de l'avenir qui doit naître contre le passé qui veut durer ; afin que les choses nouvelles puissent se manifester et que nous soyons prêts à les recevoir.

- La Mère