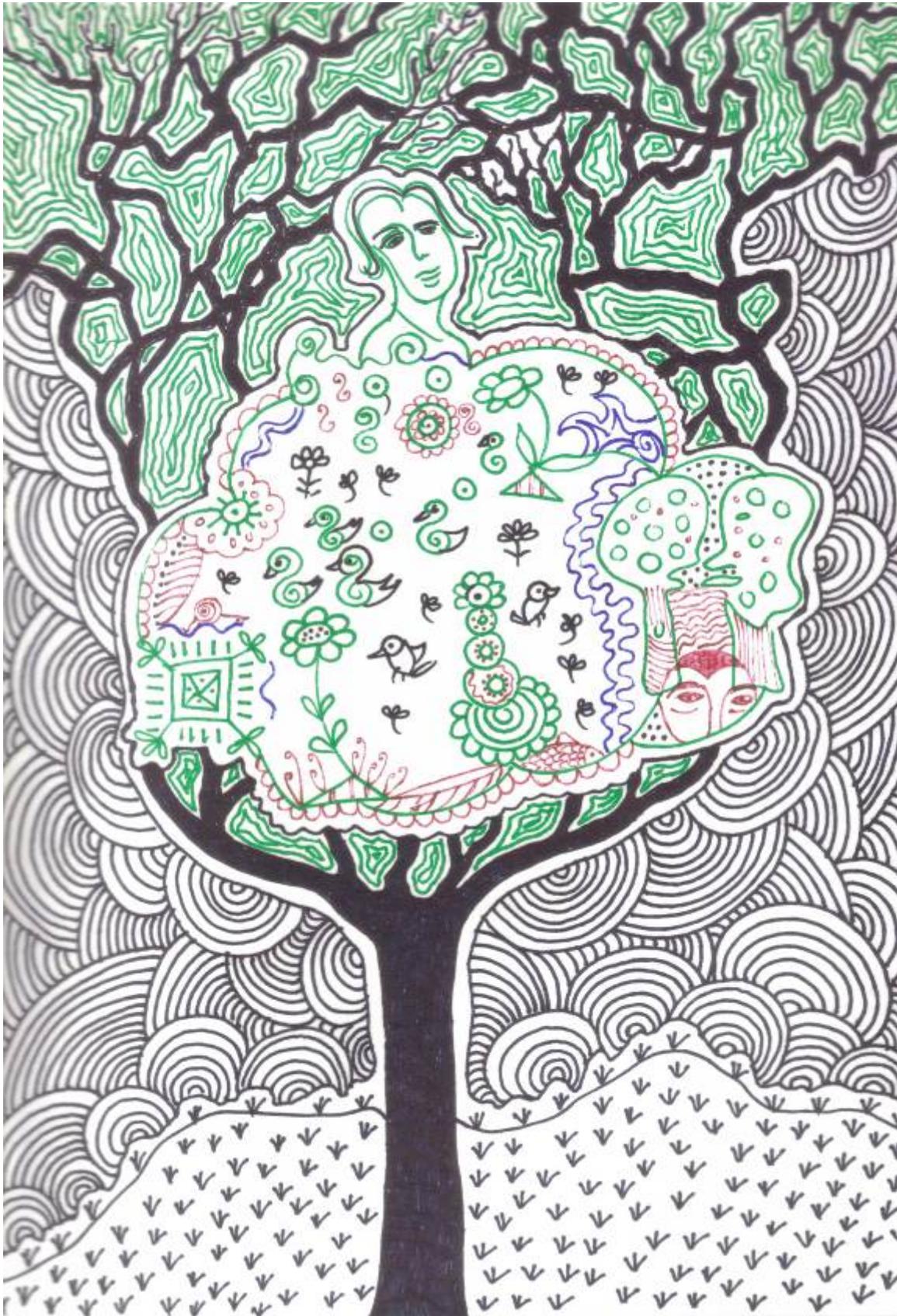


# News & Notes

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# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

*"Beyond the limited human conception of God, he will pass to the one divine Eternal...."*  
Sri Aurobindo, *The Synthesis of Yoga, SABCL, Vol. 20, p. 121*

What man calls God is a limited consciousness of God, not the full consciousness of God; so he will go beyond this limited consciousness of God and towards the true Divine.

Sri Aurobindo means that man has a limited knowledge, a limited consciousness and perception and experience of God, not the full experience of the Divine, and that he must pass beyond this knowledge and perception in order to go to the vaster and truer perception.

*Sweet Mother, the justification of earthly existence...*

Yes, the justification of earthly existence is that one is on earth to realise the Divine.  
Without this reason earthly life would be a monstrosity. (*Silence*)

If there were not this supreme reason, of rediscovering the Divine and becoming Him, manifesting Him, realising Him externally, earthly life as it is would be something monstrous. Naturally, the more people are unconscious, the less do they understand this, for they do not objectify; they live mechanically, according to habit, without even objectifying or being aware of their way of living. And as the consciousness grows, they realise the kind of monstrous hell life is – life as it is. And it is only when one becomes conscious of that towards which this life leads, that one can accept it and understand it. It is only this purpose of life which makes it acceptable. Without that it would truly be a frightful monstrosity.

*Sweet Mother, what is a "divine pleasure"?*

It is the pleasure of the Divine.

*How...?*

What do you want me to tell you, child? You must live it and then you will know what it is.

It is what is called Ananda in Sanskrit. And we have often said before that to know this Ananda, one must first have completely renounced all human pleasures, to begin with, for so long as a human pleasure delights you, you are not in the right state to know the Ananda. It may come to you and you will not even be aware of it.

*"A spiritual Truth and Right have convicted the good and evil of this world of imperfection or of falsehood and unveiled a supreme good.... But behind all these and in them he has felt a Divinity who is all these things, a Bringer of Light, a Guide and All-Knower, a Master of Force, a Giver of Bliss, Friend, Helper, Father, Mother, Playmate in the world-game, an absolute Master of his being, his soul's Beloved and Lover." Ibid., p. 120*

*Can the Godhead be all these things at once for anybody?*

Yes, and many more. This is only a very brief description! But here too, if one wants to have this experience, one must not seek in life and among men for these relationships, because if one seeks them in the ordinary life, as ordinary relationships, one becomes incapable of feeling them exactly as the Divine can give them. And usually, most people, even those who have a living soul, seek these relations with the Divine only after they have had the most bitter and disappointing experiences in their search for human relationships. This makes them lose much time and wastes a lot of energy.

And usually, they are already quite worn out and spent when they reach the state in which they are capable of having these relations in all their splendour with the divine Presence.

That means much time lost and much wastage of energy; but it would seem that very few people can go straight avoiding all these roundabout ways. Mostly, when they are told that there is a divine Joy and a divine Plenitude which far surpass all they can imagine in ordinary life, they don't believe it; and to believe it they must have, as I said, gone through a painful experience of all that is false, deceptive and disappointing in ordinary relationships. It is said that example is the best teacher, but in fact there are very few who care to follow an example – especially when the examples are a little too far beyond them. They all want to have their own experience; they have the right to it, but that makes the path interminable.

*"A Bliss has invaded him and shown that it can make suffering and sorrow impossible and turn pain itself into divine pleasure". - Sri Aurobindo, The Synthesis of Yoga, SABCL, Vol. 20, p. 120*

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 25 April 1956

MOTHER

*The  
Ponder  
Corner*

*You must increase your concentration,  
your aspiration and your trust and  
with the new help which comes to you,  
make a new programme, work out other means  
to replace those you have left behind.  
This is how one progresses stage by stage.*

*The Mother*  
ref. Words Of The Mother, vol.4, p.151

## Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)

### December 2015 Report

Regular members: Anandi (Auroville Board of Services), David (Forest group), Jeff (Farm group), Matriprasad (Auroville Council), Michael (Auroville Unity Fund), Ranjith (Working Committee), Rathinam (Budget Coordination Committee), Sauro (L'avenir d'Auroville), Sonja (Housing Service), and Ulli (Auroville Board of Commerce).

Temporarily out of station: Chali (Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Educational Research)

Other attendance: Mr. Srinivasmurthy (Finance & Administrative Officer, Auroville Foundation; currently Secretary-in-Charge) is attending infrequently.

Corrigendum: In November we reported, inaccurately: ... 38 % of the total cost for the first year are available.

*It should have been stated:* ... 38 % of the total cost of the project is available.

### TRUST & UNIT TOPICS

The Auroville Board of Services (ABS) recommended, and FAMC approved, Quiet Healing Center new executive appointment of Samrat. The current executives are Guy and Dodo.

Previously FAMC decided to review the situation of the Auromode Apartments in January 2016. There is the question of where to register the apartments. FAMC requested the ABS, Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC), and Guest Facilities Coordination Group (GFCG) to share their views of the following options: A. To join the Guest House Trust as an individual guest house; B. To register as a guest house under the Auromode Trust; C. To register under an eventual new form of Hospitality trust, or; D. another option, which may be suggested. FAMC await a reply from the ABC; ABS and GFCG have responded.

FAMC received a strong objection to the Mohanam Cultural and Heritage Centre proposal from the ABC. The FAMC wrote back to the ABC that their concerns need to be addressed to L'avenir (re: site application), and directly with the Mohanam team.

FAMC have asked the Budget Coordination Committee (BCC) to comment on a proposal to the many Auroville restaurants and eateries, concerning the regular contribution to the City Services. The FAMC await their response before contacting the units directly.

Harini asked if the FAMC had any specific inquiry which she could look at during the 2014-15 balance sheet review. The FAMC appreciated very much Harini's offer and requested her to look at: 1. Percentage of Profit over Turnover, the lowest and the highest, to see what type of units have a good potential and which ones are not profitable at all; 2. Units that have grown over the last 3 years and show big potential for development; 3. Units that do not contribute to Auroville over the years; 4. Units with big liabilities/loans or liabilities/loans that have grown in the last two years. A note will be included about the importance that expenses are noted correctly, not as 'contributions'.

### FINANCE TOPICS

FAMC thoughtfully considered and subsequently approved a request concerning implementation of the Windarra arbitration decision. A loan, shared by the parties, of Rs. 3 lakhs is to be repaid within 5 years.

FAMC expressed its appreciation for the detailed work presented in the Unity Fund Annual Report 2014-15. After a careful review and considered discussion FAMC requested more details concerning income from Aurovilian sources (1. Income from commercial units; 2. Income from service units; 3. Income from guest houses; 4. Aurovilian individual contributions; 5.

Aurovilian donations for housing; 6. Income from guest contributions; 7. Donations for land; 8. Donations for Matrimandir; 9. Donations for projects/activities) and inquired how the income generated from interest is allocated (some to City Services) and some held in reserve.

FAMC approved an advance / credit line to Dodo and Cristina to start the construction of a housing asset in the Center Guest House compound. The FAMC view this as housing for the executives of Center Guest House. Upon transfer of the stewarded housing asset in Petite Ferme the advance will be returned.

### LAND TOPICS

FAMC met with Land Board (LB) members in early December to discuss: land exchange negotiations, and beach land.

### HOUSING TOPICS

In early December the FAMC met with Suhasini and Hemant about Humanscapes. 'Phase 1' will provide 36 beds for young people. The Housing Service (HS) is the 'client' and the present idea is to have the residents be 'tenants' not stewards, who will make a monthly contribution. The 'tenant' eligibility criteria have already been worked out by the HS. The criteria will be sent to the FAMC for review and comments. FAMC thanked Hemant and Suhasini for their hard work and perseverance.

FAMC sent a "Housing Cooperative Trust" proposal to the HS/Housing Board (HB). Their members expressed strong support for the idea however at present they did not feel they have the requisite knowledge to move it forward. They asked the FAMC for assistance. It was then agreed to form a subgroup to transform the proposal into an implementable plan. Several knowledgeable Aurovilians have been invited to participate and FAMC await their respective replies. There will be more information on this in the coming months.

