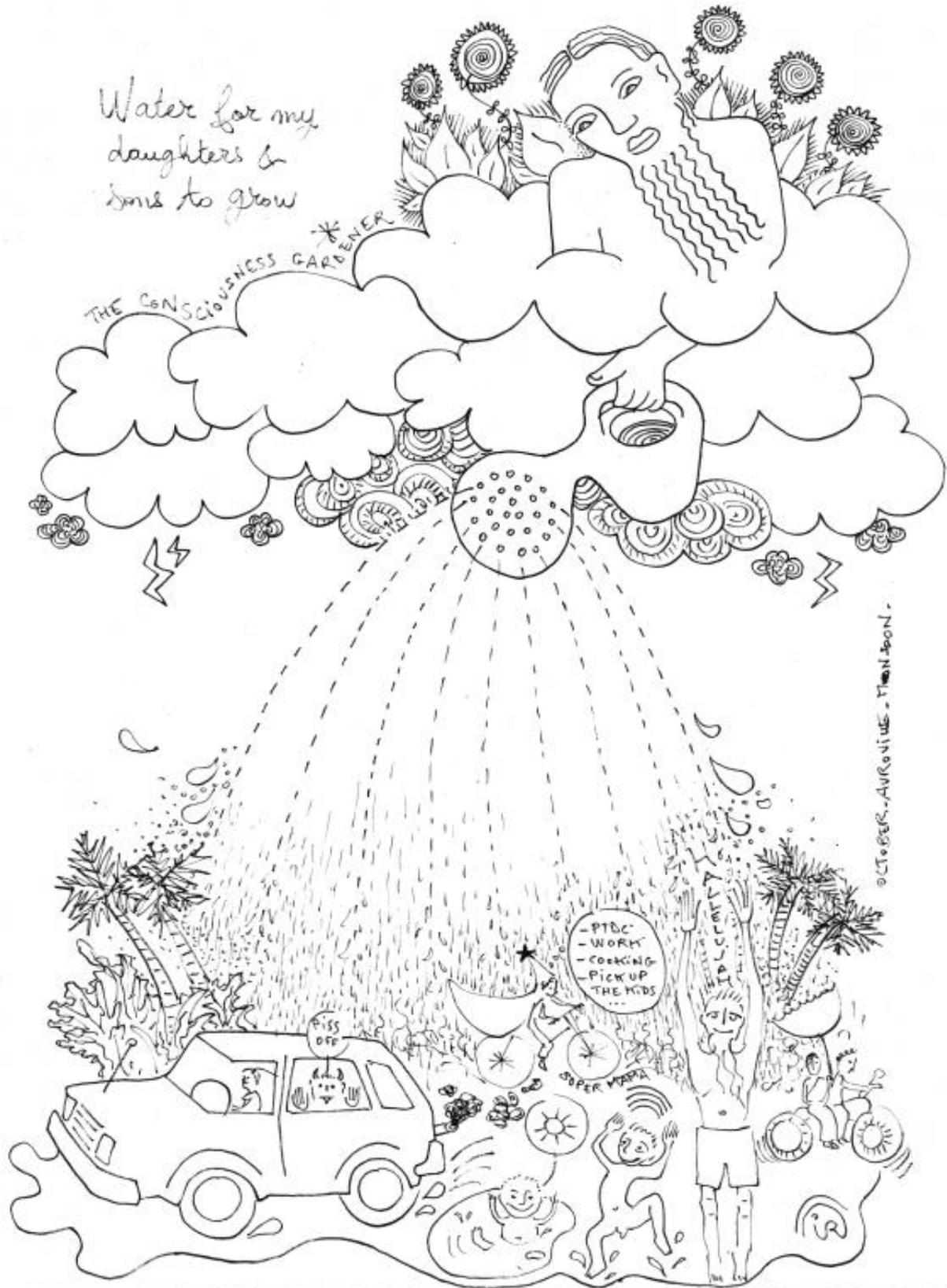


News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

But, for this change to arrive at its widest totality and profound completeness, the consciousness has to shift its centre and its static and dynamic position from the surface to the inner being; it is there that we must find the foundation for our thought, life and action. For to stand outside on our surface and to receive from the inner being and follow its intimations is not a sufficient transformation; one must cease to be the surface personality and become the inner Person, the Purusha. But this is difficult, first because the outer nature opposes the movement and clings to its normal accustomed poise and externalised way of existence and, in addition, because there is a long way from the surface to the depths in which the psychic entity is veiled from us, and this intervening space is filled with a subliminal nature and nature-movements which are not by any means all of them favourable to the completion of the inward movement. The outer nature has to undergo a change of poise, a quieting, a purification and fine mutation of its substance and energy by which the many obstacles in it rarefy, drop away or otherwise disappear; it then becomes possible to pass through to the depths of our being and from the depths so reached a new consciousness can be formed, both behind the exterior self and in it, joining the depths to the surface. There must grow up within us or there must manifest a consciousness more and more open to the deeper and the higher being, more and more laid bare to the cosmic Self and Power and to what comes down from the Transcendence, turned to a higher Peace, permeable to a greater light, force and ecstasy, a consciousness that exceeds the small personality and surpasses the limited light and experience of the surface mind, the limited force and aspiration of the normal life-consciousness, the obscure and limited responsiveness of the body.

Even before the tranquillising purification of the outer nature has been effected or before it is sufficient, one can still break down the wall screening our inner being from our outer awareness by a strong force of call and aspiration, a vehement will or violent effort or an effective discipline or process; but this may be a premature movement and is not without its serious dangers. In entering within one may find oneself amidst a chaos of unfamiliar and supernormal experiences to which one has not the key or a press of subliminal or cosmic forces, subconscious, mental, vital, subtle-physical, which may unduly sway or chaotically drive the being, encircle it in a cave of darkness, or keep it wandering in a wilderness of glamour, allurements, deception, or push it into an obscure battlefield full of secret and treacherous and misleading or open and violent oppositions; beings and voices and influences may appear to the inner sense and vision and hearing claiming to be the Divine Being or His messengers or Powers and Godheads of the Light or guides of the path to realisation, while in truth they are of a very different character. If there is too much egoism in the nature of the seeker or a strong passion or an excessive ambition, vanity or other dominating weakness, or an obscurity of the mind or a vacillating will or a weakness of the life-force or an unsteadiness in it or want of balance, he is likely to be seized on through these deficiencies and to be frustrated or to deviate, misled from the true way of the inner life and seeking into false paths, or to be left wandering about in an intermediate chaos of experiences and fail to find his way out into the true realisation. These perils were well-known to a past spiritual experience and have been met by imposing the necessity of initiation, of discipline, of methods of purification and testing by ordeal, of an entire submission to the directions of the path-finder or path-leader, one who has realised the Truth and himself possesses and is able to communicate the light, the experience, a guide who is strong to take by the hand and carry over difficult passages as well as to instruct and point out the way. But even so the dangers will be there and can only be surmounted if there is or there grows up a complete sincerity, a will for purity, a readiness for obedience to the Truth, for surrender to the Highest, a readiness to lose or to subject to a divine yoke the limiting and self-affirming ego. These things are the sign that the true will for realisation, for conversion of the consciousness, for transformation is there, the necessary stage of the evolution has been reached: in that condition the defects of nature which belong to the human being cannot be a permanent obstacle to the change from the mental to the spiritual status; the process may never be entirely easy, but the way will have been made open and practicable.

THE LIFE DIVINE, Book II, Chap. XXV:
The triple transformation

SRI AUROBINDO

*The
Ponder
Corner*

*Whatever is your personal value
or even your individual realisation,
the first quality required in yoga is humility.*

The Mother

Ref. Words of The Mother, vol. 14, p. 160

Update on WC formation

Dear Community members,

Following the General meeting held on the 15th of October on the final proposal of "Participatory Working Groups and 3 day selection process", the Auroville Council has discussed at length as to what the next steps could be, and would like to present to you our conclusion.

The Auroville Council members want to respect the deadline of having a Working Committee before the end of November; at the same time, it is imperative that we know the decision of the RA on this proposal that has been extensively worked on for months.

Due to lack of time, we will not be able to presently integrate the suggestions of different individuals received in the General Meeting.

The Study Group has worked already on a few changes based on some of the comments received during the General Meeting; the Council, however, has decided to remain with the already published draft in order to respect the process of how changes should be implemented. We would like to remind the community that the revision of this proposal is always possible in the future, following a participatory process.

This final proposal will now be put through an RA decision making process, **only for the new Working Committee.**

The Working Committee, Auroville Council, Study Group and Residents' Assembly Service invite you to a decision making event on:

Participatory Working Group and 3 day selection process for Working Committee (revised proposal) - YES / NO?

The paper vote will be at Solar Kitchen on **Monday the 27rd of October**, and online voting will start earlier. The details of this event will be circulated by the RAS. The proposal is found online here <http://www.auroville.org.in/article/44882>, and hard copies will be circulated with the *News and Notes*.

In case the community decides against the "Participatory Working Groups and 3-day selection process" for the Working Committee, there will be another RA decision making event shortly afterwards.

Therefore, the Council will publish 3-4 new proposals for selection of Working Committee today online and in this week's *News and Notes*. There will also be a General Meeting called to introduce the other proposals before decision making.

We thank all members of the Study Group and resource persons from the community who were involved, for their hard work on this proposal. It has been a tremendous learning experience for the community to learn how to integrate different views.

Hoping we can work together to create something unique out of our collective spirit,

Sincerely yours,

The Auroville Council

Forest Group Minutes, 3 October 2014, Samridhi

Present: Kannyappan, Christoph, Gopal, Geo, V. Boobalan, S. Balu, P. Elumalai, Vikram, Kumar (Adventure), Shivaraj, Fabian, Jeremy, Diego, David, Dave, Dominik, Mani, Agnes, Auronevi, Bindu, Jaap, Jessamijn, Glenn, David (Surrender), Nadia (9 Palms), Margarita, Agnes (Darkali), Rishi, Achilles, Yuval, Julia, Biggie, Sunny, Veera.

Freedom - the Forest Group had received a mail from the FAMC seeking information if the Forest Group supported a request submitted by Iyanar for fencing Freedom. The FG supported this request and felt it only fair that Freedom also gets help fencing this isolated area since recently the request to fence Kamataru, the adjacent stewarded area was granted. The FG should also request the FAMC for an update on the fencing request already submitted and agreed in principle.

