Presentation of the “Galaxy” Model

Presented to the Mother a few days prior to Auroville’s Dedication Ceremony 27th February 1968
“GALAXY” MODEL
for the
AUROVILLE TOWNSHIP

Larger version of the model presented for approval by Roger to the Mother in Feb. 1968 and then presented at the dedication of Auroville on 28 Feb. 1968
Two models of the Galaxy were made

Two models were made of the Galaxy: a small one, presently exhibited at the Visitor’s Centre, and a larger one, presently exhibited at Auroville’s Future. The differences between the two models are very minor; naturally, the large model is more detailed. The photo on the previous page is of the large model. The centre part of both models was later modified.
AERIAL PERSPECTIVES

Small model of the Galaxy

Large model of the Galaxy
ORIENTATION OF THE TOWN

Note that the above plan is dated “19 Janvier 1968 (= January) by Roger Anger – that is, 2 days prior his landing at Chennai airport.

Section of the Galaxy with Matrimandir at the centre

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2 The arrow shows the direction of prevailing winds (vents dominants).
3 On the left side, the lines of force of the Residential Zone; on the right side, those of the Industrial Zone.
ZONING

A. HABITATION
1 collectifs
2 individuels
3 places
4 supermarchés

B. TRAVAIL
20 bureaux administratifs
21 assemblées techniques
22 bureaux laboratoires
23 ateliers d'artistes
24 artisans
25 petites industries
26 industries

C. ZONE CULTURELLE
30 campus
31 facultés
32 musée
33 auditorium
34 gymnases-piscines
35 terrains de sport
36 stade olympique
37 fac. médecine hôpitaux

C. RELATION
40 pavillon de l'Inde
41 pavillons internationaux
42 hôtels-restaurants
43 zoo

44 jardin botanique
45 radio-télévision
46 studio radio-télévision-cinéma
47 observatoires
48 salle des congrès

D. ZONE YOGA
50 écoles
51 cinémas, théâtres, théâtres spontanés
52 petits commerces
53 musée plastique
54 école et musée technique
55 musée spectacle du monde
56 temple de l'adoration
57 jardin de la méditation

Annexure 5 – Presentation of the “Galaxy” Model
MATRIMANDIR & CENTRAL AREA

Centre area in the large model

Centre area in the small model

Central area of the Galaxy
20 Administrative buildings
56 Adoration Temple
57 Meditation Gardens
58 Lake

[Description of the centre area in a brochure in French4 by Michel Caza, 1st Quarter of 1970]

Urban Centre
At the centre one finds the town’s spiritual and symbolical meeting point, "Matrimandir", a large water body and gardens surrounded by a row of buildings in which will be gathered all the functions of urban management, administration, public services, spreading over some 150 acres.

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4 Le Coeur Urbain.
Au centre, est situé le lieu de rencontre spirituel et symbolique de la cité. Le "Matrimandir", un vaste plan d’eau et de jardins entourés d’une suite de bâtiments qui rassemblent toutes les fonctions urbaines de gestion, administration, services publics, sur environ soixante hectares.
Administrative Buildings overlooking Matrimandir Lake

Somewhere in the Galaxy
Two different types of housing

Research for natural ventilation

Solar Park

Scheme for integrating a factory in the ground

Street section
1. Road for minicar
2. Monorail
3. Energy & evacuation of fluids
4. Covered side walk

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