### OTHER TOPICS

The FAMC and Working Committee (WCom) met and discussed: 1. Crowd funding: all funds should be channelled through the Unity Fund; 2. Blue Basket outside activity using Auroville land: review lease agreement; 3. Waste water at Maitreye 1 and 2: it was reported that L'avenir d'Auroville (L'avenir) has the funding from the Government of India (GoI) grant and will initiate the centralised waste water facilities this and the next financial year. L'avenir needs one more month to complete the plan.

FAMC received a request from the Assisted Living Home project holders for a 'green light' to continue. FAMC stated to the project holders, "The FAMC has serious concerns regarding the quantum of presently guaranteed funding for the project. [...] It is essential that before any construction is started, there is a minimum of 40% of the final project cost being actually deposited in the project account as well as realistic projection for the source of the balance 60% in accordance with the construction timeline." In addition, the FAMC asked the HS/HB for a financial commitment in support of three Aurovilians to relocate into the Assisted Living Home. HS/HB have committed to some financial support.

In response to a request from Lyle who posed questions and raised objections, the FAMC reviewed the process for approval of the latest Entry Policy. FAMC noted the Entry Policy is a legal document and the Entry Service as a subgroup of the WCom. The policy needs the full approval of the Residents Assembly (RA) according to a process approved by the RA, and cannot go for a so-called "test year". It was clarified that the Housing Policy is approved by the FAMC of which Housing Service/Housing Board is a subgroup. *The FAMC replied to Lyle with a copy to the WCom and the Auroville Council.*

The BCC made a request to the FAMC for documentation concerning an Aurovilian with enough personal resources who should not receive / take financial support from Auroville. The FAMC responded to the BCC stating, "Although members

confirmed that it has always been the understanding that maintenances are given only when there is a need for it, not as a direct compensation for the work, maintenance guidelines detailing the criteria, conditions and procedure for receiving maintenance have never been formulated and approved by the community. In view of the importance of this guideline [we are] of the view that a process in collaboration with the Council and RAS should be initiated to arrive at a community supported decision, confirming the community wide support for this guideline or come up with a modified guideline as per community process."

Kireet requested that part of the Gaia Guest House contribution could be used for his erosion control works. FAMC requested the BCC to consider providing a budget for this critically-needed work; that funds do not come from the guest house. The BCC subsequently granted Rs. 2 lakhs for this work. Thank you BCC.

Chandresh made a proposal to the FAMC concerning the annual payment of house tax which would entail the total amount being divided equally by all housing stewards. After a healthy discussion the FAMC decided to write to the BCC, "[We] request that the BCC create a budget to pay the total house tax, beginning in 2016. Our aim is to move away, step by step, from stewards 'acting' like owners. In our view, stewards no longer being required to pay a house tax will be one such step [in] that direction." FAMC await the BCC reply.

The project holders of the new Archives building requested immediate release of Gol approved funds. There was a process question which FAMC was requested to comment upon. After a detailed discussion the FAMC wrote to SAIIER, "We view the tender requirement based on the work to be done by a single contractor, not the entire project cost. Therefore we recommend to SAIIER to accept the current contractor work at Rs. 62 lakhs for which no tender is required, and to release the funds allocated by the GB in October."

#### Following up from previous reports

In September the ABC submitted a proposed "ABC Maintenance Guidelines" document for the FAMC members' review and feedback. After some written exchanges between the FAMC and the ABC support group, it was agreed to strongly recommend that all Aurovilian maintenances be channelled through the Maintenance Fund in the Financial Service, especially since many units already do so. The other point emphasized was concerning visa-related travel expenses which should not be 'expensed' but taken from profits (after usual contribution) only. The clarifications the ABC stated it would make, should be sure to be made. FAMC sent its final comments to the ABC.

In September FAMC discussed succession planning: how to transfer executive responsibility, and the need to develop plans for succession of current executives. There was a call-out to create a study group and several individuals responded. In December, upon further reflection, it was agreed to ask different work sectors to explore and document succession planning that addresses the sector's unique needs. FAMC contacted ABC, ABS, BCC, Farm group, Forest group, and the School Board with an invitation to work on succession planning as a priority and to submit a proposal by end- January, beginning-February 2016. The individuals who volunteered to be part of the study group may be requested to review the proposals all together and create a common framework following the emerging themes, while retaining flexibility for the diverse needs of the different work areas.

In October it was reported that the FAMC gave its support to this move and it was agreed to recommend to Sumark Construction executives, and the Auroville Service Trust trustees that with effect from the beginning of the next financial year, 1 April 2016, the unit can be moved to Kattida Kalai Trust. In December Sumark executives expressed their openness to moving to Kattida Kalai Trust.

In October FAMC reported that Buildaur had not repaid its Rs. 15 lakhs loan by August 2015 as promised. FAMC wrote to Buildaur reminding them of their agreement. At the end of November Buildaur submitted a loan repayment reschedule. In December the FAMC replied to the executives that it did not appreciate the change in terms of the earlier agreement. However the revised schedule was accepted. It was noted no further extension would be available.

In October it was reported that Muna, relocating from Happiness with Christine and Benito, wrote to the FAMC about fencing the plot of land which was allocated to the family and is located near Dana. In December Muna provided estimates for new housing and infrastructure. FAMC will honour the agreement signed with them in March 2014 providing Rs. 25 lakhs for new construction. In addition, FAMC will not ask them to repay a Rs. 6 lakhs advance. Financial Service has been informed about fund to be released to them.

## Land Board Report: December 2015

1. There is an ongoing problem of private development on the Crown Road which Land Board along with TDC and Road Service is actively addressing. We request the support of all Auroville groups and Aurovilians and ask them not to assist any people who are working against us.
2. Privately owned land at BO 10/2B, 1.6 acre, near Transformation, in city area was exchanged for Auroville land in Auroannam TH 180/1, 63 cents and ₹ 2 lakh.
3. Land Board along with Working Committee is engaged with the Government to clarify some of the rules regarding Purchase and Sale of lands in Auroville.
4. Land Board has completed the extensive work in Auroannam to develop the for exchange like improving the space, making boundaries, making plots and doing what is necessary to increase value of the land
5. Land Board has initiated the tedious process of completing and updating the land records at Sub Registrar Office Vanur to finish this vital and important step to correct the Government records, is an ongoing process and up to 50 files have been submitted.
6. Land board has submitted to FAMC and TDC, map of the lands that are vulnerable to encroachment, misuse and out right land grab in the residential and International zone bordering the villages of Edayanchavadi, Kottakuppam and Bharatipuram and has suggested that Auroville should take possession of these lands with activities or settlements as soon as possible.
7. The fencing project at Edayanchavadi community hall has been successfully completed.
8. An amicable solution has been reached for an issue related to access in Gokulam between Aurovilians and Non-Aurovilians.
9. Land Board is in continuous dialogue with the Inspector General of Registration, Chennai and District/Taluk offices regarding land dispute cases .
10. The Land Board appeals to all Aurovilians to monitor the fences around their settlements, forest and farms and contact the Green Group and then Land Board if there are encroachments and land grabs. If Stewards are unable to protect, Housing Service can be approached to allot places for Aurovilians and Newcomers seeking houses.
11. ₹ 4, 81,399 was received from timber/firewood sales in December.
12. For all units and activities interested to buy fire wood or timber please contact 0413 262 2657 to fix an appointment.
13. A gentle reminder to all Aurovilians who would like to contribute to consolidating Auroville lands, they

can send in their contributions to the Financial Service account no 0100.

Land Board (Divya, Gerard, Kannyappan, Sandeep, Suhasini, Sukrit)

## TDC/Avenir Financial Report 1st April-31st December 2015

The total expenses incurred by L'avenir/TDC for the April 2015-December 2015 corresponds to 52, 66,380/- (52.66 lakhs). The income received in this period is the following: 35 lakhs from GOI grant 5.29 lakhs from City Service, 0.39 lakhs project contribution, 0.18 lakhs other donations & 39.69 lakhs is the reserve from the previous years.

The break-up of overall costs is given in Table 1.

Table 1: L'avenir Office Overall Expenses 2015-16, 31st December (amount in Lakhs rounded up figures)

Human resources	37.44
Topographical surveys	-
Capital expenses	2.91
ACUR expenses	3.30
Running costs	7.90
Travel & visits	1.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52.66</b>

Human Resources represent the major share of expenses for an amount of 37.44 lakhs. This category includes Aurovillians on maintenance as per existing guidelines, external staff, consultants and volunteers. There are also Aurovillians who work part-time or full-time in L'avenir without receiving any maintenance and they are not accounted.

Table 2 gives a break-up of cost (total does not tally exactly due to round up of decimals) for the department of Human Resources. Annex 1 gives further details of the scope of work that were carried out under Human Resources and other annual or monthly costs.

Table 2: L'avenir Human Resources 2015-16 31st December (cost in Lakhs)

Categories under Human Resources	Cost
Maintenance of Aurovillians (16 full time and 3 part-time)	16.36
External staff	7.47
Consultants	13.14
Volunteers	0.47
<b>Total Human Resources</b>	<b>37.44</b>

Consultants represent one of the major components of the costs incurred under Human Resources. Some of them are working on a retainer basis for infrastructure (roads and electricity) or for providing engineering services on a regular basis. Others are engaged for specific projects. Major project expenses for consultants in this period are related to preparation of the Detailed Implementation Development Program, Waste Water Treatment for Residential Zone, Surface Water Management, Electricity Master Plan, Land use. Costs under "Consultants" include external professionals (10.74 lakh) as well as Auroville registered units (2.40 lakh). A project on land use and mapping is undertaken by an Auroville unit without professional charges but on honorary/cost basis. A large part of the Aurovillian staff is engaged in technical services and land use (GIS and mapping). The details of the staff are given in the annexure below.

### ANNEXURE: HUMAN RESOURCE L'AVENIR/TDC

#### Maintenance of Aurovillians

a. Committee Members: The TDC is a committee constituted of 10 people but three Members have resigned and not yet replaced through community process. One member Cristo M, Regional Planning has received maintenance for the full period.

b. Auroville Technical Staff:

The following members has received a full-time maintenance (Rs 16,230/-) for the following functions:

- Ms. Deoyani, GIS and land use (April 15-Dec'15)
- Mr. Vinayagamurthy, GIS (April'15-Dec'15)
- Mr. Anbu, Survey and Mapping (April'15-Dec'15)
- Mr. Ramesh, Water monitoring project (April15-Dec'15)
- Mr. Boobalan, Site supervision, land protection, asset survey (April'15-Dec'15)
- Mr. Anand, Physical Asset survey (April'15)
- Mr. Manu G, Special Housing Project Sacred Grove (April'15-Dec'15)
- Mr. Paul Vincent, Land protection (April'15-Dec'15)
- Mr. Dheena, Accounting and reporting (April'15-Dec'15)
- Ms. Lata, Coordination of Technical Planning Office (April'15-Aug'15)
- Ms. Anita, Technical Planning Office (April'15-Aug'15)
- Mr. Tom, Planning & implementation of water related projects (April'15-Dec'15)
- Mr. Subramaniam, Asset survey and village development (April'15-Oct'15)
- Mr. Jacques, Attached to LCC - Land matter (April15)
- Mrs. Jana, Regional Planning (April'15-May-July-Sept'15)

The following staff has received a part-time maintenance:

- Mr. Rik, GIS and mapping (6000/- April'15-Dec'15)
- Ms. Divya, Part time Secretary (10155/- April'15-Dec'15)
- Mrs. Uma, Part time Secretary (5825/- Sept'15-Dec'15)

All maintenances are running according to the guidelines and policies of the BCC and the HRT. It has to be noted that on request of the FAMC and Working Committee the TDC has absorbed in 2012 all GIS and mapping experts in the other service units of Auroville in order to provide a unified city service.