Pony Farm - Sunny and Vera came to the Forest Group seeking allegiance from the FG reference the recent proposed development in the area. It was explained to them again that the Forest Group passed over the responsibility of this area to l'Avenir some years ago and do not feel the need to reclaim the area. Having said that, there was a general feeling that the need to develop a road through this area presently was not needed and would like to understand more the needs and time frame realities of this development as there are already two roads in this area.

Auroville sludge- Bindu and Margarita have been appointed by Auroville Council to manage Auroville's sludge issues. This will be for a 2 year project to show that Auroville's sludge can be turned into beautiful compost. Their tasks are communication, site selection, standard development & implementation (Bindu) and management & monitoring of composting the sludge at the deposit site (Margarita).

Site requirements: 1000 m2 for 2 years, located 200m from any drinking water source. Several plots in the northern greenbelt are looked into (plot nr 51, 71 and 74), together with the respective stewards (LRM, Dominik and Achilles). A small fund is available to 1) train someone for the daily management of the site, 2) prepare the plot (filter layers in and bunding of the pit), 3) for monitoring. At the same time, the sludge deposit in Botanical Garden needs care.

Research in 2001 already indicated that sludge deposit should not happen during monsoon as this increases the risk of (drinking) water contamination. Deposits at current site in Mango Field should be limited to the minimum and requests for emptying septic tanks should only be dealt with when there is a case of utmost emergency. As a community we need to learn to manage our septic tanks; with good care they only need to be emptied once in 10-15 yrs! We are still using products such as Sabena and Lizol that contain Triclosan that kill all life in our septic tanks.

Existence - Jeremy came to ask permission from the FG to connect the house he is presently stewarding to the TNEB. He expressed he would like to go for alternative energy but presently this is not possible and the Youth Project has just brought an underground cable within 20 metres of his house, Matripasad the steward of this area agrees. Since this plot falls within the city limits the FG held no objection.

New settlement - Geo came to inform the group that he is looking to take responsibility and pioneer any available land in the northern greenbelt. It was explained that presently no plots were available but that since there are quite a few people looking in this area to develop, that they should join forces. Also he was explained that he needed to work with present stewards to determine which lands were strategically placed in the larger picture of development of the area, and then to pursue the relevant land groups to identify future land purchase priorities.

9 Palms - Nadia came to inform the group of her recent frustrating experience of trying to fence some of the more isolated plots in the area that were not historically fenced. Now that some protection is needed and a fence is required the land owners question the position of AV stones. LRM has been involved but also could not help in the absence of a government surveyor. The group understood this frustration as there are many cases like this and the only solution is to get the land surveyed by government surveyor and knowing that this takes a really long time to be patient and clearly not to accept a compromise of where the boundaries are. Again the need for an active Government surveyor which understands the AV context to work in this area is seen as a priority as there are so many land issues that need to be addressed. It is clear that any new land purchased should be clearly defined and fenced on completion of the deal.

Land Board- Forest Group has been absent in meetings on Land Board. Urgent request for active participation!

Next meeting: Friday 7 November 15.00 at Baraka.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The RAS would like to announce a Residents Assembly Decision Making event

When: Monday 27th October 2014 between 10 am - 4 pm

Where: Solar Kitchen compound

Question:

Participatory Working Group and 3-day selection process for Working Committee (revised proposal): YES / NO?

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Love, from RAS team

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

AV Tel and Email Directory 2015

The new directory is now available at AVTS Office, PTDC and HERS

@ Rs 75 each ONLY if at least one copy of any older edition, in any condition, is returned at the purchase point.

@ Rs 95 without any older edition.

Production cost for 1500 copies is Rs 73.333 each.

Old copies will be recycled by AV Papers.

And of course Save The Planet !

Auroville Planner 2015 Available



Dear Friends,
I am happy to announce that the **Auroville Planner 2015** is ready to be sold and

awaiting your orders.

The **Auroville Planner 2015** has undergone some changes in format and design - the size is now smaller 15 cm x 10.5 cm following requests from our friends and customers. You can now take the **AV Planner 2015** easily with you in your pocket. It comes with 174 thin pages (spine stitched) and 12 double page color photos (printed in 4 colors on 90 gsm art paper). The photos were taken in Auroville by Giorgio and Tine and depict 'Auroville life': The lotus bridge in the Matrimandir Nursery, the water fall in the recently finished Matrimandir garden, art exhibitions, dance, circus, music performance, theatre, in Pitanga and the Unity Pavilion, Auroville's birthday bonfire and more.

Kindly see below the arrangement of the inner pages giving a full weekly overview as usual.

The double photo page appears after each full month without breaking the weekly lay-out. Underneath the photos are quotations from the Mother on Auroville. Darshan days and full/new moon days are indicated. The front and back cover is printed in 4 colors on 300 gsm art card, laminated, with a big flap.

Inside the Planner a map of South India with 'Auroville' marked is provided, also extra pages for notes and address/telephone book entries in the end, as well as the 2015/2016-year-planner in overview. The text is printed in a light brown earthy color. DTP work was done by Auroville Designs, Town Hall, Auroville / Printed at Mother Grace Offset, Pondicherry.

Each calendar is separately packed with plastic wrapping. The price is Rs. 135.- excluding packing and postage. Shops will add their sales commission to this price. The profit of the **Auroville Planner 2015** will be donated to an Auroville project.

Looking forward to receiving your orders,

With best greetings,

Tine, Aurogreen, Auroville 605 101, TN, India - Ph +91 413 290 96 19 and mobile +91 98 43 98 4181 / email: tine@auroville.org.in

Newsletter October 2014



Greetings from Koodam!

Koodam aims to enable a shift in our attitude

towards difficult conversations, communication blocks and conflict, away from the idea of wrong vs. right and a judiciary system - towards the idea of multiple truths, conflict transformation and taking responsibility to engage with our own challenges.

Koodam is a center that serves individuals, units and groups who need support with:

1. Communication and Facilitation - we offer some help to improve your communication with the group of people you work with, your family members, neighbors, employees or employers, with AV group or trust, etc. Our help can be a professional facilitation between the relevant involved people or a discussion about the relevant steps and processes you can use.
2. Conflict transformation - we can help you to choose the right support that is available in Auroville, such as mediation, NVC, Restorative circles, arbitration etc.

Here are some of the main things that happened during the last 2 months:

Mediation: On August 2014, we trained a few Tamil Aurovillians to become mediators. The mediation trainees will go through some practice time and then hopefully we will have active Tamil mediators.

Listening and venting: We would like to offer a listening and venting service for those who wish to have a safe and confidential space to share with somebody their own feelings, thoughts or experience. As a start we will offer maximum 5 sessions per person. If you are interested please contact us.

New Conflict Resolution Policy: Koodam team are resource persons who, together with some other resource persons, support AVC in creating a new CR policy.

Meetings: Koodam has open work meetings on the first Tuesday of every month from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Unity Pavilion. Everybody is welcome. The next open team meeting will be on Tuesday, 4th of November 2014.

1. Facilitation: We are receiving an increasing amount of requests for meeting facilitation, which is great! If you have some experience in facilitating meetings, or are interested in learning the skills - we need you! Please contact us.
2. Mediation room: We are looking for a mediation room. If you can help please contact us.

Feel free to get in touch with us if you have any questions, ideas or feedback: email to koodam@auroville.org.in or call 890 3306837.

Koodam Team

Clarification on last week's posting and more information from the Housing Board.

The Housing Board after receiving feedback from the repatriation group would like to communicate that we are not advertising the repatriation allowance.

Repatriation is studied by the repatriation group, and only in emergencies it could be considered that an old time Aurovilian who has given his time and work substantially to Auroville, and is in a situation that staying in AV is not longer possible he/she could be helped with a contribution towards a ticket and sometimes 3 months of budget to survive and start in the new place if no other funding is available.

It is not, as was mentioned erroneously in our last posting, a budget for one year, nor is it linked with the housing asset that might be left behind (Some Aurovilians have no housing asset or have donated a lot of time and money to a farm or forest instead.) The Housing service will, according a new agreement with FAMC, when transferring a housing asset left behind, give half of the value of the transfer to the repatriation fund (And the other half as grants for people in need for housing).

Housing asset available

The Housing asset available: please contact the housing service.

Arati 3B an apartment 122mq. for a couple and small families

For the Housing Service ph 2622658

Public Hours: Tue, Thu 9:00 to 12:00 am. Fri. 2:30 to 4:30 pm.
On Wednesdays there are no public hours.

Auroville Herbarium III

We need plants to survive. We need knowledge about plant diversity in our effort for survival. We have to know what plants can be used for reclaiming degraded areas (Auroville), we'll have to identify species that can be used as food, have medicinal value, are resistant to pests etc.

The degradation of our environment going on at an ever increasing pace is making that knowledge of plant diversity ever more urgent.

Constantly, and with increasing urgency, questions such as the following, which only the taxonomist can answer, are being asked:

- how can they be recognized?

IDENTIFICATION

- what should they be called in order that information about them can be freely exchanged without ambiguity?

NOMENCLATURE

- what are their closest relatives. Are there any other plants likely to have similar properties or compatible genetic systems?

CLASSIFICATION

- where do they grow?

DISTRIBUTION

- in what kind of habitat do they grow?

ECOLOGY

- have they any useful properties?

USES

The role of taxonomy is to be able to give quick and accurate answers to those questions. Our capacity to answer these questions depends to a very large extent on the quality and completeness of representation of our herbaria. It therefore follows that all aspects of herbarium work must be considered fundamental. In short, without herbaria there can be no taxonomy.

(D. Bridson, L. Forman, The Herbarium Handbook, Kew, 1992)

To give an answer to the above questions the plants in question have to be studied. Dried and pressed plant specimens are certainly inferior to fresh, living plants for almost any type of study but they are indispensable. It would be extremely difficult to study plants in a living condition. Related plant species may grow in areas that are very far apart, difficult to reach or they may be very rare. Moreover, it is far from certain to find a given plant flowering and fruiting at the same time making it necessary to go to the same place several times. To make that research possible taxonomists have to rely on the collections in a herbarium.

Definition of herbarium: a collection of specimens of plants, dried and preserved, and arranged systematically. Originally it was called a 'Hortus Siccus' (Dry Garden)

The first recorded herbarium was created by Luca Ghini, an Italian physician and botanist (Casalfiumanese 1490 - Bologna, May 4, 1556).

POSTINGS

La Piscine swimming pool closed on Sunday 26th october

Hello dear Swimmers!

On Sunday the 26th of October, New Creation Sports ground is hosting a regional sports day focusing on women's activities; as there will be big crowd that day, La Piscine swimming pool will be closed full day on that date.

AVAILABLE

No more power cuts any more!

U.P.S. = Uninterrupted Power Supply via all kind of rechargeable tubular batteries and Solar U.P.S./ Solar Panels. Also purchase of old batteries. Decades of experience. Installation and maintenance, also on Sundays, by Aurovilian Govindaraja / Sangamam Community. Cellph.: 94 433 - 72 418 + 95 858 - 35 489.

Items

Please email Shelley if you are interested in any of the items below. I need to empty my accommodation by October 31st. Email shelleybreakell@gmail.com. Thanks!

Outdoor bench / Outdoor wood folding table with metal legs, 4 matching folding stools and a white/cream large sun shade. They need some tlc (tender loving care!) / 4 small white sets

of curtains, 1 wide white set of curtains, one long white set of arch curtains and one long white door curtain, all with wooden poles / extra large wooden sideboard/cupboard / seat cream/beige sofa (small stain from rain hence lower price and tears from cats at back) / 1 small iron folding table - blue with flowers. A bit rusty so needs a bit of work / Medium size 3 drawer plastic storage unit / Lamps x 2. A bit wobbly / Shoe stand / 1 low small/medium black 2 door cupboard / Large 2 shelf, deep unit for hi-fi, large books, printer etc / Indoors fly electric and mosquito killer / Indoor/Outdoor fly and mosquito killer with stand / Sink dish drainer / Electric one pan induction stove / Mini deep fat snack fryer / 2 wall spice racks / small kitchen rack for oils etc / iron / Toaster / Cast iron table hanging tea-light holder / Various adapters and extension leads etc (A lot!) / 1 large Crompton Greaves Aqua portable air cooler. Used once / Large double bed (no mattress) / 3 x 25kg bag garden compost / Garden tools including small rake,

trowel, watering can / Large plastic brown garden pots / Medium plastic pots / Small plastic pots / Black iron large outdoor plant holders x 2 / Large oval metallic grey outdoor plant holder / Childs frog sand pit with top / Childs red plastic chair / Square purple decorated wall hanging, brand new.

Two female Siamese cats

Two female Siamese cats needing good homes by December as I am leaving for the UK and cannot take them with me. The

eldest will be about a year old and the younger one will be about 7 months old. Both are adorable, big blue eyes, very loving, good with children and dogs. The elder one is very independent and loves to go off and do her own thing! Please get in touch because I am desperate to find them a safe home where they can receive as much love and care as I give them. It is heartbreaking to leave them but the stress of taking them on such a long flight is too much. Thank you! Email Shelley at shelleybreakell@gmail.com.

LOOKING FOR ...

Actors Needed

We need actors, actors, actors! For "Merchant of Venice". To speak the immortal words of the bard...if you have a love for theatre, and want to get involved in a wondrous production, please call me at 9486416173.

Thanks, *Jill Navarre, director The Auroville Theatre Group*

Maths, English and French tuition

A 14-year old girl, Mira, A- level, looking for Maths, English and French tuition, *Sangeetha*

Painting easel

Looking for a small, lightweight painting easel, please contact me at tisamri@gmail.com or 9442527616 if you have one you don't want anymore. Thank you! *Amrita Garcia*

Modern window with 2 shutters

Dear friends, the Aurovilian Company who's preparing the "Odd Couple" comedy needs to find a modern window with 2 shutters, possibly a light frame. It is not important if it is broken or something, we can fix it and give it back to you after the performance is done. We would need it for the first two weeks of December. If you have it, please contact me to this email address: Francesca@auroville.org.in.

Love, *Francesca*.

A living space/painting studio

Hello, I am looking for a small, quiet place with sufficient light to use as a studio for painting, and secondarily as a living space if conditions allow. I am open to temporary solutions and would be happy to clean/redecorate any place that is not currently in use. A single room could be enough. If you have any suggestions please contact me at tisamri@gmail.com or 9442527616. Thank you! *Amrita Garcia*

THANK YOU

This is to express my gratitude to all who have helped me so kindly!

When my daughter was still a schoolgirl she once put a sticker showing a guardian angel on the dashboard of my car. Beneath the angel there was a text saying something like "Never drive faster than your guardian angel can fly!"

On the 6th of October I broke that rule while cruising along on a 2-wheeler in Auroville. I "hit the road" ending up with fractured ribs and some other unhealthy consequences....

Some days later I found myself in the ICU (intensive care unit) in MIOT in Chennai, an overall positive but **intense** experience.

If you plan to go there here's some inside information that might make you change your mind.

* You're not supposed to bring any attendant into the ICU, officially because the room is sterile. Another reason might be that the room will be too crowded for another person to fit in. There are nurses, cleaning personnel and medical students watching you 24/7. Sometimes some doctors come by and flip through a thick pile of X-ray films mumbling "oh no", "nice fractures" or "can we publish these?"

* No personal belongings may be taken into the ICU, they are not sterile! Just ignore questions like "You have a towel?", "Passport copy!!!" or "Where is your toothbrush?", because even if you would ever find your bag again, which you had to leave somewhere in the elevator area, there is no way you can get any of the needed items into the ICU.

* It seems that in the ICU they are trained to handle unconscious patients only and you are treated accordingly regardless of your state of consciousness. However, in my case the nurses soon found out that I was not unconscious, since I loudly questioned their routines. Especially when forcing me to have a bath at 4:30 in the night....

* "Bath" is a ritual that takes place in the bed! Even if you are fully conscious and able to walk you're not supposed to use the shower. The cleaning lady (not one of the sweet nurses) equipped with the same utensils she used for cleaning the floor pours half a liter of detergent all over your chest and stomach then she starts scrubbing with her rag. You can guess the rest....

* Pushing you around in a wheel chair is part of the profit generating program put in place by the hospital management. The more people that fall out of the wheel chair or are run over and injured, the more business. What's a couple of broken toes when you have 11 fractures and a collapsed lung. No big deal. Just surrender!

* What does "dressing" mean in health care?

A) getting dressed

B) salad sauce

C) mixing together some cleaner, cotton, powder and distilled water on top of a wound and then trying to solidify it all with a couple of short strips (millimeters) of Micropore

The dressing I was subject to (C) usually fell off within hours.

* Be careful that they don't do plastic surgery on you while you are sedated. One nurse tried to enlarge my man-boobs, by sticking heavy duty band-aid over the nipple and then pulling it off very forcefully. I now have one boob that's larger and am asking myself if I should have the other one enlarged too to restore symmetry.

In spite of these amusing incidents all the staff was trying to make my stay as pleasant as possible. The doctors seemed competent, flexible and understanding.

Thank you, thank you, thank you all who have been helping me so generously!!!

Jerry

WHAT IS AUROVILLE - A festival of Auroville in Chennai

Proposed dates: March 6 - 16, 2015

The Auroville Foundation is hosting a big festival in Chennai in March 2015 to inform Chennai-ites about the work being done in Auroville. Besides the organised events, all Aurovilians are invited and welcome to propose (network and self-organise) their own activity (workshop, performance, lecture, and so on) in Chennai during the festival. These will be at our own initiative and at our own cost, but will be presented under the festival schedule, be included in the media campaign and will benefit by the publicity that will be arranged by Outreach Media. This will help to enlarge the diversity of our festival.

Auroville Artists in Chennai

The Auroville Art Services is approaching various venues in Chennai to open up the possibilities for art exhibitions and performances for any Auroville artist. If you would like to exhibit or perform (or do a reading, a workshop, or any other artistic activity) in Chennai during 'What Is Auroville', please do contact us with your proposal and we will try to find the venue for it.

Contact: aurovillearts@auroville.org.in / 2623187

Lilaloka, Self-Learning and Resource Center for the Child, needs your support

Lilaloka, the place of Play (in Sanskrit), offers an educational approach centered on Joy that assists children in becoming the creator of their own lives. Through Joy the child blossoms, finds his path, gains trust in his potentialities. Joy connects us to our inner child, to others, gives meaning to life. Albert

Einstein said "Play is the highest form of research," and play allows the natural learning process to unfold with joy.

The Lilaloka team at present consist of 8 experienced educators who will offer many activities: 12 are already planned and some already running (visit our blog for details: <http://lilalokaproject.blogspot.in/>). The activities are based on free choice and non-judgment, individually or in mixed age groups, respecting each one's particularity. Lilaloka's activities will benefit all children: schooled, home schooled or differently-abled- and also big children (adults), whatever their age and beyond all categorization. We will also share our experience by consulting with schools in India.

Lilaloka Phase 1 is currently under construction (opp. Last School, after Kalabhumi) and is supported by SAIER, Auroville School Board, Auroville Town Development Council, FAMC, Auroville International, and more than 100 donors so far.

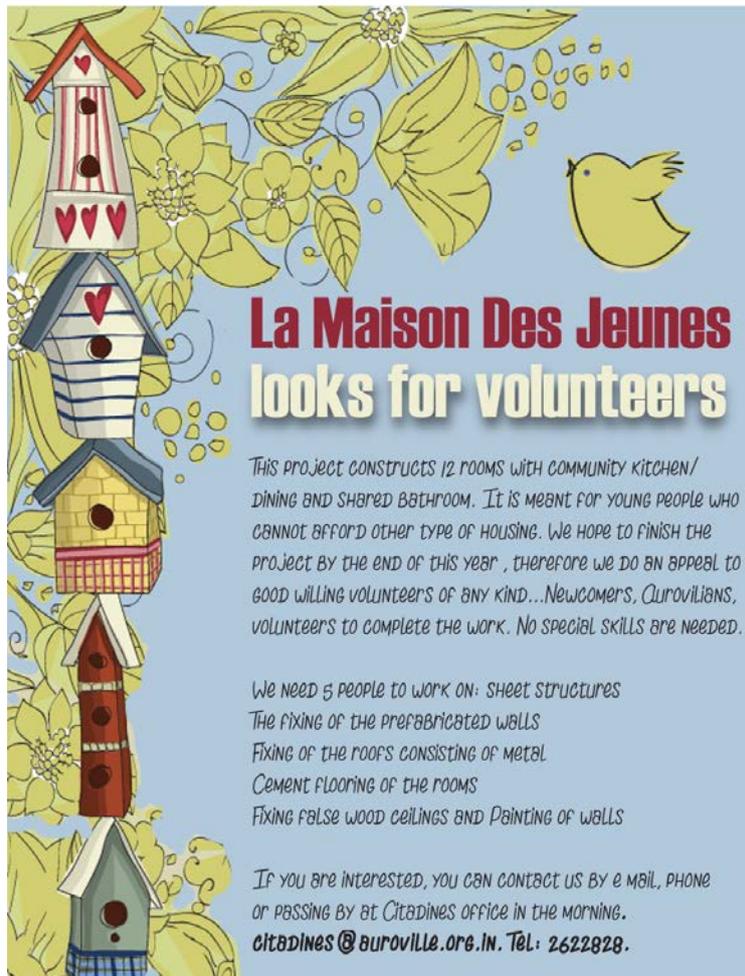
We need to urgently raise 9.5 Lakhs Rupees (11875 Euros / 14615 Dollars) in the next 2 to 3 months in order to finish the roof and complete the raw structure of the building.