#### External Staff

The following are the external staff employed during from April 2015 to March 2016 with related assignments:

- o Mrs. Vijayavalli, part-time secretary and building application, 8,628/- per month including school allowance + social security's and social benefits (April'15-Dec'15).
- o Mr. Karthikeyan, attached to the Auroville Foundation Office 20,000/- per month from April 2015 to December 2015 + social security's and social benefits.
- o Mr. Manikandan, amount paid 32,940/- per month as electrical engineer working on infrastructure (April'15-Dec'15) + social security's and social benefits.
- o Mrs. Priya, Secretary: amount paid 4,320/- per month from April '15 to June'15 part time and Rs.8,640/- paid per month full time from July'15 -Dec'15 + social security's and social benefits.
- o Mrs. Uma, Secretary part time: amount paid 3,920 per month from April'15-Aug'15

#### Consultants

The following units/consultants have been employed during 2015-16:

##### External Consultants:

- o Mr. Balamurugan consulting fees amount paid 2.84 for Bommayarpalayam panchayat village development work.
- o Mr. Govind amount paid 1.35 lakh retainer fees as a quantity engineer for Work Allocation Team and other projects evaluation.

- Mrs. Reha (technical planning office) amount paid 0.12 lakhs for updating Auroville Master Plan model work between 8<sup>th</sup> June'15 to 9<sup>th</sup> July'15.
- Mrs. Deepika (technical planning office) amount paid 0.70 lakhs for updating Auroville Master Plan from April'15 to July'15
- Mr. Faraaz (technical planning office) amount paid 0.48 lakhs for making working models for communication and presentation from April'15-July'15.
- Mr. Luis Feduchi amount paid 5.25 lakh for Urban Design in the sector 1 and 2 of the Residential Zone and land development unit annex.

#### Auroville Units:

- Auroville Wind System: amount paid 1.59 lakhs for road design.
- Auroville Road Service amount paid 0.09 for Solar Kitchen parking maintenance work.
- Aqua Engineers amount paid 0.72 for Residential Zone Waste Water Treatment Plan for draftsman work.

#### ACUR costs:

The TDC occupies 202 square meters in the Town Hall, one full wing on the second floor and shares part of the other wing and the library. The cost for the maintenance of this space is 35,000/- per month covers the following:

- Security 24 hrs
- Maintenance, repair and cleaning of the office
- Maintenance of office furniture and equipment, hardware and software
- Electricity & generator (diesel and maintenance) & UPS maintenance.

- Water
  - Internet access and hardware/software assistance
  - Waste disposal
  - Maintenance of Town Hall Garden
- In addition TDC has contributed to ACUR a one-time amount of 15,000/- for the annual tour of Town Hall staffs & workers.

#### Miscellaneous costs:

- Travel and visits are mainly cost for :
  - travelling to Ahmadabad to meet the Chairman of TDC (various trips 1 member in September 2015 ; 4 persons in October 2015; (1,11,127rs); Local trips especially to Chennai, Vanur and Villupuram to meet government officers, Taxis for WAT meeting and other allowances etc amount to rs 1,16,416/-
  - Other major office expenses are
- Computer maintenance & stationeries (1,93,389/-)
- Telephone & internet (72,388/- x 4 lines).
- Capital expenses: are related to computer systems, scanner and software with high configuration and Internal HDD Backup Disk (79,015/-), GIS data collector equipment (54,945/-), water monitoring related equipment, rain gauge etc. (29,900/-) , construction equipment (1,27,252/-).

For further information concerning this report, please contact [avenir@auroville.org.in](mailto:avenir@auroville.org.in)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Call for Housing Board members representing community at large

Dear community members,

The term of the present representatives of the community at large in the Housing board has come to an end for a while; the Auroville Council invites you to volunteer yourself for the new community representative positions in the Housing board.

If you feel the call to volunteer in this community service, please contact: [avcoffice@auroville.org.in](mailto:avcoffice@auroville.org.in) before the 27th of January 2016.

To view the present housing policy and mandate, please visit the Auronet at these links:

[https://www.auroville.org.in/sites/www.auroville.org.in/files/article\\_attachments/Housing-Policy-7oct2011.pdf](https://www.auroville.org.in/sites/www.auroville.org.in/files/article_attachments/Housing-Policy-7oct2011.pdf)

[https://www.auroville.org.in/sites/www.auroville.org.in/files/article\\_attachments/Housing-Organization-Mandate-300911.pdf](https://www.auroville.org.in/sites/www.auroville.org.in/files/article_attachments/Housing-Organization-Mandate-300911.pdf)

Sincerely, Auroville Council

### L'avenir d'Auroville: 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2016

The following Site and Building Applications (SA and BA) are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks. The announcement is made for feedback only and does not mean that the project has final approval.

The final approval is given when L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC issues an NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens only once the feedback period is over, the feedback has been evaluated, a final decision by TDC has been reached and the necessary financial formalities have been completed. It is only after issuing a final building permission that fencing, building or any other activity on the site can start. It has to be noted that site permission is given to reserve the site for a maximum period of two years in order to prepare a project proposal. It does not give any right to fence and clear the site unless, for practical reasons, there is a special permission of the TDC.

#### Individual Project:

##### Building Application Feedback:

Deepanam School-Mahavir Bos, Svetlana, Deepanam School Extension - ATB Hall for an area of 175 Sq.m.  
AV Bakery, Douceur, Bathroom & Washroom for area of 26 sq.m. on plot no BO 134/4.

#### Collective Project:

##### Site Application Feedback:

1. Site application feedback for Sustainable Resource Center in Service Area for an area of approximately 2800 sq.m. on plot no IR 216/a (west End) - Southern Service Node

##### Project write-up given by the project holder:

**Project Title:** Sustainable Resource Centre

**Proposed Site Location:** Southern Service Node

**Project Holders:** Ribhu Vohra, Auralice Graft, Gillian Chvat and Marc Barandard.

**Architect:** Dorle Heller

**Contact Persons:** Ribhu Vohra +91 9488483871 and Marc Barandard +91 9442006807

**Description:** The Sustainable Resource Centre will be a centre of excellence, innovation, education and art, tackling one of humanities most dirty problems - our garbage! It will house the Eco Service (Auroville's waste collection service), WasteLess (an organisation dedicated to education for sustainable waste management) and the Upcycling Studio (an organisation which transforms waste into items of higher value such as art, furniture, etc.). The centre will house an integrated service adopting a holistic approach combining unending education, technology, art and an efficient and effective collection service striving for continuous progress. In the future this centre shall create, educate and train members of our bioregion for an integrated waste management service for the entire area. It is a space to conduct material research, experiment, test, explore and develop innovative solutions to improve the management of waste.

We want to be proactive; we want to work on researching new solutions and as a community and start to show the world how we can infuse light and consciousness into everything we do, even our garbage!

Plot No: IR 216/ Oa (west end) - Southern Service Node

Total Area of the project: 1,480m<sup>2</sup> / Build up Area: 830m<sup>2</sup>

**Target Group:** Aurovilians, Auroville units, visitors, schools, artists and designers and in the future the residents of the bioregion.

**Background:** In 2014, India launched its Clean India campaign Swachh Bharat Abhiyan which aims to improve waste management in the country. Auroville has been working on sustainable methods to manage waste for many years. In 2014, our resource recovery from recycling of dry waste was 64%. However the Eco Service must increase its collection coverage to 100% of Auroville from the 60% it covered last year. This will help to avoid illegal dumping and burning of our own waste within the city. In order to increase our coverage and resource recovery, we desperately need an integrated approach. We need to expand the scope of the service to include educational and awareness programmes. This will help reduce the production of waste, improve the separation to achieve 100% resource recovery and achieve 100% community participation from the 60% where it currently stands. We must integrate Upcycling as a medium to make the community more conscious of our consumption and find innovative solutions for non-recyclable waste.

**Triggers and Goals/Objectives:** Waste management is a burning issue the world over. In the west, waste is effectively transported away from our sight but in no way managed sustainably. Often dirty recycling is exported to developing countries and incineration is preferred over more expensive recovery and recycling options. In developing countries the collection service is often less efficient and municipal solid waste is often seen along roadsides and in toxic open dumps. The whole world needs to research and develop new approaches and solutions to this problem. In Auroville, we often smell burning waste from villages which have poor or no collection service. Waste litters our roads, canyons and forests. As the economy grows, consumption will grow. And as consumption increases, so will the quantity of waste. Currently our community service only collects from 60% of Auroville homes and units. We aspire to have an integrated service which collects and responsibly stores and recycles all of our communities waste. In the future this will extend to an integrated service for the entire bioregion. We want to engage all students from our schools and those in the entire country to learn about sustainable waste management and bring this knowledge and positive change to their homes.

2. Site application feedback for Youthlink hub for an area of approximately 2000 sq.m. on plot no. IR 298/1A, IR 301/2.

**Project write-up given by the Project Holder**

**Project Title:** YouthLink Hub - a campus for the youth and by the youth of Auroville

**Proposed Site Location:** International Zone, along the Crown Road, opposite Unity Pavilion/ new Language Lab

**Project Holder:** Kavitha, Vinay (Youth Link Co-ordinators)

**Architect:** Sindhuja (imago architecture and design)

**Contractor:** Anan, Peter, Kevin

**Contact Persons:** Kavitha/ Sindhuja

**Description:** The proposed YouthLink Hub aspires to be a multifunctional, sustainable, futuristic and integral space for the youth of Auroville and of the world. To address some of our key issues faced by youth in their 20s being primarily linked to Housing, Employment and Higher Education - this hub is envisioned to be a mélange of administration, offices, living spaces, as well as spaces for social interactions and creative stimuli. This hub's visioning process, building process and utility following its construction, hopes to engage youth in the actual implementation of a physical space; thus engaging youth in the building of Auroville itself, today, and in the years to come.

**Target Group:** Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers, student groups and others.

**Background:**

**Triggers:** YouthLink was born as an outcome of the Auroville Retreat. In the next 2 years, we envision setting up an infrastructure that would support Auroville's 50th Anniversary Youth Event, while simultaneously creating a space for

Auroville's growth and provide the facilities needed to dedicate ourselves fully to the development of Auroville. The aim of the project is also to bring life and energy into the International Zone.

**Goals/Objectives:**

- To be an active educational and research hub with spaces for the various activities of the Youth of Auroville.
- To be a window into Auroville for visiting students and groups, providing them space for accommodation and interaction.
- To accommodate Newcomer & Aurovillian youth in exchange for their work in managing the building and activities.
- To include spaces for Volunteers, Newcomers and Auroville International youth members to collaborate.

TDC asks for feedback from the residents of Auroville within two weeks from the date of publication. If anyone wishes to have detailed information, feel free to contact TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville office: 2622-170 or come personally to the Building Application section.

## Auroville Birthday Gifts

*Gifts from each of us to all of us*

The Residents Assembly Service (RAS) invites you to a series of Exploration Days in the Unity Pavilion:

1st day: Tuesday 26th January 2016 (Republic Day)

Share what you are doing as an individual

Explore other activities

Combine efforts

2nd day: Friday 6th February 2016

Share what you are doing as a team (Working or Action Group)

Explore the activities of different Auroville teams

Combine efforts

3rd day: Tuesday 16th February 2016

Share the Power of Collective Aspiration

Explore Abundance

Combine efforts

You can drop in at your convenience between 10 am - 5:30 pm (free flow of attendance) - These 3 days give us a collaborative space to know the Unknown and to see, feel & hear what has already manifested in us and through us on the Way Forward.

**Free yourself from your daily routine - just for 3 days - join the mapping experiment!**

*Love, Inge & Slava from Residents Assembly Service*

## New date: Sustainable Waste Water Management for the Residential Zone

During recent years considerable funds from GOI and other sources have been invested to develop the Sector 1 and 2 of the Residential Zone. As new residences have been built, roads and the technical infrastructure for drinking water supply and electricity network have been expanded.

Similarly we would like to build up a waste water management system which is able to deal with the increasing demand. The system should be ecologically sound and provide recycled waste water for irrigation in parks and gardens. A detailed study was carried out to compare different options and determine the best suitable technique.

The proposed design consists of a sewer system which connects to a single treatment plant. The treated water undergoes further purification and is then pumped back into the communities to be used for gardening. The sludge, separated during the treatment is post-processed at the

treatment plant and can be used as compost in parks and gardens.