Your support at this time is greatly appreciated and truly needed.

If you would like to donate, you can do so by transfer to our account at Financial Service: 252023, or via the Auroville gateway (<http://www.auroville.com/donations/>) by specifying "Lilaloka" in the section "project details - specific Auroville projects", or by cheque in the name of "Unity Fund - SAIER" with an accompanying letter specifying the funds are for Lilaloka.

If you want to know more about us or want to meet with us, contact us at lilaloka@auroville.org.in

Looking forward to hearing from you, with Gratitude, *Lilaloka's core team (Anna, Sandrine, Stacy, Yvelise, Rajan)*



La Maison Des Jeunes looks for volunteers

This project constructs 12 rooms with community kitchen/ dining and shared bathroom. It is meant for young people who cannot afford other type of housing. We hope to finish the project by the end of this year, therefore we do an appeal to good willing volunteers of any kind...Newcomers, Aurovilians, volunteers to complete the work. No special skills are needed.

We need 5 people to work on:

- The fixing of the prefabricated walls*
- Fixing of the roofs consisting of metal*
- Cement flooring of the rooms*
- Fixing false wood ceilings and painting of walls*

If you are interested, you can contact us by e mail, phone or passing by at Citadines office in the morning.
citadines@auroville.org.in. Tel: 2622828.

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House-sitting 1

Hi everyone!

I'm Daniel, I've been living in Auroville for over a year doing projects with Av Consulting, Av Collaborative, Av Bamboo Center, Light-Fish, Lots of Capoeira with Sam, and more...I'm living at Samriddhi at the moment and I would love to take care of your house, pets and plants from November on. I'm really neat, responsible, clean and I've done house-sitting twice before.

Looking forward to hear from you! Thanks! E-mail: d.ojeda@live.com.mx Phone: [7639 773416](tel:7639773416) / Whatsapp: [8110 848395](tel:8110848395)

Daniel Ojeda

TAXI SHARING

October 30th: Leaving Auroville around 3pm for Chennai airport. Who want to share, please contact Chrystel 2622987

October 31st: Arriving at Chennai Airport at 8:30 am, Friday Oct. 31. Please email me at hosh@eml.cc if you would like to share a ride. Thanks, Howard.

November 6th & 7th: Leaving Auroville 6 am to Chennai (Adyar) on 6th of November & coming back from Chennai (Adyar) on 7th of November at 3:30 pm. Taxi can be shared both ways on both dates (as well as for city and airport) and up

to 3 more persons can join as only 1 passenger is going & coming back. If interested, pl contact Lalit. <lalit@auroville.org.in> Phone: 9443790172

November 24th: I will be arriving on Monday 24 November at Chennai Airport at 9pm. If anybody would like to share a taxi with me to Auroville that evening (or if you are coming from Auroville and want to get to Chennai at around that time) please send me an email: ynotsnevets@hotmail.com. Thanks, Tony

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Photographer- Wellpaper needs you!

Wellpaper is a project that empowers local village women with skills to build, manage and maintain self-sustaining units. The women of Well receive training, guidance and support in product development, market and team management and personal development. All Wellpaper products are hand-made and Eco-friendly, transforming recycled newspaper into art and accessories. We in Wellpaper need a photographer (a student of photography is welcome as well) who will be willing to volunteer and take the photos of all our products, in order to help us with the marketing.

If you are interested to help us promote Wellpaper social vision and be a part in this beautiful project please contact us- wellpaper@auroville.org.in or call us 0413-262219.

HEALTH

Tibetan doctor visit

Dear Friends,

The Tibetan Doctor and his team will be giving consultation for Aurovilians, guests, friends and the surrounding villages. It will be held in Pavilion of Tibetan Culture International Zone, Auroville on Saturday the 25th of October. For your appointment call Namgyal or kalsang @ 2622401 / 8489067332 or send an e mail to kalsang@auroville.org.in or bodkhang97@gmail.com

Note: The Tibetan Doctor and his team visit Auroville every 4th Saturday of the month. We keep some of the herbal products in the Pavilion and you can pass by during our working hours - 9 to 12.30 pm 2to 4.30 pm.

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture Team./International Zone,/Auroville.

Pavilion Of Tibetan Culture hosts Traditional Chinese Medicine(TCM) by an Aurovillian.

Andres LOKUTA is ready to share his knowledge in TCM .He is willing to offer weekly classes. During the sessions his intention is to open holistic access to healing. The course is an opportunity to the therapists and of course to those who are inspired to increase their capacity and enlarge their knowledge.

The course will cover: Fundamentals of the Traditional Chinese Medicine: Yin and Yan theory. The five elements theory physiology according to TCM and physiology according Tu-Na (Chinese manual therapy) basic techniques and the main treatments, Acupressure:

TCM points, meridians and their significance, dynamic of energy flow, TCM. diagnostics, pulses, tongue and etc.

About the Facilitator: Andres LOKUTA has been living in Auroville since 2010 with his family. He dedicated his time and energy to the practice of acupuncture at Quiet healing center. He has been an experienced Thai Massage and Traditional Chinese Medicine teacher and a practitioner for more than 15 years. He has graduated from ISMET - Superior College of traditional Barcelona, Spain) and initiated as a teacher of traditional Chinese Medicine. Now he happily wants to share his knowledge.

The course will be conducted once in a week on MONDAY from 4.30 to 6 pm. We will begin from Monday the 27th of October onwards from 4.30 to 6 pm. For your information this is for those who are seriously interested in learning the ancient yet actual medicine practice, and for those willing to commit for the full course.

For registration call Pavilion of Tibetan Culture @ 0413 2622401 or send an email at bodkhang97@gmail.com Pavilion of Tibetan Culture Team.



Auroville Radio is still looking for a number of professionals or students having skills in: Linux audio streaming, Journalists, Web-developers (WordPress), Media students or professionals, Fund raisers, Social Networkers, Audio engineers with Linux

expertise and an Architect, or anyone with passion and interest in the job. The Auroville Council subgroup met with us and we had a friendly discussion with Housing to find a solution for the sound barrier.

These are the latest programs published by AurovilleRadio this week. All the recordings are available in CD or ready to be copied on your memory stick at the AurovilleRadio premises in Town Hall, opposite the Financial Service.

Mother's Agenda April 1962 (The Mother 17/10/2014)
The Mother recorded by Satprem in April 13 1962 - [French, 19 Minutes]

Off the Cuff- Andrea, Renu, Wazo (Governance 16/10/2014)
Off the Cuff - Andrea, Renu, Wazo. An informal commentary on topics concerning the community of Auroville. -[English, 15 Minutes]

You can listen to all of the programs and more on www.aurovillerradio.org. For more info call 0413-2623331 or email a@aurovillerradio.org

Diwali, International Zone (News from Auroville 16/10/2014)
Celebration of Diwali, festival of Light for the community on Tuesday 21st at 7pm at Bharat Nivas, Pavilion of India -[English, 10 Minutes]

Hommage a Kireet de Gangalakshmi (The Path 15/10/2014)
Hommage de Gangalakshmi a Kireet Joshi "Nous avons recoutre Dr.Kireet Joshi pour la premiere fois le 25 Fevrier 1981" - [French, 6 Minutes]

Selections by Gangalakshmi-10 (Integral Yoga 15/10/2014)
Selections by Gangalakshmi-10. This is a weekly series (In French) of selected works by the Mother or Sri Aurobindo. - [French, 10 Minutes]

Gm Code of conduct (Governance 13/10/2014)
GM code of conduct -[English, 83 Minutes]

Ajit Koujalgi passing (News from Auroville 13/10/2014)
Ajit Koujalgi passed yesterday after 13 days of battle his sufferings are over. our hearts with Ratna, friends. -[English, 8 Minutes]

Auroville Singing Festival Day 2 (Music 12/10/2014)
Auroville Singing Festival 2014 - Two hours of music and fun. Music & the culture are unifying our community. -[English, 111 Minutes]

EATING OUT

Welcome to Wellcafe

Dear all,
Well cafe has a rain proof place for the monsoon time.
Hope to see you, with love,
Well cafe team sve dame 2622219



An Aurovilian in Hong Kong

"...Hong Kong's status is as one of Asia's premier financial centres..." (The Hindu, 6 Oct. 2014, p.8).

Some Special Chinese people come to live in the Aspiration Guest House from time to time. Xue Ping Wan (46) visited us in October for some days. He has a nice smile and good nature. But he used hand gestures instead of using English language. How he reached Auroville? Maybe his Chinese friends helped him.

Xiaoquian Li (31) was in our Guest House for three months this year. She graduated from a Chinese University (pharmacy) and continued her education in the United States for one year. Xiaoquian Li speaks English well. She returned to China but now again lives in Auroville (Auromodel) and works in AquaDyn (volunteer).

Not long ago Xiaoquian Li and I together visited Dr Veena in Aurolec. Veena asked: "Ni how ma?" (How are you?) - It is a common Chinese greeting. She said that two years ago she visited China for three weeks. "People in the country are sweet and the rivers are clean. But I was in Hong Kong too. Chinese live there but they are not so friendly".