In the first phase communities along the Vikas Radial are connected to a main sewer that runs along this Radial. A second sewer will be built along the Samasti-Solar Kitchen Radial and the remaining communities are connected in the following phases. The project is expandable to serve the entire planned population of these two sectors of the Residential Zone.

We would like to present this project to the community for discussion and feedback.

**When: January 27th 2016 at 16:30**

**Where: SAIER Conference Hall, 2nd floor, new SAIER building, beside Town Hall**

**How: 45 minutes presentation on the project, followed by a collaborative discussion**

*Town Development Council (TDC) and L'avenir*

## Auroville International Annual Meeting 2016

**Dates: 17 - 20 February in Unity Pavilion - 9am to 4.30 / 5pm**

Everyone is most welcomed to drop by.

If you want to present your project, share some creative proposals, please contact Vani: [vani@auroville.org.in](mailto:vani@auroville.org.in)

However be aware that time for each presentation will be limited to around 10/ 15 mn.

The programme will be published in February, when finalized.

## Security Advice

Dear friends,

This is to inform you that during the month of December, 2015, 3 thefts (Adventure, Silence, Mango garden), 1 road side bag snatch case (tar road near Edayanchavadi), 1 nuisance incident ( Sri Ma), 1 vandalism incident (NC sports ground) and 1 physical violence incident (Auroannam) occurred in different areas of Auroville.

We request all Aurovilians/Newcomers/Guests to be more conscious of their valuable belongings and use additional locks for their vehicles and houses to lower the risk of thefts. We recommend that women avoid travelling alone at night, and to store our security numbers in their phones to report any incidents as soon as possible.

Women of all ages and modest dress codes have reported harassment, so be on your guard at all times. Be wary of three boys on a bike and do not stop for local men asking for directions. For post-incident support and counseling you may call the Women's help line (open in the morning) at 262-2425 or email AV health services [avhs@auroville.org.in](mailto:avhs@auroville.org.in).

For escort (for people with bikes/cycles only), call Ramesh.V at 9443090107 / 9443362691. Please note that the guards cannot leave their posts without prior permission from Security management.

If you are leaving town, please inform your neighbours to keep watch over your houses/apartments. Kindly inform your watchman /gurkhas or house sitters to contact us immediately when there are any people / incidents to be reported.

- We recommend all residents and guests to travel in and around Auroville:

- With Xerox copies of your documents only. Leave the originals in your guest house safe.

- Not to carry large amounts of cash or valuables on your person unless absolutely necessary.

To secure/ tie up your bags properly or to keep bags on your person instead of in cycle baskets.

AV Security Service (Day & Night Security: 9443090107, 9443362691)

## Sub: Restructuring TDC/L'avenir

As you are aware, the Governing Board, in its meeting held at the beginning of October, 2015, decided to restructure the TDC and establish a Town Planning Department before March 2016. This Town Planning Department would be the nodal agency to execute the Master Plan and the detailed Development Plans. The TDC will continue with other activities as explained at the end of this document. The Board constituted a 'Selection Committee' to formulate the strategy, tasks, and programmes for this new Town Planning Department, comprising of the following members:

1. Dr. B. V. Doshi (Chairman)
2. Mr. Walter Helmut Schmid, Architect, Auroville
3. Mr. Durganand Balsavar, Architect, Chennai
4. Ms. Sonali Heramb Phadnis, Architect, Auroville
5. Mr. Ganesh Balasubramanian, Architect, Auroville

The Board mandated the Selection Committee to prepare a list of key personnel and their job descriptions required for the functioning of the office. The key personnel would be selected by merit and appointed with the approval of the Governing Board in their next meeting. However, this proposal was not taken further by the Selection Committee, a major issue being the difficulty of attracting highly-skilled planners to the relatively remote area where Auroville is located.

### A new proposal.

The Auroville Foundation Act stipulates that the Residents' Assembly "may formulate the master plan of Auroville" (section 19.2.c) and that the Governing Board has the power "to prepare the master plan of Auroville in consultation with the Residents' Assembly and to ensure the development of Auroville as so planned." (Section 17.c).

After discussion with Dr. Doshi and Dr. Karan Singh, and with their agreement, the Working Committee now submits the following proposal to the Residents' Assembly for its approval.

1. The Vastu Shilpa Foundation will be given the work of making the detailed development plans of the Galaxy. The Vastu Shilpa Foundation is a non-profit research organisation for sustainable habitat design, sustainable development, appropriate technology and heritage preservation. It is founded by Mr Doshi and now headed by Mr. Rajeev Kathpalia, Architect-Urban Designer.
2. The community will set-up a 12 or 15 person Client Body consisting of qualified Aurovilians working in various community areas such as planning, infrastructure, environment, economy, services, education and regional development to act as 'interface' between the community and the Vastu Shilpa Foundation.
3. The work to be done by the Vastu Shilpa Foundation and the period in which it is to be done will be specified and agreed upon by the Client Body and the Vastu Shilpa Foundation. Initial discussions can take place in a one or two-day workshop in Auroville.
4. The charges of the Vastu Shilpa Foundation will be borne from the GOI grant allocated to the Auroville Foundation.
5. A formal agreement will be entered into between Auroville, represented by the Governing Board and/or the Working Committee, and the Vastu Shilpa Foundation.
6. The Vastu Shilpa Foundation will do the work preferably with its own people and not subcontract the work to individuals, though it may seek the help of qualified Aurovilians.
7. The Client Body and the Vastu Shilpa Foundation will endeavour to start a capacity building program so that at the end of its assignment a proper Auroville Technical Planning Office can be set-up. This will be done by hiring Aurovilians interested to do the work, and by attracting young people interested in a)

Auroville and b) town planning to learn about town planning at the Vastu Shilpa Foundation and in Auroville.

8. The Client Body and the Vastu Shilpa Foundation will prepare a proposal on how the present TDC and the Auroville Technical Planning Office will function once the assignment of the Vastu Shilpa Foundation is completed.
9. Mr. Doshi has agreed to resign as Chairman of the TDC as well as member of the Governing Board.
10. The present TDC consisting of Sauro, Toby, Cristo and Jacqueline, will continue to function, but only for the implementation of annual development program, approval of development, building permissions, Master Plan Status and protection, regional and village development activities, development budgeting, administration, and interface of the existing technical services (survey, gis, engineering, etc.). The TDC should work in close coordination with the Client Body.

The Working Committee further proposes that:

- 1) The mandate and term of office of the Client Body will be formulated by a subgroup to be setup by the Auroville Council (whose task it is to formulate mandates). The mandate will be submitted to the Residents' Assembly for its approval.
- 2) The selection of the Client Body will be done on the basis of competence as mentioned above. The selection process will be similar to the selection of the members of the Working Committee and Auroville Council, e.g. in a 2 or 3 days selection process.

The Working Committee will invite the Auroville residents for a general meeting to discuss this proposal. Details about time and location will be published separate. The Working Committee would like to communicate the decision of the Residents' Assembly to the Governing Board for its meeting in March.

*Working Committee.*

## AVC on workshops

Dear Aurovilians,

The AVC is looking into the matter of further learning guidelines in relation to workshops being conducted in Auroville venues by Aurovilians and Non Aurovilians. In order to have all the activities under the Auroville Umbrella, we asked the N&N and other public forums not to publish workshops / other activities when it is not conducted or supervised by an Auroville registered unit.

Thank you for your cooperation,  
*Best, AVC*

## Call for Grant Proposals For Sdz Spring 2016

The Project Coordination Group (PCG) will review grant proposals submitted for possible funding by Stichting De

Zaaier in the spring of 2016. All documents related to this purpose are to be submitted as a Word document in the revised **Grant Application Format** via email to [pcg@auroville.org.in](mailto:pcg@auroville.org.in) latest by **Monday, 25 January, 2016**.

Stichting De Zaaier welcomes project proposals for:

- research studies in the fields of sociology, economy, psychology and inner development;
- exploratory (research) studies into the relations with the world outside Auroville, in particular with the villages (and villagers) surrounding Auroville, as well as proposals for initiatives that seek to contribute to strengthening these relations;
- initiatives that seek to enhance efficient co-operation of Aurovilians with the aim of making full use of the existing potential in Auroville;
- studies exploring a sustainable future for Auroville and initiatives contributing to such a future;
- initiatives requiring seed money for innovative and informal education and training, women's development, as well as proposals prepared by youth.

Please note that no funds are available for infrastructure, buildings or transport. Requests for equipment will only be considered if specifically required for the implementation of the project and are not already available in Auroville. Stichting De Zaaier has also indicated a preference for the funding of projects and activities for which the maintenance of Aurovilians is either covered by Auroville or from a source other than SDZ grants.

**A revised grant application form, budget request form and guide for filling these in are available on request from [pcg@auroville.org.in](mailto:pcg@auroville.org.in) or may be downloaded from Auronet.**

If you have received funding for a project through the Project Coordination Group in previous years, be certain that you have sent us the report for that project before making a new application for a different project.

For more information or assistance you may write to [pcg@auroville.org.in](mailto:pcg@auroville.org.in) or contact the Project Coordination Group at the ACUR (Town Hall) by phoning 2622250 or 2622795.

**Please note that if you are submitting a project that has anything to do with Auroville or Auroville Outreach schools, or, students of any individual classes, your project is to be reviewed by the Auroville and/or Outreach School Boards prior to the Project Coordination Group review. (Please be sure to contact all individual schools before submitting your proposal to the School Boards.) Therefore, it is important that all the relevant bodies (i.e. schools, teachers, school board, etc.) are aware of your project and support it. In this way, the Project Coordination Group can more easily recommend a project for funding knowing it will have the support of schools and thereby have a greater impact on the beneficiaries of the project.**

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Future School admissions for 2016-2017

We invite parents of all prospective students to a meeting on the 12th of February at 3 pm to inform and present the educational options and limitations of our school.

Those who wish to enter the 9th or 11th grade this upcoming school year are requested to apply through our website, <http://avfutureschool.weebly.com/>, where in the 'about' section you will find a brochure which includes nearly all admission related information and a [link](#) for the student application. **All applications have to be submitted before the 1st of March and all applicants have to take an evaluation**

test on the 11th of March at 1 pm on the Future School campus.

Faithfully,  
*Future School"*

### Latin Americans Meeting

Next Saturday, the 23rd. at 4 pm we meet at La Terrace, to organize the inauguration of our site at the International Zone on the 29th of February 2016.

Everybody from that part of the World - Haiti, Ecuador, Peru, Mexico, Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Martinique, Guyana, Cuba, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico ... are more than Welcome, Bienvenidos, Bienvenue...!

*Anandi (Realization)*



## LANDING AUROVILLE - coming together for Auroville's land!

*"A harmonious collective aspiration can change the course of circumstances" - The Mother*

Dear community and friends of the Auroville vision,

We invite everyone to join us on February 7<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 pm at the Unity Pavillion for a joyful event dedicated to Auroville's land. Together, let's celebrate all the collaboration that has gone into building Auroville's body - from the first landowning families that responded to the Mother's call for creating a space of human unity - to the pioneers who gave their all to heal and make barren soil green again - to all who have given heart and soul to create a township upon this land that we hold as sacred.

Together, let's honor the land and the achievements built upon it!

### On the program:

The first Auroville showing of the short film "Landing Auroville", other new films on Auroville's land, invocations to honor the land, Auroville music and snacks, connecting and idea-sharing with the Land teams ... plus a special auction of Auroville art donated by the artists to benefit the land. Children are welcome - there'll be paper and colours inviting their creativity.

Auroville is a sacred trust we hold for the generations to come! Ensuring the land for building the future is in OUR hands, and the time is NOW! Join us!!