Why are Hong Kong's dwellers this way? I think that the city is an example of many megacities with a high level of contemporary urbanization. The atmosphere in these townships is poisoned by money, carbon dioxide, methane emission...They have not enough oxygen and live in a stone jungle, far from nature and natural life, among noise and wrong ideals - it is an unhealthy environment.

Veena lives in the holy city of Auroville - an oasis of the Divine Love - among many trees and animals. Her place is very rich with oxygen. Veena is positive, friendly and eco-friendly. But Hong Kong is an artificial township with a poor biodiversity under the dictate of money. It is a kingdom like the ancient Rome with the rule: "Homo homini lupus est" - a human being is a wolf for other ones.

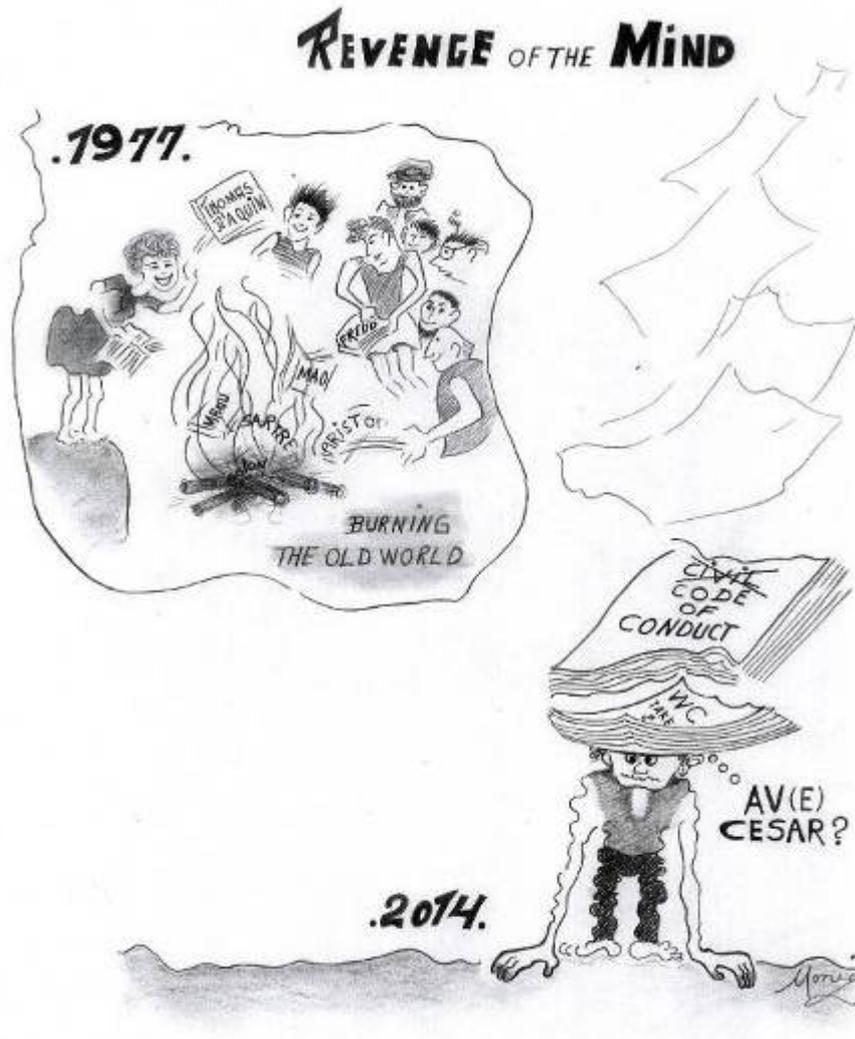
How greatly different is our life in the Yoga and in the green ecosystem! We also have the Nature Camp where Aurovilians can receive joy by trekking in the wilderness - "shola" in the local language. Aurovilians show a brilliant human unity and friendship with Mother Nature.

Boris

Ajit

Ajit, for me, will always remain the perfect example of how one can be very effective and achieve really big and important things without being loud, pushy, aggressive or confrontational. In his quiet, low-profile, steady but determined manner he seemed to be always highly effective and successful in whatever work he took up, and specially the work of INTACH. With his passing we have lost a dearly loved and highly respected member of our Aurovillian family, who is going to be sorely missed by all who knew him. -

Tim



Drawing by Monique Patenaude

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Amphitheatre Team

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music

Every THURSDAY at Sunset - 5.30 to 6.00 pm (weather permitting)

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset and heavenly music in the very Center!

Reminder to all: The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such. We request everyone not to use cameras, cell phones, etc.

Dear Guests, please carry your guest cards and note that access is only for the Amphitheatre, from 4.45 to 6.00 pm. Thank you!

INVITATIONS

RECALLING KIREET

A gathering of friends to remember Kireet

We would like to assemble oral and written tributes to Kireet for an eventual publication.
With this in mind we invite you to a gathering:

At Unity Pavilion, Auroville, on October Friday the 31st, at 4 pm.

If you can't be there in person, kindly send your written contribution to: christine@auroville.org.in
or by postal mail to: Auroville Press, Aspiration, Auroville 605 101 , T.N. , India

EXHIBITIONS

TWO DAY EXHIBITION AT SHRADHANJALI

Fri 31st Oct and Sat 1 Nov 9.30 - 12.30 and 2.30- 4.30

Presentation of the artwork done with artists and designers in a workshop held earlier-
(Shradhanjali's Entrance past CSR and Opp GP Cafe)

TALKS, SEMINARS

PITCHANDIKULAM FOREST - HERBAL TEAM

Health during the Rainy Season According to AYURVEDA with the Use of Local Herbs
Saturday 25th October (9:30 - 12:00 & 2:30 - 4:00)

- Body changes according to the new season
 - State of digestive power
 - Seasonal food and drinks
- Symptoms related to this season
 - Homemade remedies

For further information please contact: *Bérengere (Bee)* on 9489505691



INSIDE INDIA

invites you to another week of
'Interactive Sessions on Auroville'

Introduction to the Vision and Concept of Auroville
27th October 2014 Monday - presented by Manoj

Eco-restoration & Community Development
28th October 2014 Tuesday - presented by Parvathi (Pitchandikulam)

Auroville Economy and Organization 29th October 2014 Wednesday - presented by Bunty

Auroville Outreach-Work 30th October 2014 Thursday - presented by Kathy

Town Planning & Architecture 31st October 2014 Friday - presented by Tejaswini

Time: 10:00 to 12:00 including question and answer session.

Venue: Insight Seminar room in the Inside India building in Auroshilpam (behind Auromode).

**The presentations are free of charge. Anyone may walk in. New speakers and topics slated for next week. Watch for announcement.
Organized by: Insight Seminars*

CULTURAL EVENTS

HARP AND VOICE DUO CONCERT

The Italian Pavilion invites everybody to a
Harp and Voice Duo Concert - Medieval and Renaissance Italian Arias
by Maestro Enrico Euron (harp, viola da gamba, percussions) and Anne-Gaëlle Cuif (voice, harp, salterio ad arco)

Friday, 31st October 2014, 8.00 pm
Pitanga, Auroville/ Italian Pavilion

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

WELL BEING (PRANAYAMA) WORKSHOP OF 3 SESSIONS

7:00 AM to 8:00 AM at Savitri Bhavan
31st October (Friday), 1st November (Saturday) & 2nd November (Sunday)

"It is in good health that the way to transformation is found"
The Mother

This workshop introduces you to: Easy-to-do exercises based on yoga for flexibility and toning / Eight simple, but very powerful Pranayama practices for beginners / Yoga Nidra (Deep Relaxation) to let go of stress and recharge yourself / Dietary principles for Well Being

Intended outcome: *You will gain confidence to practice on your own. By practicing for about thirty minutes per day, you enjoy a new level of wellbeing.*

This workshop is open to all. No registration is required. To make the workshop beneficial to all, you are requested to: Please be at the venue by 6:45 am on the first day and at 6:50 on the other days.

Please note that the session on the last day would be ending at 8:20 am

Please note that the sessions would be held as scheduled even if it rains.

Please have your breakfast only after the Pranayama sessions.

There is no fee for the workshop. However, donations to Savitri Bhavan are welcome.

About the Facilitator: *J.V. Avadhanulu (JV for short) has been facilitating various workshops and retreats in Auroville since January, 2008. For details, please see <http://www.joyofpersonalgrowth.com>*

INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

29th October (Wednesday)

•Overview with multimedia presentation• Questions and Answers• Practice in Daily Life Complimentary Concentration Exercises

•Creative Arts, Interactive Games• Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother Introduction to the Reference Books

Focus this week on: 'Divine Mother'

These Workshops are conducted every Wednesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises.

Place: Savitri Bhavan. Time: 9 am to 12.00 Noon (pl be present by 8.55 am)

Led by Ashesh Joshi. Contact: 9489147202, 2622922 - No Registration required (except for groups).Fees: Voluntary Contribution

All are welcome

For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit www.integralyoga-auroville.com

WRITE DANCE

What? Yes, writing and dancing together!

How? In a new method learning how to write through dance.

When? Starting November first 2014.

Where? First meeting of the training will be in TLC base camp

How long? Six Saturdays: November 1, December 6, January 10, February 7, March 14, April 4 - from 8.30 to 12.00

For whom? Teachers, therapists, parents and people who are interested in a way of teaching where painting, drawing, music, dancing, movement, singing, storytelling, drama is all an integral part of learning. For those who want to feel a spark of joy in their work.

Who will benefit? Children from age 3 to 12, learning how to communicate what moves them inwardly in a creative, free and fun way. Writing as an urge to express what lives inside in a form that others can understand.

What else? Discovering that we learn with and through the body. Stages of brain development and how that shows in drawing/writing. Learning how to plan and organise a class. Working with many sensory materials. Getting to know the 3 method books and the CD and DVD material. Individual counselling.

By whom? Helena Hutte, Aurovillian, teacher, therapist and trainer in Write Dance.

More info? www.rainbowriverstone.com page write dance. Subscription: mail directly to helenahutte@hotmail.com or phone 9786952918

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN - "THE INTEGRAL YOGA IN SAVITRI"

We have started at Savitri Bhavan the study of Book of Yoga, Book VII from Savitri. The study is being led by Dr Ananda Reddy. All lovers of Savitri are welcome to this Monday Class from 5.00 to 6.00 pm.

ACROYOGA

Yoga, Acrobatics, Healing arts and Thai massage
Acroyoga has been sweeping the world with its unique approach. It is immediately liked by most everyone who sees it. It speaks clearly to human needs/desires of connection, touch & playfulness.

The 2-day workshop is appropriate for people new to the practice as well as intermediate and advanced Acroyogis. The skills learned are valuable for yoga teachers, masseuses, gymnasts, circus performers and physical therapists alike.

What to expect from the 2-3 day workshop:

- Learn in a safe, supportive environment
- Receive guidance from a highly experienced and passionate teacher
- Expand and refine your understanding of the practice
- Learn tools for honest and compassionate communication
- Learn how to use relationships as a mirror for self-reflection and transformation
- Release perceived limitations and explore your highest potential
- Celebrate the joy of play
- Get in touch with your inner strength, determination and thoughtfulness

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to dive into this powerful practice with highly experienced and sought-after international teachers Mehdi Zidhane and Ola Jas. www.acrocontact.com
FB: AcroContact

Sat 25 & Sun 26 of October 2014 9-12 am / 2.30-4.30 pm

Followed by a JAM until 5.30 pm
Eluciole Circus, Miracle Community.

Limited places!!

For more information, price and registration, contact: eluciolecircus@gmail.com. Kalou: 9787332791

HAWAIIAN MASSAGE WORKSHOP: LOMI LOMI 1

In this beautiful style of Hawaiian massage, we use the hands as an instrument of the heart.

The Lomi students will learn to cover the whole body with rhythmic strokes, working with focused breath, leaving the student in a clear meditative space of healing and harmony. During the workshop you are going to learn:

- *Learn a full body massage
- *Introduction to Huna philosophy
- *Guided meditation
- *Gentle exercises
- *Give and receive up to 10 massages

*Get a certificate.

To register send an e mail to: kalsang@auroville.org or bodkhang97@gmail.com or call us at 0413 2622401 or call Sang @ 9488494875.

When: 27th till the 30th of November 2014. Venue: Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International Zone.

LOCALLY GROWN VEGETABLES - SESSION 6

A series of "learning to cook, prepare and taste sessions"

The sixth session will be on 25th October 2014 (Saturday) at 10.30 am, at Life Education Centre, opposite Isaiambalam School.

This will focus on the preparation of both: a spicy tamarind stew/sauce of sesame with cooking green banana, as well as a vegetable side-dish using only the peel of this raw cooking banana.

These sessions are being conducted by Buvanasundari.
Life Education Centre team

SCHEDULES

"THE INTEGRAL YOGA IN SAVITRI"

Dr. Ananda Reddy is reflecting on the lines of "The Book of Yoga" - Canto 2 "The Parable of the Search for the Soul" with the support of The Mother's documented experiences and with his owns.

Mondays, 5:00-6:00 pm at SAVITRI BHAVAN.

FILMS



CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

"THE RETURN" - Возвращение

Director: Andrey ZVYAGINTSEV - Russia, 2003

With: Vladimir Garin, Ivan Dobronravov, Konstantin Lavronenko, Nataliya Vdovina

Synopsis: Two teenage Russian boys have their father - a man they know only through a single photograph - return home suddenly after being absent for 12 years. The father takes the boys on a holiday to a remote island on a lake in the north of Russia that turns into a test of manhood of almost mythic proportions. The film won the Golden Lion award at the Venice Film Festival. Mysterious, compelling, visually inventive, The Return is a quiet but intense metaphysical-drama of great emotional impact and insight.

Original version in Russian with English Subtitles - Duration: 1h.48'



THE ECO FILM CLUB

SADHANA FOREST, OCTOBER 31ST, FRIDAY

AT 7 pm

YEARS OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY - EPISODE 3: THE SURGE

2014 - 53 minutes. Produced by Showtime (HBO)

From the damage wrought by Hurricane Sandy to the upheaval caused by drought in the Middle East, this groundbreaking documentary event series provides first-hand reports on those affected by, and seeking solutions to, climate change. In this episode MSNBC's Chris Hayes shadows Staten Island's Republican Congressman - and climate change skeptic - Michael Grimm in the wake of Superstorm Sandy, questioning what he might have learned about climate change in the process. Conservationist M. Sanjayan travels to the far ends of the earth - including Christmas Island - to interview some of the world's top climate scientists as they collect key data unlocking the future of our planet's changing climate.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 27th of October 2014, at 6:15 pm.

"Meditations on Savitri - Book 11: The Book of Everlasting Day - Canto 1: The Eternal Day: The Soul's Choice and the Supreme Consummation"

"A marvelous sun looked down from ecstasy's skies / On worlds of deathless bliss, perfection's home, ... / God's everlasting day surrounded her, / Domains appeared of

sempiternal light / Invading all Nature with the Absolute's joy."

A film by Manohar with Huta's paintings illustrating passages from Savitri, read by The Mother and accompanied with her own organ music. Duration: 55min.

We supply photocopies from the "Savitri" texts read by the Mother, so that the texts can be followed when watching the film.

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

Dear Viewers,

Due to rain last week the movie was canceled, we will be showing the same movie that was announced for last week. In the future if it rains on a show day the movie would be canceled, please call the watchman or the cafeteria to know about the cancellation.

Watchman: 2622611/Cafeteria:2622248

30th October Thursday 8 pm

The Hobbit an Unexpected Journey (Extended) 2012

Genre: Adventure/Fantasy/Action - Rated: PG13/ Dur: 2.40min/ Language: English/ Subtitle: English

Dir: Peter Jackson / Cast: [Martin Freeman](#), [Ian McKellen](#), [Richard Armitage](#)

Storyline: A reluctant hobbit, Bilbo Baggins, sets out to the Lonely Mountain with a spirited group of dwarves to reclaim their mountain home - and the gold within it - from the dragon Smaug.

31st October Friday 8 pm

OBLIVION (2013)

Genre: Sci-Fi/Action/ Rated:PG13/ Dur:2hrs/ Language: English/ Subtitle: English

Dir: [Joseph Kosinski](#) / Cast: [Tom Cruise](#), [Morgan Freeman](#), [Andrea Riseborough](#)

Storyline: A veteran assigned to extract Earth's remaining resources begins to question what he knows about his mission and himself.

HINDI MOVIE AT LE ZEPHYR

Visitors Centre upstairs/ Every Thursday at 8pm

Thursday 30-10-2014: JAANE TU YA JAANE NA

2 hrs 30 min (english subtitles)

The story is about two friends, Aditi and Jai, who are so close that their parents decide to get them married. But both disagree, and decide to seek soul mates for each other. With Aditi's help, Jai meets Meghna, and both fall in love with each other. Aditi's is then introduced to Sushant Modi, who instantly finds approval, even with her reclusive brother, Amit. Mala anxiously awaits the climax as the story unfolds with many twists and turns.



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film programme 27 October 2014 to 2 November 2014

Water Series: With the announcement of this series, it seems we have invoked quite a bit of rain. With the wish for a good rain, green growth, and wonderful harvest - it is time to gear up with your raincoats and umbrellas and make it to the Cinema for yet another week of films where water plays a key role!

Water Series - Monday 27 October, 8.00 pm:

SATOYAMA: JAPAN'S SECRET WATER GARDEN

Japan, 2004, Dir Masumi Mizunuma w/David Attenborough (narration), and others, Documentary, 53min English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.

The word Satoyama literally means border zone or area between mountain foothills and arable flat land. This gorgeously filmed documentary portrays the essence of the satoyama landscape's seamless fabric of interdependence and cyclical relationship between humans and environment. It is a wonderful, almost meditative film, showing the interplay of land use, biodiversity, and the life giving water. *It is a film with Attenborough stamp; need we say anything more?*

Water Series - Tuesday 28 October, 8:00 pm:

BEASTS OF THE SOUTHERN WILD

USA, 2012, Dir. Benh Zeitlin w/Quvenzhané Wallis, Dwight Henry, Levy Easterly, and others, Drama-Fantasy, 93mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

Wink and his 6yrs old daughter Hushpuppy live in the Bathtub, a southern community. The water's been rising since the last big storm. Wink's getting sick and Hushpuppy knows that he won't be there forever. So she's telling herself a story. It's a story of a girl called Hushpuppy and her daddy and her momma, who went missing; it is about the unreal, beautiful life of poverty. About the water that's rising and the animals that are dying and the aurochs (giant hairy pig monsters) trying to find Hushpuppy and tear her dream apart. This tale depicts America beset by climate change, poverty and class segregation. Could this be post-Katrina Louisiana or the end of the world seen through a child's reality and imagination? The film won't tell you which, and really it doesn't matter. *It is an intriguing film!*

Water Series - Wednesday 29 October, 8.00 pm:

HOLY WATER THIRSTY FOR JUSTICE

Holy Water - Sweden-India, 2008, Writer-Dir. Lotta Ekelund Documentary, 24mins, Hindi-Other Indian languages-English w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

The film depicts the conflict between the soft drinks industry and farming women in India. It highlights the environmental effects of water supply and demand on poor farmers and the irony when farmers who protest Coca-Cola's water consumption are blamed for their own dried up wells and groundwater pollution!

Thirsty for Justice- USA, 2013, Dir. Lindi Ramsden & Ian Slattery, Documentary, 38mins, English w/ Spanish subtitles, Rated: NR

If the previous film made you think that water access by the poor is an issue typical of a developing country, think again. The film depicts the stark injustice facing thousands of Californians face every day: lack of access to clean, safe, affordable water for their basic needs. Yet, this is also a story of celebration - of grassroots movement that helped make California to be the first state in the USA to recognize Human Right to Water. It is also a story about the future, and the choices and challenges that await us all - in this global village.

This film is shared by the activist group who are spearheading the movement. A must see!

Water Series - Thursday 30 October, 8.00 pm:

JAL (WATER)

India, 2013, Dir. Girish Malik w/Tannishtha Chatterjee, Saidah Jules, Purab Kohli, and others, Drama, 126mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

This is a story of young, wilful Bakka who is gifted with a special ability to find water in the desert. Bakka tries to solve the drought problems in his village, but faces unforeseen circumstances when he tries to help a female ornithologist from Russia save flamingos. With the backdrop of water scarcity, the film tells a complex and intriguing story of love, relationships, enmity, deceit and circumstances that bring about the dark side of humans. It is a high-octane drama with a shocking climax. Shot on an epic scale, the film is a visual treat and has managed to capture Rann of Kutch like never before.