The land fundraising teams of *Lands for Auroville Unified-LFAU, Acres for Auroville & GreenAcres*, in association with Auroville's Land Board

Contact: [lfau@auroville.org.in](mailto:lfau@auroville.org.in) - 0413 2622657 / [www.colaap.org](http://www.colaap.org)

Donations via Unity Fund 240001 or Financial Services 100 specifying either: "Land (General)", "Acres for Auroville" (City), or "GreenAcres" (Greenbelt)



**F R A N C E** — The Acres for Auroville campaign - raising awareness, creating a new dynamism and active solidarity for Auroville's lands - originally emerged from within the AVI France team and has been successful and inspiring. Thanks to combined efforts with the team based in Auroville, last year saw the campaign's expansion to include the whole City Area (A4A Phase 2) and the purchase of a key plot near the Matrimandir. The exercise goes on at full tilt. In the afternoon of Sunday 7 February, a special A4A land party is organised at Auroville's Unity Pavillion; all those present in the City of Dawn are warmly invited.

For the coming year, AVI France will continue with its popular Parisian 'Café Auroville' sessions. After the 19 January session on 'Auroville in the age of Aquarius', on 24 April an evening specially dedicated to the Mother will follow; in May, David Aimé's book on Satprem may be the focus and in June

the team hopes to invite Christian Holl, musician and researcher in sound.

**B U R K I N A F A S O** — Hassan Aslafy, International Coordinator of [l'Orange Bleue Afrique](#) and [AVI liaison person in this African country](#), informs us of his plans to organise a two-day 'Indian Days' event in Marrakesh, Morocco at the end of this year. The fair would include, apart from informative programmes about India, its agriculture, cooperation with Morocco, classic Indian and Sufi music concerts, hatha yoga demonstrations, markets etc etc, also a detailed programme on 'Auroville, an adventure for humanity', its history, achievements and future.

Besides that, Hassan hopes to establish a 'Café Auroville' in Casablanca as there appear to be quite a few Moroccans who have stayed in Auroville at one time or other and still carry it warmly in their hearts. *Needless to say that for all of the above Hassan wholeheartedly invites interested parties to come forward! He can be reached via [aslafy@gmail.com](mailto:aslafy@gmail.com)*

**N E T H E R L A N D S** — Once again AVI Netherlands' excellent monthly e-newsletter came out, highlighting recent events in Auroville through direct links and photos; giving details re the mid-April *Savitri* weekend in Amersfoort, guided by Aurovillian Rod Hemsell; and introducing Belgian [Maurice Baptist](#), who may become member of the new AVI Netherlands board. In the small write-up Maurice mentions that in Belgium a group of four members meets from time to time and is in regular contact with AVI Netherlands. Its participants raise funds for Auroville's land and a village education project, participate in discussions regarding a European House in the International Zone, and hope to use exhibition materials consisting of 16 panels to get Auroville better known in the Flemish region of the country.

The newsletter can be perused at [goo.gl/xfDVQx](http://goo.gl/xfDVQx)

**K O R E A** — In October 2015, seven Korean Aurovillians came together here with the idea to start working towards a Korean Pavilion in Auroville's International Zone. During a subsequent meeting in Seoul which some of them had with the AVI Korea liaison team, the idea was further elaborated on and took hold! The result is that this month a site application for an office-cum-administration building, reception, seminar hall, multipurpose hall exhibition space, library & archives, kitchen and indoor dining for 50 people has been submitted to the Auroville planners.

**C A N A D A** — Last but not least: the [Vision Future](#) team is happy to announce that in February it will have reached the full amount needed to cover Tahir's entire housing deposit.

**N O T E** — Besides their annual General Assembly & other meetings that members of the umbrella AVI Board will hold here in February, they will also undertake amongst themselves an in-depth, intensive Vision Quest, a 'retreat' like exercise regarding their work for Auroville. As Friederike, AVI's chairperson once put it: *"A process of looking back on our many years of working together, reflect on what has worked well, what should be changed and then carefully try to carve out an outlook on the future, on our aims, methods, structures. A process in which we consciously invite the Mother to inspire us, to make us receptive to her wishes and plans."*

For all AVI matters, contact [vani@auroville.org.in](mailto:vani@auroville.org.in); this column is maintained by [mauna@auroville.org.in](mailto:mauna@auroville.org.in)

## Auroville International Potter's Market 2016

Announcing the Opening of the Auroville International Potter's Market 2016 - Date Saturday, 23rd of January through Tuesday 24th of January, 11 am to 6 pm.

26 potters from across India, plus Auroville potters and potters from the bioregion will be showcasing their work. There will be ongoing demos in the Demo Tent, where visitors can see how pots are thrown on the wheel, or hand built. We also have a

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Children's Corner, where children of all ages can have a go at playing with clay under the loving guidance of Anna.

This is a unique opportunity to find just the thing you have been looking for just the other day!

Come and meet the potters, and give us some feedback on our work!

See you there!

Ange and Sabrina

## Documenting scientific research of Auroville

The Scientific Research Advisory Group of Auroville - Dr. Chamanlal Gupta (chairperson), John Harper, Tency Baetens, Michael Tait and Suhasini Ayer Guigan have been working on getting together the documentation on scientific and research of Auroville.

Scientific research in the Auroville context has been defined by Dr. Chamanlal Gupta as any activity that attempts to solve Auroville's problems (also useful to humanity at large) in a scientific manner.

We are happy to announce that the information regarding papers, articles and reports we have collected so far is now available at: <http://research.auroville.org/papers/scientific>

Even though there are over 550 papers, articles and reports available through this website, it is far from comprehensive. Please look through the papers available and suggest additions as well as corrections to [avscientificresearch@auroville.org.in](mailto:avscientificresearch@auroville.org.in).

We thank all the people who responded to give a starting point to understand each other's work. We also thank Arun Surya. Sanjeev Ranganathan for their support in getting this documentation together and the Auroville Web Services Team for making it available online.

Sincerely, Scientific Research Advisory Group [Email: [avscientificresearch@auroville.org.in](mailto:avscientificresearch@auroville.org.in)]

## From SAIER

In May 2015 SAIER invited Auroville architects to submit designs for the SAIER Staff Quarters Cluster to be built in the Cultural Zone. This call was intended to bring out suitable and inspiring design solutions from the fraternity of Auroville architects. Seven designs were submitted and evaluated by a selection committee; finalist designs were further refined and a final recommendation was made to the SAIER Board. We are happy to share documentation of this process, available on the Auroville Wiki

([http://wiki.auroville.org.in/wiki/SAIER\\_Staff\\_Quarters\\_Design\\_Selection\\_Process](http://wiki.auroville.org.in/wiki/SAIER_Staff_Quarters_Design_Selection_Process)). The large submitted drawings are also available to view at the SAIER office; please contact Ramanarayana if you would like to come view them.

Chali, Kristen and RamaNarayana for SAIER

## Art for Land!

Artists can donate artwork for an Art Auction held Feb 7th afternoon at Unity Pavilion!

To help artists collaborate in the collective effort to secure Auroville Land, artists can donate art-work for an Art Auction held on Feb. 7th afternoon at Unity Pavilion. Although its short notice (Feb 7th) we look forward to your enthusiasm.

Kindly bring your artwork to the Unity Pavilion with: Title of the work, minimum bid price, name of the artist (?).

Artists requiring assistance may pls call Gaurav at: 9787897947 Art work can be dropped off prior to Feb 7th at Unity Pavilion - Pls see Jaya (all unsold items to be returned to the artist).

Jesse will be the auction announcer.

Thank you artists for your participation!

Yours, Auroville Art Service and LFAU, Acres for Auroville, & GreenAcres

## POSTINGS

### 4 wheeler traffic

This is to inform you that the stretch between Afsaneh's Guest House and Auromics/Bijou will be closed to 4 wheeler traffic from Wednesday, 27th Jan 2016 onwards - *Auroville road service*

### From Auroville Bakery

Auroville bakery and cafe will be closed on Tuesday (26.01.2016). Please pick your Tuesday order on Monday (25.01.2016). Happy Republic Day. *From av bakery and cafe team.*

### YEP



We, the YEP Team, are happy to welcome your children in YEPWEEK, a program for guest kids age 7 to 12 which will be held weekly from Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. The kids will be taken from place to

place to discover and experience Auroville in an authentic way, through visits and activities set-up and facilitated by Aurovilians. The children will be involved in community life, play interactive games and have fun. To register your child please contact us via email: [yep@auroville.org.in](mailto:yep@auroville.org.in), or call us on: +91 763921750 (if we are not reachable on phone please send us an email) - *Mirrabelle & Aurore (fertile)*

### Korean Pavilion Tea-time

Sharing Auroville story in Korean with a cup of tea. Every Wednesday afternoon 4:00 - 5:30 pm at La terrace (Solar Kitchen upstairs).

*Korean Pavilion*

### New EV-future bikes "Humvees"

Dear all, you probably know that new EV-future bikes "Humvees" are no longer available. Luckily, there is still a possibility to build new ones, on one condition: there should be at least five orders/customers, we are in, and looking for four others. If you are interested and would like to buy one, please contact us at: [christian@auroville.org.in](mailto:christian@auroville.org.in) or 8940872019. *Christian & Eurydice*

### Marathon Market invites you!

Dear ones, this year on the 14th of Feb Marathon Run is happening, we are getting ready with the plan of the Marathon market on 13th of Feb, it is the best place to be visible and show your work. We are enlarging the Marathon market into an event which will have: Music, Food, Art, Education, Craft and Exhibition. We invite you to join us on the 13th and 14th (half day) of February 2016.

Please register your organization by sending an email to this address: [marathonmarket@auroville.org.in](mailto:marathonmarket@auroville.org.in) Registration closes on 20 Jan 2015.

*Marathon market Team.*

### Adventure Community book market

Adventure Community is closing its community library and hosting a book market on Sunday from 3 to 6 pm. The books will be in 2 categories, gift and donation - come and have a look. You might find a marvel :-). Lemongrass as refreshment for free. Happily welcoming you all! *Adventure Community*

### Guided Tour to Sri Ma Beach through the green belt short cut.

Going to Sri Ma beach by bike or bicycle passing through the Green Belt avoiding the road. Hans-Gerhard will guide you down to the splendid beach, the swimming-pool and restaurant. Meet at Surrender Gate 1 parking (opposite Arka) on Sunday (24<sup>th</sup>) morning at 10.

It is a nice and easy ride through nature, which is about 7 km. You can join him to go back after lunch around 1.30 pm, if you are not yet confident to find your way. Motor vehicles will adjust to the bicycle speed. *Birgitta*

### A request to the community

This is to request to the community members to inform their guests who wish to go for massages with Goupi in Arka, NOT to do so; the main reason being that with the money he receives from them he goes and buys alcohol and gets drunk, creating problems for all those around him. A point has been reached where we cannot but make this public request. Thank you for your understanding.