International - Saturday 1 November, 8:00 pm:

SWIMMING POOL

France-UK, 2003, Writer-Dir. François Ozon w/ Charlotte Rampling, Charles Dance, Ludivine Sagnier, and others, 102mins, Thriller, English-French w/ English subtitle, Rated: R Sarah Morton is a famous British mystery author. Tired of London and seeking inspiration for her new novel, she accepts an offer from her publisher John Bosload to stay at his home in Luberon, in the South of France. It is the off-season, and Sarah finds that the beautiful country locale and unhurried pace is just the tonic for her-until late one night, when John's indolent and insouciant French daughter Julie unexpectedly arrives. Sarah's prim and steely English reserve is jarred by Julie's reckless lifestyle. Their interactions set off an increasingly unsettling series of events, as Sarah's creative process and a possible real-life murder begin to blend dangerously together. *It is a mind twister - was it all in the writer's imagination or?*

Children's Film - Sunday 2 November, 4:30 pm:

SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

USA, 1937, Dir. William Cottrell, David Hand w/ Adriana Caselotti, Harry Stockwell, Lucille La Verne, and others, 83mins, Animation-Family-Fantasy, English, Rated: G Snow White, pursued by a jealous queen, hides with the Dwarves; the queen feeds her a poisoned apple, but Prince Charming awakens her with a kiss.

Fritz Lang Film Festival @ CINECLUB

Ciné-Club - Sunday 2 November, 8:00 pm:

- **DAS TESTAMENT DES DR. MABUSE (The Testament of Dr. Mabuse)**

Germany, 1933, Dir. Fritz Lang w/Rudolf Klein-Rogge, Otto Wernicke, and others, 122mins, Drama-Crime, German w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

The 1933 film, which was banned by Goebbels and not released in Germany until the 1950s, is famed for its underlying parallels between Mabuse and Hitler, making Fritz Lang one of the few filmmakers at that time to confront the threat of Nazism in any significant way. In this film Lang is using the Mabuse character to comment on contemporary society. The advanced level of social and technological organization that makes modern existence possible is turned against itself by Mabuse through the factory production of counterfeit bills and the conversion of chemical factories into weapons of mass destruction. Even audio recording technology, which facilitates communication, is used here to facilitate crime.

Important information about News & Notes (Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Wednesday 11 am)

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'Participatory Working Groups' and the new selection process for the Working Committee and the Auroville Council

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Introduction

Auroville is a society based on universal values governing itself with an evolving level of integrity based on "living these values". For this proposal, the 12 qualities / powers, as represented in the Mothers Symbol and in the Meditation Petals of the Matrimandir, are chosen basic values, on which we all can agree.

Sincerity, Humility, Gratitude, Perseverance, Aspiration, Receptivity, Progress, Courage, Goodness, Generosity, Equality, Peace.

The first eight concern the attitude towards the Divine, and the last four towards humanity. "The Mother "In essence ... the 12 powers are the vibrations that are necessary for the complete manifestation. It is the symbol of manifestation, double perfection, in essence and in manifestation, in the creation." Sri Aurobindo

The "Participatory Working Groups" proposal aims towards creating an organization where these values are the building blocks. An organization which fosters transparency, communication and participation, while being efficient and humane, aligning its actions with the ideals as presented in The Auroville Charter, A Dream, The True Aurovilian and other writings by the Mother and Sri Aurobindo.

A) Description of the "Participatory Working Groups" team structure: Distributing the workload wisely - the 4 ways of participating to support the efficient and transparent functioning the working group

Selected Working Group Members/Coordinators

The Mandated Members of the working group are here termed as Members/Coordinators, in accordance with the functions named in the "Participatory Working Groups" proposal.

3. The Members/Coordinators of the working groups are selected by the community through a three day selection process.
- The Number of Members /Coordinators selected are as stipulated for the respective working groups: Working Committee maximum 7 persons and Auroville Council maximum 9 persons.

Pool of Voluntary Support Persons

To support the functioning and efficiency of the working group as well as fostering transparency, in resonance with the proposal for "Participatory Working Groups", pools of Facilitators, Resource Persons and Silent Listeners are created, drawing on the community at large.

- Facilitators - Offer/volunteer their skills to help facilitate subgroups created to deal with specific topics.
4. Resource Persons -Offer/volunteer their expertise and experience as subgroup members, on specific topics as needed.
5. Silent Listeners/ Observers - Offer/volunteer to silently observe the ongoing process of the working group.

The group dynamic:

6. Aurovilians can offer their skills as Facilitators, Resource Persons or Silent Observers to the working groups at any time either voluntarily or at the request/ invitation of the working groups.
7. The individual roles can evolve and change

B) Details of the roles and functioning of the working group

The Mandated Members of the working group are here termed as Members/Coordinators, in accordance with the functions named in the "Participatory Working Groups" proposal.

1. The Members/Coordinators

3. must be Residents of Auroville
4. are selected for their expertise, experience, Integrity and commitment to Auroville. The Coordinators are the official Members of the working group.

Motto: "I offer to serve the work in an impartial way by coordinating the team, keeping in mind inclusivity, competency, efficiency and generosity. I cooperate and contribute to enable the best outcome for the task in alignment with the ideals of Auroville"

1.1. Commitments

- A Member/Coordinator commits to a minimum of 5 hours per day and as needed (full time).
- A Member/Coordinator cannot be simultaneously a member or a permanent representative in other

mandated working groups

- The Members/Coordinators are responsible for the implementation and fulfillment of the tasks presented in the working group mandate
- In case of unavailability or absence for more than 2-3 weeks, a Member/Coordinator has to find an Interim Substitute to cover for him/her in consultation with the rest of the Members/Coordinators of the working group. The Substitute person will take up the work but will not be an official member with /decision making/passing function.

1.2. Skills

- Analysis, Strategy, Action Planning and communication

1.3. Functioning

- The Members/Coordinators meet to prepare and prioritize long, medium and short term tasks. They respond to urgent matters and emergencies. They ensure that no issues are left unattended.
- The tasks are distributed between the Members/Coordinators. Each task having one responsible Member/Coordinator. Each Member/Coordinator will form a task force team, if required, with an adequate number of Facilitators and Resource Persons (there might be multiple Facilitators if a task is divisible, but each task or part of a task has only one Facilitator responsible for its completion).
- Members/Coordinators call on one or several Facilitators and delegate to them a specific task and set a certain time frame for completion.
- They ensure effective monitoring of work progress by tracking closures of tasks and issues at hand.
- For the Working Committee a number of the Members/Coordinators must have experience in dealing with Officials of the Indian Government on all levels, Central as well as Regional and Local Government and Administration.

1.4. Communication responsibility

One Member/Coordinator is fully in charge of communication. S/He is responsible to establish communication tools, such as:

- Create On-line Forum for the working group
- To assure that the internal communication flow between Facilitators, Resource Persons and Silent Listeners/Observers is functioning well. A team membership list along with roles is defined and published.
- Define the access to mailing lists and assured that the agreed-on ethical code of conduct is followed in all group email/doc exchanges.
- Draft Monthly Work reports to be approved by the other Members/Coordinators. These are published through the AV Net, News &Notes and via Mass Mail in very urgent cases.
- Prepare monthly Interactive Information Meetings with the Community, in collaboration with RAS.

1.5. Term, Mandate and Turnover

- Members/Coordinators are selected for a period of 3 years.
- After completing 3 years, there has to be a time lapse of 1 year before a Member/Coordinator can again nominate themselves/ be nominated, for membership in the same working group.
- There will be a yearly selection process in October/November when 2-3 of the Members/Coordinators of a working group will be replaced. This will ensure continuity in the working groups, with a system of staggered turnover.
- Every year in September at the latest the working group recommends to the RA through News&Notes and AuroNet which Members/Coordinators will be replaced and which skills are needed from the new Members/Coordinators. (To implement this, in the first batch 2-3 Members/Coordinators will resign after 2 years, this can happen naturally by Members/Coordinators choosing to resign or by the decision of the group)

1.6. Resignation of Coordinators/Signatories from the working group

When a Member/Coordinator wants to resign during the term, s/he is requested to stay on until October/November and to make a proper handover of all his/her tasks. If this is not possible, the working group can ask a suitable individual from within the Community to join to fill the role as a Member/Coordinator without having a decision making function.

This can be a Resident of Auroville:

- who is already filling a support function, or
- a person with needed expertise, or
- a former member of the same working group.

S/he will be replaced in the selection process at the yearly turnover and/or can participate in the October/November selection process.

1.7. Removal of Members/Coordinators during term

- Membership in a working group implies effective participation. Members/Coordinators, who are not

executing their job assigned by the group as per the mandate, may be asked by the working group or by the Residents Assembly to shift their role. In either case it would be presented at the monthly meeting and dealt with in collaboration with the Residents Assembly.

The roles and functioning of the Support Persons:

2. The Facilitator

A Facilitator

- must be a Resident of Auroville
- offer their service to the working group, having the needed capacity and experience to facilitate a specific task.

Additionally,

- There will be a pool of Facilitators created. Facilitators may be topic bound with specific expertise and capacities.
- When needed, the working group can also call on other Resource Persons for facilitation from outside the pool.

Motto: *"I offer my capacity to lead and bring people together, to facilitate a given task for the team. I cooperate and contribute what it takes for the best outcome of the task in alignment with the ideals of Auroville".*

2.1. Commitment

- Time commitment as needed to fulfill the facilitation of an undertaken task.
- In collaboration with the Member/Coordinator, the Facilitator chooses Resource Persons according to expertise, knowledge and experience relevant to the task. S/he creates a team that takes responsibility to complete the assigned task in a timely manner, taking all views and concerns into consideration.
- S/he keeps the Member/Coordinator informed of the status, outcome or any problem. All team members of a subgroup have access to emails on their task.

3.2. How to join

- A Facilitator can offer their service at the yearly selection process in October/ November or anytime during the term. All new listed Facilitators are announced to the Community in the monthly report.

2.3 Skills

- Team Spirit, Striving for Omni-partiality, Collaboration and Goal setting

3. The Resource person

A Resource Person

- must be a Resident of Auroville.
- offers his/her service to be called upon by the Facilitators, as having the needed capacity and experience to contribute to a specific task.

Additionally,

- There will be a pool of Resource Persons created.
- When needed the working group can also call on other Resource Person from outside the pool.
- Members/Coordinators may enlist a non-resident Consultant (non Aurovilian) for help based on pertinent skills and experience for a specific task. These Consultants will not have access to any other material except the task in hand.

Motto: *"I offer my expertise and experience to complete a given task for the team. I cooperate and contribute towards the best outcome of the task in alignment with the ideals of Auroville"*

3.1. Commitments

- The time commitment of a Resource Person is need-based and thus allows flexibility to help the team according to her/his availability.
- Resource persons are needed for all relevant fields of expertise and experience, including human relations and community experience.
- There is a high priority to create a pool of Resource Persons with experience of interaction with the Central, Regional and Local Government.
- A Resource Person can offer their expertise experience and integrity to be permanent representatives of the working group, in one or more of Auroville's other mandated working groups. The Resource Person taking up such tasks must be a Resident of Auroville and have the necessary expertise, experience and integrity. There must be a commitment to
 - a. - give timely and regular written and verbal reports of meetings.
 - b. - interact on behalf of the represented working groups and
 - c. - participate in decisions only in accordance with the views and decision of the represented working group they represent

3.2. How to join

A Resource Person can join at the yearly selection process in October/November or anytime during the term, all new listed Resource Persons are announced to the Community in the monthly report.

3.3. Skills

- Expertise, Experience, Wisdom and Values

4. The Silent Listener/Observer

A Silent Listener/Observer

- must be a Resident of Auroville,
- offer her/his service as a silent observer of the working group.

Motto: "I offer myself as a Silent Listener/Observer to witness the process of the Working Group, and aspire for the success of the task in alignment with the ideals of Auroville"

4.1. Commitment

- A Silent Listener/Observer is ready to commit to be a silent observer of the groups' processes for 3 months. Every three months, all Silent Listeners/Observers are asked to re-confirm their wish to continue the silent listening.
- The Silent Listener/Observer will follow the working group's Internet forum and can attend meetings as a silent observer/ witness of the ongoing work of the working group.
- This is seen as a supportive presence of the community.
- A Silent Listener/Observer can commit to be a listener to several working groups.
- Silent Listeners /Observers who have been participating for a stipulated time may be invited by the Members/Coordinators to give their observations in a manner to be determined by the working group.
- An additional function of a Silent Listener/Observer is to learn how a working group goes about its tasks. Young Residents of Auroville can participate as Silent Listeners/Observers to working groups with which they have an affinity.

4.2. How to join

- A Silent Listener/Observer can join at the yearly selection process in October/November or anytime during the term,. All new participating Silent Listeners /Observers are announced to the Community in the monthly report.

4.3. Skills

- Silent observation, Learning, Goodwill, Restraint

C) Training and Education

- Members/Coordinators commit to an active learning process and training in needed fields.
- For the Members/Coordinators and Facilitators there will be ongoing training opportunities offered in facilitation, mediation, Restorative Circles, through Koodam and others.
- In the working groups Members/Coordinators will individually choose who will take up which specific training possibilities.
- Other parties may be invited to give relevant leadership, organizational and conflict resolution workshops.
- Training and Education may be open for all Aurovilians who would like to prepare themselves for an organization role in the future. If there is limited seating, first come first serve basis may be used or other repeat workshops offered.

D) Decision-making

Depending on the tasks of a working group, its Members/Coordinators identify the diverse types of decisions/validations in categories like:

1. long term/ strategy tasks
2. routine tasks
3. day to day tasks
4. emergency cases
5. cases which need approval from the Residents Assembly

Arriving at a decision

1. Members/Coordinators hold the responsibility to together arrive at agreement and take decisions on behalf of the residents Assembly in any of the above mentioned tasks, unless:
 - a) The task involve the forming of a sub group.
 - b) The task is of such a nature that it has to be referred to the Residents Assembly.
2. a) When a Sub Group is formed; it consists of a Member/Coordinator, one or more Facilitators and the relevant Resource Persons.

- b) The Member/Coordinator, Facilitator/s and Resource Persons will in a timely manner arrive together at a proposed solution.
 - c) The outcome is presented to all the Members/ Coordinators, who generally will abide by the results arrived at by the specific Sub Group created for the purpose.
 - d) In case the result is established to be biased or incomplete, another Member/Coordinator will be chosen to create a new Sub Group and look into the task once more.
 - e) If the second round of conclusions still does not find agreement among the Members/Coordinators, the matter will be brought to the Residents' Assembly.
3. In case an issue is referred to the Residents Assembly, this is done in collaboration with the Residents Assembly Service.

E) SELECTION PROCESS IN 4 STEPS

- Step 1 - Information sharing on mandate and job description
- Step 2 - Inviting Residents of Auroville to participate through nomination and self-nomination
- Step 3 - 3 Days Selection Process
- Step 4 - Constitution of the working group/s/Handing the process over to the AVC

Step 1 - Information sharing on mandate and job description.

- The mandate and/or specific job descriptions/ competencies as well as eligibility for being a member of the working group to be constituted, is shared in a General Meeting, via News & Notes and Auronet.
- Relevant documents, together with the proposal for the "Participatory Working Groups" and the new selection process, will be available on Auronet and, by request, in hard copy at the Town Hall Reception counter. The intention is to have the documents available in all major languages where translations are needed, depending on the need and the availability of translators.
- This information sharing is organized by the Residents' Assembly Service

Step 2 - Inviting Residents of Auroville to participate in the 3 days selection process

- For a minimum of two weeks after the public announcement of the mandate / job descriptions, any Resident of Auroville with the needed expertise, experience and integrity are invited to be nominated or can nominate themselves to be part of the selection process.
(If needed, this can be extended by another week, in case not enough candidates with needed qualifications come forward. This will be decided by the Auroville Council and the Residents Assembly Service, if needed in consultation with the Study Group.)
- RAS will collect all nominations and self-nominations; contact all nominees to see if they are willing to participate in the three day selection process.
- All those who agree, will have their names published in the News & Notes, on Auronet and through mass mail if needed.
- Those Residents of Auroville who present themselves for the 3 days selection process are by default the selectors.
- Participants in the 3 day selection process, who are not selected as Members/Coordinators, are invited to support the working group/s as Facilitators, Resource Persons or Silent Observers according to their capacity and choice.
- Attendance during the full 3 days is conditional.

Feedback

a) Committee to review feedback ("Feedback Review Committee")

- The Auroville Council and the Residents Assembly Service will strive to create an Omni-partial "Feedback Review Committee" consisting of long-term Residents of Auroville who have shown deep commitment in action to the ideals of Auroville. This committee will dissolve after the feedback is processed.
- The Auroville Council and the Residents Assembly Service will provide required facilitation with the support of the Study Group.
- The task of the temporary "Feedback Review Committee" will be to look through the feedback in depth and decide which feedback received is of such nature as to be termed non- negotiable, which disqualifies a nominee from participating in the selection process. For this they will have the guidance of Law of India, the Code of Conduct and the Eligibility Criteria. All feedback of a negotiable nature will be dealt with within the selection process itself.

b) Inviting and dealing with feedback

- Feedback must be factual and signed. Those which lack either will be discarded.
- Feedback containing strong valid/ factual reservations against any nominee(s) will be communicated to the concerned nominee(s). In the absence of valid clarifications to dissolve such reservations/ objections, the

concerned nominee(s) can be considered ineligible.

- Feedback will not be confidential.
- If there is a strong valid concern combined with fear for repercussions, and the feedback is of concern to the community, a mandated working group can take up the feedback and in this case there will be confidentiality for the individual.

F) Step 4 - Three Day Selection Process

All nominees are invited to a three day selection workshop. The RAS and the Study Group coordinate the sessions together with invited facilitators.

Day 1: Finding Unity through our values:

- Guided by the 12 Values embedded in the Mother's 'Dream', all participants will go through a process preparing themselves for this new approach of working in collaboration.

Day 2: Mandates, Job description, Code of Conduct, Feedback and eligibility

- Going through and understanding the mandates of the working groups, job descriptions, team- and operational structure including confidentiality and access to information. (In the case of the Working Committee the Auroville Foundation Act will also be part of the information necessary.)
- Going through the individual feedback of participants and looking at the Code of Conduct and eligibility criteria guidelines. All feedback will be dealt with in the open forum with facilitation by Koodam and the Study Group. The Code of Conduct and Eligibility criteria will be displayed in the room, as guidelines representing the request and concerns of the community at large.

Day 3: Selection of the Coordinators

- The selection can be made from all the members in the room, keeping all information in mind and using it wisely, to choose a good and balanced group with the skills needed, putting aside group-ism and keeping the best for the community as the aim.

Part 1: Selection of the Members/Coordinators.

- The Members/Coordinators will be selected in a group process facilitated by the Study Group and Koodam.
- For selection of the Members/Coordinators, there should be a strong agreement amongst the selection participants. It should not be a matter of simply filling up places.

Part 2: Meeting together of the group/s

- Is everything in place? Is there sufficient agreement?
- Are all the needed qualities and skills present in the group?
- Is there anything else the Members/Coordinators need to function as a team?
- The rest of the participants in the selection process who are not selected as Members/Coordinators, may opt for themselves roles in which they may be willing to support the working groups - As Facilitators, Resource Persons, and Silent Listeners.

Part 3: Concluding the 3 days Selection Process

- Process Evaluation
- Coming together with the aspiration that all can leave the process with a feeling of peace, acceptance and willingness to support.

Presenting the outcome to the community

- Study group will present the new Working Committee and Auroville Council members to the community in collaboration with RAS and AVC at a General Meeting.
- A list of Support Persons, including all new Facilitators, Resource Persons and Silent Observers will be published.
- In cases of strong disagreement on the outcome of the Selection process, the Study group will hand over the process to AVC to proceed further.

G) Support and Amendments

- It should be emphasized that this proposal is a new attempt to improve Auroville's organization. The Study Group who worked out the proposal will commit to closely follow and support the implementation of this new organizational structure at all stages, in collaboration with the concerned working groups. The support and collaboration for the implementation of this proposal is on process only, not on issues.
- The Study Group, in its support function during the process development, can adapt the proposal at any stage, in consultation with the Auroville Council and the Residents Assembly Service, if any unforeseen flaws turn up. Amendments have to be approved by the Residents Assembly.