*Guy and Joy (for Goupi's support group)*

## AVAILABLE

### Macintosh professional specialist in Auroville (25 years of experience)

If you have any request for your Macintosh (I'm NOT an Ipad and iPhone specialist), you can contact me. I do full control/cleaning/updates/repair/installations/monitor color calibration, etc...Contribution is on a free donation basis to Baraka community for Aurovilians/Newcomers/long-term volunteers. For Guests, it is according to what has to be done. Please contact me by mail - *Eric Chacra*: [echacra@free.fr](mailto:echacra@free.fr) [*Eric Chacra Author of the book "Mon Mac parfait", <http://eric.chacra.free.fr/Site/index.html> / <http://eric.chacra.free.fr/Site/Berlin/index.html>*]

### Washing machine

Selling 8.5 years Samsung front loading, 6kg washing machine in good working condition. I will be replacing it with a larger capacity model. Contact: [shama@auroville.org.in](mailto:shama@auroville.org.in) - *Shama*

### A Swatch

Almost new Swatch. Ladies, x-large size, model: "Love Game, SUOW116." Scrabble tiles colour (brown-orange), with word "LOVE" across strap. Works perfectly, just too big for my wrist. Contact *L'aura*: 9442788016

### Used Hitachi 1.5 ton AC

Amtrex model), broken pipe that can be welded, no remote. Contact: [michaelk@auroville.org.in](mailto:michaelk@auroville.org.in) - *Michael K.*

### Bicycle for 5-7 year olds

Rarely used, in excellent condition. 1 year old. Please contact 04132622003/[abhaprakash@auroville.org.in](mailto:abhaprakash@auroville.org.in). *Abha*

### Teslor turns negative radiation into positive one.

Electromagnetic radiation from cellphones and computers can be harmful, especially if you are sensitive or use them often. The TESLOR transforms the negative, harmful radiation of your cellphone and computer into a positive form. Comparable products neutralize the radiation only. The TESLOR chip change the subtle energy field, which can be measured by Kinesiology and dowsing. Available as pendant or chip for computers and cellphones. *Hans*, Silence 9 5858 29329 - Innovation unlimited

### A maid

Dhanalakshmi, resident of Sanjeevinagar, is looking for a part time work as a house maid. She is available to work from 8.30 -

12.00 hrs. She is regular, reliable and trustworthy. She has experience in housekeeping, cooking, ironing, operating kitchen appliances and has basic English language skills. She is presently employed in the afternoons from 13.00 - 16.30 hrs, 6 days a week - and these timings are not negotiable. She may be contacted at this number: 91 89 40 61 98 72. *Submitted by Suhasini and Mattia / Sarah from Prarthna (They are ready to provide recommendations if required.*

### Tomato seedling

We have lots of tomato seedling looking for a new home. If you have a Vegetable garden and wish to plant some tomato, pass by Joy GH and collect them. *Joy Team*

### Audio and projection equipment for rental

This is to inform the community that I have Audio and Projection equipment for rental. The equipment can be used for the following events, Office Presentations, Public Presentations, Parties and Programs. You can contact me on my mobile or the landline. Landline: 2622932 / Mobile: 7598378514 - Thank you, *Suresh*

### Silk cotton wool from AV trees

For cushions or so. Contact 9489325088, *Ambre*

### New Mac Mini

Brand New, never used, full warranty Mac Mini 2.6GHz dual-core Intel Core i5, 8GB memory, 1TB hard drive at a discount of the cost price. Please write to: [shahnandi@gmail.com](mailto:shahnandi@gmail.com)

### Many items

On Sunday I will also sell and give away many items including a laptop and a cool pix Nikon camera. Please call *Laura* on 9486366413 and come on Sunday the 23rd after 2.00 pm. please park at the main gate at Quiet. Thanks to all, *Laura*

### Original Mooncup

I am offering for sale an original moon cup from England. The best reusable menstrual cup - From medical grade silicone. You buy it once and save a lot because it lasts for years. The carton was damaged in the monsoon so I am sailing at cost price. Price: Rs 1,900 (much less than Europe price) - Available only till the 29/1. *Yasmin*: [Yasminelad@gmail.com](mailto:Yasminelad@gmail.com) / 9943792127

## LOOKING FOR ...

### A dining table + a 2 burners gas stove

In Botanical, we would need a dining table + a 2 burners gas stove for our latest resident...If anyone would like to give this away, please contact *Nasim*: 78 68 00 12 98. Thank You!

### Someone who can reproduce bulk bins

Dear all! PTDC is trying to reduce the waste created by packaging. One way would be bulk gravity bins, of which you can see two samples "in action" in PTDC now. Since they are expensively imported from the US, we are looking for a way to maybe build something like that in India. Does anyone know

somebody who, or even a company which, is skilled to produce more of them? Please call 7639318742 or 7639318843 if you have any idea or need more information. Thank you so much!  
*Laura & Jelly*

### Various Items

A second-hand gas oven, mattress, bicycle, fridge. Please contact *Elise*: 9159352906 / [elisemalafosse@live.fr](mailto:elisemalafosse@live.fr)

### Babies

Hello young families. We are teaching Watsu for Babies (Aquatic body work in warm water adapted for babies) on the

coming Monday 25, January, at Quiet. We are looking for little people from birth to 2 years, to practice what we before explore on dolls. If you have a little one that loves water or if you are curious to find out if they like it, pls contact me on 9786658967 or [dariya@auroville.org.in](mailto:dariya@auroville.org.in). We would enjoy your presence on Monday afternoon for couple of hours. *Dariya*

### Anyone going to Maastricht or Holland?

Willing to carry a small gift box that can fit in the palm of your hand - for my son Kaymon. It can also be posted once in Holland - please call /or message me, *Grace* 9841412550

## LOST & FOUND

Computer (found): Please contact the Guest Service up from the Solar Kitchen

USB stick (found): A HP 32 Gb USB stick found on a cycle path in front of Sante, if it is yours please pick it up at the Sante reception desk.

## THANK YOU

### "Sadhana Forest"

To Yorit and Aviram rosin, Osher, Shalev and "Sadhana Forest".

Thank you for a happy and meaningful year. Our one year as long terms volunteers is about to come to its end. And we are full with appreciation and gratitude for your generosity. We thank you for opening your home and your heart to us. We thank you for your love and acceptance. We learned a lot this year, met beautiful people and had the privilege to live wrapped in nature. Sadhana forest is a beautiful project that indeed grows people and not only trees.

Thanks to all the long-term team in Sadhana for being like family to us.

And special Thanks and warm hugs to all the people in Auroville that we met and got to know along the way.

We will be back. So take care and keep living the dream.

With lots of love, from us,

*Demayo family, Elad, Yasmin, Noam, Amitai and Yishai* [[Yasminelad@gmail.com](mailto:Yasminelad@gmail.com)]

## A P P E A L

### Call for Hibiscus Art Festival

Saturday 13 February 2016

*"Any happening can happen in a creative way"*

If you are a painter, sculptor, dancer, musician, poet, juggler, performer, artisans...

Artists, volunteers, helpers - please come to help us to organize this festival,

Meeting on Saturday 23 January at 5 pm to build together the program of this event!!

*Louis and Veronique*. Tel: 8098565426 / 04132622154

### African Pavilion needs your help to make the facilities usable

We would like very much to start with activities in the African Pavilion.

For this we need to finish the toilets and make a proper floor in the community hall to work and dance on. We also would

like to make a rough concrete floor for the kitchen area so that we can use it for food preparations during the summer although the roof is not yet done.

Our needs:

- To finish the toilets (cement, mason, plumbing) - Rs 6,000
- Community hall floor (cement, mason, some decorative tiles) - Rs 8,000
- Kitchen concrete floor - Rs 5,000

*In total we need Rs 19,000. Please contribute through FS account 251476, Africa House, or via AV Unity fund, specified for Africa House*

We thank you very much for your generous support and hope to invite you all soon to share and enjoy African culture with you.

For more information write to: [unitypavilion@auroville.org.in](mailto:unitypavilion@auroville.org.in) or come and see us on Africa site or at Unity Pavilion

*Eric, Iraguha and Taher*

## ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House sitting: I am a Savi volunteer in Verite and Quiet healing center looking for house-sitting for 3-4 months from February. Also possible, a room with attached bathroom and kitchen (private or shared). *Yaor*, phone: 8525959872, email: [yaor30@gmail.com](mailto:yaor30@gmail.com)

### House Clearing and Open house for house-sitters:

My house in the Quiet healing centre will be available for house-sitting from the 20th of April to the 20th of September 2016. The code for the conduct of the Quiet Healing Centre is

very strict - no parties, no alcohol etc...obviously! The House is fully equipped and has space for up to 3 people. No single man, please Aurovilians and Newcomers, welcome! Contribution for expenses and deposit required. There are 2 dogs to be taken care of. An amma and gardener have been working for many years in the house and need to be paid monthly.

Please call *Laura* on: 9486366413.

## TAXI SHARING

**January 20th:** To Tiruvannamalai, leaving Sve Dam at 12 noon. *Marian:* [katafei@hotmail.com](mailto:katafei@hotmail.com)

**January 23rd:** From Tiruvannamalai to Auroville, leaving Tiru at 11 am. *Marian:* [katafei@hotmail.com](mailto:katafei@hotmail.com)

**January 24th:** An empty taxi will be going to Chennai Airport to pick up people there at 14:30. So it will leave AV approx. 10 am. Time is flexible. Anyone who wants to go to Chennai that time? Please call 7639318742 - Best wishes, *Jelly*

**January 24th:** Sunday evening, the 24th, leaving 9:30 PM for Chennai airport, leaving from Sve Dam  
Warm wishes. *Marian Smit.* [katafei@hotmail.com](mailto:katafei@hotmail.com)

**January 26th:** I am leaving to Chennai airport at 7.30 am on the morning of 26th Jan. If you are heading there the same morning or want to get back 26th afternoon and would like to share, contact me. *Nandita:* email - [shahnandi@gmail.com](mailto:shahnandi@gmail.com) / SMS 9488483286

**January 27th:** Looking for taxi share to Tiruvannamalai on 27 January any time. Please contact *Ruth* on 9821448808.

**January 30th:** A Taxi will be leaving Auroville the 30th of January at around 5 am to go to Chennai Airport, and leaving the airport around 9 am. There will be space available both ways. Let me know if you wish to share. *Sara:* 944 36 17 308

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

### Join the Entry Service!

The Entry Service has long been understaffed and overworked. Now with the work on a new approach to Entry with the deepening of the role of mentors, the Auroville Council, together with the help of the Study Group and Entry Service, are in the process of putting together the next phase of experimenting, visioning and implementing. A more detailed note regarding this will be published soon.

In the meantime, the Entry Service is looking for Aurovilians that can commit to the team during this exciting period of transition and change.

Presently, the work at the Entry Service is multi-faceted. There are members that conduct the interviews, members that sit at the front desk relaying important information to applicants, members that communicate via email, and members that take meeting notes and file records for the hundreds of applicants meticulously. There is normally one member dedicated to working with the Auroville Foundation when dealing with visas.

The core values of working in the Entry Service include Equality, Receptivity, Perseverance, Courage, and Sincerity. We are looking for Aurovilians with specific skills and a serious commitment. If the job and skills description below sparks your interest, please email the Auroville Council for consideration of your interest in joining the current Entry team.

#### What is needed:

- Interest in welcoming the Newcomer, while following the policies at hand.
- Ability to use a computer with good typing skills.
- Willingness to read many emails on a daily basis, and later discuss each one of those emails in internal meetings.
- Ability to read and write in English fluently; taking meeting minutes, and writing clearly formulated emails are a huge aspect of the work.
- Ability to clearly and calmly express a message and clarify doubts. Patience and good human interaction skills.
- Ability to work in a team, as decisions are never made alone, and support one another when the office gets busy.
- Openness to working with many aspects of Auroville organization such as WC, AVC, HS, FS, HRT, HF, Aspiration Program, Savi, AV Foundation, Mentors etc.
- Interest in reflecting on current inadequacies to be able to make informed policy change suggestions and work on creating leaflets/booklets to help facilitate Entry-related information.
- Experience in areas such as conflict resolution and psychology.
- Commitment to the three-month trial-learning period, after which, if approved, a commitment to three years in the service as a Core Team member.
- Willingness to commit full-time.
- For those who are interested in the visa related work, responsibility and perseverance.

The Entry Service needs your help, we hope that with your involvement we may better facilitate this essential service for the Auroville community.

Thank you,

Entry Service & Auroville Council  
[\[entryservice@auroville.org.in\]](mailto:entryservice@auroville.org.in) / [\[avcoffice@auroville.org.in\]](mailto:avcoffice@auroville.org.in)

### Secretarial Assistant

SHARAN, based in Aurelec is looking for a secretarial assistant. The position requires excellent English skills, communication skills, basic computer skills including word, excel. The applicant must be quick in typing and have the ability to plan and prioritize and be able to understand the program and respond to emails. Prior experience is a must. Please apply with all details to: [info@sharan-india.org](mailto:info@sharan-india.org)

### Web developer

Savi is looking for a Volunteer/Newcomer/Aurovillian to help further develop our web application.

Savi's web tool [auroville-learning.net](http://auroville-learning.net) is used for connecting volunteers and units. It assists volunteers on their way for and in Auroville and it assists our team with communication and recordkeeping.

Skills needed: English, programming in PHP, HTML, CSS and JavaScript.

Our team of about 7 people has one programmer who would be happy to learn from your skills and maybe teach you something too.

Call: Dominique at Savi, 2622121 or send a mail with references to our office.

Mail: [study@auroville.org.in](mailto:study@auroville.org.in) / More: <http://goo.gl/1IzrRW>

### Cacao Growing Project: Team Member Needed.

Mason & Co are starting a cacao growing and consulting project in India. We have 2 farmers who have agreed to work with us on this project and we have taken initial steps with a university in India to also work on the project. We are looking for somebody that may have agronomy skills to oversee the farming and agronomy side of the project, we are trained in and will directly be handling the plant selection and post harvesting, but have no agronomy skills. Our aim is to have fine flavour cacao grown in India which will then be made into chocolate by Mason & Co. Interested parties should be aware that this is a long term project of 5-7 years.

We are also looking into the feasibility of setting up our own fermentation stations, consulting with and buying cacao directly from small farmers, to be fermented and processed by us. The interested person may also play a role in dealing with farmers and overseeing this project.

Contact us on: [info@masonchocolate.com](mailto:info@masonchocolate.com) or call on 8489197701.

## Caretaker

Unity Pavilion is looking for a Caretaker from the end of March onwards.

**Work Opportunity + Living Space for a handy person**

Responsibilities: presence on the place, closing in the evening and opening in the morning, simple maintenance tasks, help with events in the evening, handling and looking after projector and sound equipment.

Skills/ attitude required: handy-person skills, openness, team worker, enjoying contact with many different people, commitment.

The Care Taker room is upstairs of the office and kitchen in the Unity Pavilion and offers room for one person (or a couple, though it is not very spacious).

Interested people are invited to write to: [unitypavilion@auroville.org.in](mailto:unitypavilion@auroville.org.in). Please describe your personal situation, your skills and what you can bring to the work at Unity Pavilion.

## Savi needs another team member for full time secretarial work

In our 8-person team, we do our best to improve our services in a friendly and dedicated atmosphere; our administration

workflow needs someone for office work. Her main tasks will be:

Correspondence by mail with Indian and foreign requests of volunteers and students

Preparation of visa documentation and application

Interaction with concerned working groups and Auroville Foundation for visa matters

Assistance to volunteers in their process of registration

Contacts with people at our reception desk

This work requires the following capacities:

Good communication skills (oral and written) and English language proficient

Comfortable with contacts and interactions with students and foreigners,

Open Office and computer literate

Self-organized, accurate and reliable

There is a full time maintenance available.

Contact Savi with your CV and a mail stating your interest ([study@auroville.org.in](mailto:study@auroville.org.in))

## HEALTH

### INTEGRAL HEALTH

*Classical homeopathy hypnotherapy midwifery child care coaching*

**Child health:** ADHS, Tics, Asthma, difficulties in behavior and learning can effectively be addressed by homeopathic treatment.

**Presentation Monday 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm** at Integral Health, Prayatna,

*PC remedies, information medicine* for Diabetes, High Blood pressure and Trauma have shown very effective. We provide 84 PC remedies for Trauma, infectious diseases and chronic diseases. The developer of PC remedies is Dr. Harry van der Zee, internationally renowned homeopath and friend of Auroville [www.arhf.nl]

*"Harmony and Samata"* are homeopathic remedies carrying the energies of Mother and Sri Aurobindo. The remedies and information can be obtained free of cost, just pick up in remedy box.

*Consultations are generally held in English, French and German, and Tamil*

*Malar* is certified in homeopathy and offers consultation for homeopathic First Aid and PC remedies. He is managing the office, mailing of remedies, the FirstAidKits and PC remedies on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 - 12 am.

You are welcome to contact us at: [integralhealth@auroville.org.in](mailto:integralhealth@auroville.org.in) to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue. Please make an appointment beforehand via Integral Health, Prayatna 2623669 Sigrid [sigrid@auroville.org.in](mailto:sigrid@auroville.org.in), [www.sigridlindemann.de](http://www.sigridlindemann.de), Peter [peterh@auroville.org.in](mailto:peterh@auroville.org.in) - mobile 9787698464, Ingo [ingo@auroville.org.in](mailto:ingo@auroville.org.in) 9489325085, Malar [malar@auroville.org.in](mailto:malar@auroville.org.in) 9585012007

More information is available on: [www.sigridlindemann.com](http://www.sigridlindemann.com)

### Home Care for seniors

Auroville Health Services organizes Home Care facilities for senior residents of Auroville. If anyone needs such care they may contact our home care coordinator Mechtild & Friederike at 9787626452 and AVHS office Manfred & Rebecca at 2622425 (Mornings).

*AVHS Team*

### Osteopathy treatment

The waiting list for new patients to receive osteopathy treatment has become very long and it is taking a long time to get a first appointment. First consultation is usually a two hour appointment. Priority to receive an appointment as a new patient is for babies, children, pregnant women, certain referrals from other therapists as well as therapist colleagues who need help themselves. Patients who have already had consultation can ask for a regular appointment without waiting list.

*Requests please only via sms* to 7639 7639 25, Monday to Saturday 9am-5pm.

**NEW:** To serve the need for immediate care *only after accidents, falls and surgery indication*, there will be a trial phase for short consultations of 20 minutes every Friday outside the waiting list situation. These cannot serve to give attention as in a regular appointment and cannot replace a full ongoing osteopathy treatment as there will be no time to take a full case history or give extensive advices.

To organize the waiting list situation, a volunteer will be helping out for a short while to call those who are on the waiting list to give an update.

I enjoy experiencing the treatments and with the help of the volunteer I hope to create more space for this experience! I am grateful to all who can be able to help me finally organize a place for living and working so I can stop moving around and have more time on my hands for the treatments. Thank you! *Stephanie*. [stephanie+osteopathy@auroville.org.in](mailto:stephanie+osteopathy@auroville.org.in) is for patients [stephanie@auroville.org.in](mailto:stephanie@auroville.org.in) is private

## TRAVEL

### Latest News from the Travel Shop - located at Inside India in Auroshilpam.

We are open from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 13:30 to 17:00

As the availability of News & Notes hard copy, is only over the weekend, we request all to regularly peruse through the Bazaar section on AuroNet - Travel and Taxi Sharing, in order to take advantage of the special and promotional offers from

some airlines, as some are only valid for purchase within a few days of the announcement and for a specific time period only.

Latest Offers from Airlines:

Emirates has extended their special offers to Europe for booking till 25 January

Jet airways has promotional fare to Europe

Oman Airways announced promotional offers to Europe

Etiihad Airways has special fares to Europe

Please let us know your travel plans and we will get back to you once a special offer for you destination is available.

Hotels: International and Domestic Hotel bookings can also be done at discounted rates through us.

International Flight Tickets / International Hotel booking - 04132622078, [travelshop@auroville.org.in](mailto:travelshop@auroville.org.in),

Domestic Flight Tickets / Trains / Bus / Travel Insurance - 04132622604 / 2623030, [domestic@inside-india.com](mailto:domestic@inside-india.com),

[doulat@inside-india.com](mailto:doulat@inside-india.com) / Tours and Domestic Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622047, [insideindia@auroville.org.in](mailto:insideindia@auroville.org.in)

## AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Listeners,

This week we point you to a series of interviews with key persons (Divya and Sandeep from AV land board, Rakhal's film "Landing Auroville" and Mandakini, Aryadeep with Acres 4AV), focusing on fund raising for Auroville's land which will lead to an event on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at Unity Pavilion. Listen to the Pongal ambiance and interviews by Frida, a new soundscape by Unstitute, remembering Georges (previous week) by Chloe and more. Thank you all for participating in the Auroville Radio survey, we look forward to sharing the results with you soon.

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.

**Thanks giving us Pongal** (Culture 19/01/2016)

For the first time, Auroville celebrated the Pongal festival traditionally. Soundcollage with music and interviews -[English, 7 Minutes]

**The Best of Blue Note no2** (Music 19/01/2016)

Featuring 2nd edition of The Best of Blue Note - jazz musicians. -[English, 54 Minutes]

**Unvironments 2: Windmill** (Music 19/01/2016)

The Unstitute returns with another weekly session of sonic meditation environments. -[Sound, 30 Minutes]

**Mother's Q & A - November 2, 1955** (The Mother 11/01/2016)

Mother speaks of the necessity of finding our soul for Sri Aurobindo's Yoga, the Vedas, and Involution and Evolution. - [English, 30 Minutes]

**Presentations, Music, Pongal** (News from Auroville 11/01/2016)

News from Auroville - Pongal celebrations, presentations, concerts, and more -[English, 8 Minutes]

**Subbody Butoh Performance** (Performing Arts 11/01/2016)

Subbody butoh resonating in Auroville! -[English, 45 Minutes]

**Off the Cuff-58** (Performing Arts 10/01/2016)

One year later, Freedom of expression, information, public private data, future diplomatic outlook for Auroville -[English, 15 Minutes]

**A4A - To Protect the Land** (Evolution 10/01/2016)

Energetic and dedicated Mandakini shares her story of the beginning of A4A -fundraising campaign Acres For Auroville. - [English, 49 Minutes]

**Savitri, B. 1, C. 4, Part 3** (Sri Aurobindo 09/01/2016)

The Master of Existence loses himself by taking birth in a body, and travels through time to realize Himself again. -[English, 25 Minutes]

**Light in Darkness** (Multimedia 09/01/2016)

Hamish shares his poetical performance LIGHT in DARKNESS at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture -[English, 39 Minutes]

**Piano recital by Noam and Maya** (Music 08/01/2016)

Noam Sivan and Maya Hartman play Beethoven Chopin Shubert -[English, 66 Minutes]

**Ayurvedic Health Education, part1** (Healing 08/01/2016)

You can listen to all of the programs and more on [www.aurovillerradio.org](http://www.aurovillerradio.org).

For more info call 0413-2623331 or email [radio@auroville.org.in](mailto:radio@auroville.org.in)

Dr. Geeta Auropremi has prepared talks on ayurvedic health education, this is a Part1 -[English, 43 Minutes]

**Yaroslava's Flowers** (Integral Education 08/01/2016)

Marlenka reads the story about a girl who can hear the language of the flowers, and about a very special journey. - [English, 25 Minutes]

**Merci Georges** (The Path 07/01/2016)

Le samedi 2 janvier 2016, midi, notre ami et frère Aurovillien Georges Blanchet a quitte son corps -[French, 10 Minutes]

**AUP Presentation, Film on AV** (News from Auroville 07/01/2016)

Featuring Lory talking Sustainable Development Practicum of the American University of Paris, and Serena oh her film. - [English, 16 Minutes]

**Detailed Plan of Residential Zone** (Architecture 07/01/2016)

Outside consultant architect Luis Feduchi presented his detailed development plan for Residential Zone 1&2 -[English, 115 Minutes]

**Miscellea-News- Miss Ennerved** (Culture 06/01/2016)

Introducing Miscellea-News in which " les Aurovillians parlent aux Aurovilliens". Ms Ennerved. -[English, 2 Minutes]

**Selections par Gangalakshmi-70** (The Path 06/01/2016)

Cette semaine; La Synthèse des Yoga de Sri Aurobindo; - [French, 12 Minutes]

**A Dream Down to Earth** (Guests 06/01/2016)

Serena Aurora visited in Auroville in her exploration of intentional communities - new film - A Dream Down to Earth - [English, 14 Minutes]

**Grumpy Old Man Visiting India 1** (Radio Drama 05/01/2016)

An elderly man from Great Britain travels to India ; in 1st episode we hear how he starts the trip, his first encounters - [English, 20 Minutes]

**The Yoga of Work** (Integral Yoga 05/01/2016)

The Unstitute's interview with Marc Tormo, the founder of Marc's Coffee, a local ethical company, about yoga of work - [English, 3 Minutes]

**Eco Femme Interview** (Ecology Awareness 05/01/2016)

The Unstitute interviewed Melanie, a volunteer at women's hygiene start-up Eco Femme, at Auroville Youth Centre - [English, 4 Minutes]



### Farming at the Crossroads

Pongal, joyful, exuberant festival of gratitude for having enough harvest to survive and thrive, celebrating abundance and the intimate link

between people and earth. No other festivity is more deeply anchored in the life of Tamil Nadu, concluding the sacred month of Margazhi with its chants and kolams, with colourful cattle, and sugarcane adorning every home - even though almost half the population of India's most industrialised state nowadays lives in urban environments.

And what about the other half? 'If you ate today, 'thank a farmer' reminds a signboard made popular on the internet. Pongal has been the occasion for a look at the situation our farmers are facing, and sharing some of the facts.

Almost unimaginably, this year Tamil Nadu did not have enough sugar cane for celebrating Pongal! (You may have noticed the higher prices of the sweet canes, which were also distributed by politicians in view of the upcoming elections.) The scarcity is attributed mainly to 'a serious decline in soil fertility, climate change and shortage of available labour'.

At the end of last year, the *Times of India's* review of Indian states' performance made Tamil Nadu's agriculture plummet from one of the highest ratings to the very bottom! The reasons are many. Farming today makes up only a fifth of Tamil Nadu's economy, while a network of over a hundred industrial parks and estates offers plots with ready infrastructure, in a bid to attract investors to a haven with greatest 'development freedom'...

Meanwhile the situation of farmers is getting more precarious across the state, as in many other parts of India. A government study shows that soil fertility in Tamil Nadu has reduced by half (!) in 30 years. In a vicious circle, the more chemicals are used, the poorer the soil becomes, and the poorer the soil, the more chemicals are used... Income from agriculture declines due to the ever-increasing input costs, the worst affected being the small and marginal farmers, who constitute about 85% of all farmers in India. According to a detailed survey by NSSO (National Sample Survey Organisation), today about half of India's farmers are in debt! Tragically, the suicide rate among farmers in India is the highest in the world, as is the degradation of soil. In Maharashtra alone eight farmers end their lives on average every day...

In Tamil Nadu too, suicides of debt-stricken farmers are on the increase, notably in the once-fertile and wealthy Kavery delta. The stories of cotton farmers in traditional cotton-growing areas such as Perambalur (an hour's drive south of Pondy) are stark, and echo those in other parts of the country. In spite of all education campaigns, child labour on Tamil Nadu's cotton farms is said to be on the increase...

When the soil degrades, so does human health. An extreme warning comes from Punjab, once the most prosperous Indian state thanks to the Green Revolution. According to a detailed report by *Down to Earth* last year, 'the current health status of people in the state is alarming', due to a new generation of widely prevalent crippling diseases. These include cancer, hepatitis C, cerebral palsy, learning disabilities and

reproductive disorders. Arthritis is reported by people as young as in their twenties. In some villages, every home has a cancer patient. Households spend on average one third of their income on medical expenses, with many people forced into a debt cycle. The average debt per household in Punjab was Rs. 65,000 two years ago! According to the state health department, a large proportion of elderly people suffer from depression, while 50-60 % of the young people between 16 and 35 years are addicted to drugs! Much of the growing disease burden is attributed to contamination of water, food and soil, apart from lifestyle changes.

Is there a way out? In the face of such wide-spread tragedy, it feels almost glib to talk of a silver line... What does come to mind are the words of the Mother: '*India has become the symbol representing all the difficulties of modern humanity. India will be the land of its resurrection...*' And if we care to look, the signs of healing and transformation are visible and growing. As the Gandhian Dharampal puts it, "*The greatness of this civilisation and people is that, the ordinary people saw the inter-connectedness of life forms and understood it, and they built their way of life around this understanding... this is the greatness of our people*". Whether supported by governments as in Sikkim and Kerala or not (yet), farmers are turning to sustainable, organic farming, recovering age-old knowledge where it is still remembered, and in the process, recovering hope and health. We intend to focus on this groundswell of healing, local and global, in coming Green Columns. In the meantime, there's every reason to **help the change as consumers**: Whether for the sake of the farmers, our environment, or as a cost-effective way of staying healthy, eating and buying organic is the way to go!

### Sunday walk Farms & Forests

The season of Sunday Walks to Farms & Forests starts with a visit to Annapurna Farm. Please note that this is on Tuesday 26th January (Republic Day and thus a holiday). The visit is co-

hosted by Auroville Campus Initiative (ACI), the Annapurna farm team and AV Green Center. For details, timing & transport see elsewhere in this N&N and on Auronet.

All other walks will be on Sundays, timings varying between early mornings and afternoons, including an occasional potluck lunch.

Most farms and forests can be easily reached by cycling (or otherwise), and for the few far-flung places transport will be organised. Details, timings, route description, contact names & numbers will be published weekly in N&N, and the green posters on community noticeboards give an overview of the walks of the month.

For February we have planned four walks: Discipline farm, Urban Garden Project, Revelation forest park & sanctuary, and AuroOrchard farm.

Hope to see you there!

For AV Green Center, *Jasmin, Lisbeth & Bridget* - [avgreencenter@auroville.org](mailto:avgreencenter@auroville.org)

### EATING OUT

#### Korean Sushi 'Kimbab' Home Delivery..

For your jolly lunch and dinner, gathering, celebration, event etc., we are serving fresh and healthy Korean dishes 'Kimbap' and 'Bibimbap'(vegetables mixed rice with sauce. Topping with meat and tofu are available).

Our new premium series: prawn avocado kimbap/ salad avocado kimbap/ mushroom broccoli kimbap

Running date: Monday- Sunday lunch/ ordering till 6,30 pm only

Korean Sushi 'Kimbap' Specialty restaurant 'Jolly Kimbab'(97517 83912)

#### Veg & Non-Veg Barbecue Evening

Venue: Joy Guesthouse garden

Date & Time: Friday 29th of January at 6.30 pm  
We are happy to announce a beautiful night in great accompany, reminding special family holiday. Chicken, kebab skewers, and lots of vegetables fresh from the grill, a great salad and even watermelon to refresh before enjoying a French cult comedy (Les Tontons Flinguers - Monsieur Gangster). A feast for those with a light heart. Advance reservation

required, please either call (04132622584 or 9442328120) or email ([joycommunity@auroville.org.in](mailto:joycommunity@auroville.org.in)) or pass by. Fixed contribution from guests; free donation from Aurovilians, Newcomers and SAVI registered volunteers (please bring your card). Joy Community Team :-)

## For your calendar



### AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music  
Every Thursday at sunset  
From 5.30 to 6.00 pm (weather permitting)

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

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: please do not to use cameras, i-pads, cell phones, etc.  
Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos there.  
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.15 to 6.00 pm.  
Please be seated by 5.25 pm

*Amphitheatre Team*

Sunday 24th of January from 6.30 to 7.15 pm  
Musical meditation for the full moonrise  
"Poem of the Atoms" by Rumi

*O' day arise!  
shine your light , the atoms are dancing  
Thanks to Him the universe is dancing,  
overcome with ecstasy , free from body and mind  
I'll whisper in your ear where their dance is leading them.  
We are all beings in the ray of LIGHT from The Beloved,  
nothing can be said.*

Recorded music by Armand Amar and Lisa Gerrard

Access only from office gate. Dear guests, please carry your guest card.  
To maintain the place quiet, please be seated before 6.30 pm, no late entry!  
Switch off your mobile phone, no photos!

## INVITATIONS

### Peace Work

Presents a video by Prem Rawat, an international speaker and Ambassador of Peace who shares his vision that PEACE is both an inner resource and innate human right.

At the Unity Pavilion  
Saturday January 30, 2016 at 7:30 pm  
Duration: 1h

### Reminder:Meals to Heal

Monday 25th January 2016 at Unity Pavillion  
Talk: Meals to Heal by Dr Nandita Shah

This will be about Dr Nandita Shah's work on disease reversal through food.  
5 pm - 6.30 pm + Q & A

This will be followed by a Delicious Healthy Buffet Dinner at 7 pm (The food will be mostly organic, whole and 100% vegan).

Please pay into our account 105339 with your name(s) or pay cash at SHARAN's Aurelec office between 9 am - 5 pm on working days

Queries - 0413 2622424, 7639174949 (9 am - 5 pm on working days)

Guests: Rs 450 per person / Aurovilians: Rs 350 per person / Early bird discount of Rs 50 for payments on or before Friday 22nd Jan when we order the organic vegetables

You are welcome to either events or any of your choice.

## Announcing the first Jazz Cafe of the Year!

In collaboration with the Potter's Market, there will be a Jazz Café music evening at the Visitor's Center. As usual, you will find tea and coffee and cakes served with a big smile. Dosai and Chutney, courtesy Johnny and Fertile Friends, will be made and served on the spot! So come with an empty stomach and an open heart!

You can pick one or more raffle tickets at the entrance and if you're lucky, you will go home with a lovely handmade pot. Pots are donated for fundraising by the participating potters from the ongoing Potter's Market. The money will go towards repaying the loan taken for the stands in the market.

Bring your instruments and friends, and share some of your music with us!

Date: 24th January - Time: 7.30 pm.

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## World Café

On Monday, 25th January at 7 pm in Le Zephyr

*"Restoring Connection" through Truth & Reconciliation*

What can we do as a community to openly share past pain and to restore connection and trust?

Come and join us in exploring different ways of healing relationships which have been developed in various parts of the world.

We will host a series of conversations in the co-creative World Café format throughout the year 2016.

This first evening is dedicated to the truth & reconciliation process using the example of South Africa.

It starts with a short documentary on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of 1996-1998, set up by Nelson Mandela and chaired by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who also appears in an interview.

After the film, we will share our thoughts and insights about this process of listening and forgiving. At our coffee tables, we will also develop ideas of how we might use this process to restore connection in Auroville.

A program of "Restorative Auroville" (*Janet, L'aura, Shanti, Hélène and Kati*), facilitated by David Nightingale

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## "The true Stories of Volunteers"

About social work in Auroville

Thursday January 28<sup>th</sup> - 5.00 pm to 7:00 pm in Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

Melanie Le Febvre will present her involvement in the Ecofemme Project. Laura Haslett and Tanvi Gupta are going to share their experience with Auroville Village Action Group and the work done with the Bioregion people.

*Often volunteers' input is not considered at its real value; yet, many of them are genuinely connected to Auroville, and their adventure brings progress and creative solutions in many areas. Once a month, Savi would like to share with the community the beauty of their involvement.*

Everyone is welcome: volunteers, newcomers, residents and guests - Juice and snacks will be served - No previous registration.

Contact Savi at: 94 88 08 49 61 for more info.

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## Kolam Dance and Drawing Experience for Adults

Every Tuesday and Thursday

Morning from 9:30 to 12:30

DD in D: Dance and Drawing in Douceur community

behind Auroville Bakery on the way to Auromodel

Call or message a day before hand with

Grace Gitadelila mobile: 9841412550



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## Permaculture celebration!

You are cordially invited to join a workshop by Auroville's aspiring group of circle gardeners, a community effort to celebrate the emergence of permaculture in Auroville

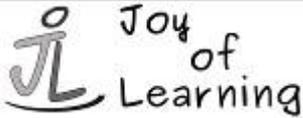
Come and learn and be part of the inaugural stage of a two-year project as we demonstrate how public spaces and our creative use of them can be enhanced by circle gardening

Town Hall, opposite the Graphics Center/Cinema Paradiso

3 pm on Saturday 23rd January 2016

See how permaculture can enrich our lives. Be part of the People, Food, Music movement and enjoy locally-grown and prepared refreshments. Come along and be inspired!

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## Joy of Learning series:

Mark your calendar and join us for the next installment of the *Joy of Learning* series:  
Food for Thought - Part 2: Farming in Auroville  
On Tuesday January 26th, 2.30 pm at Annapurna Farm

The next Joy of Learning session will be on food production in Auroville, with particular reference to Auroville's farms. Food is one of those things that many people take for granted. It arrives in the shops and on our plates, but do we care where it comes from? Mother emphasised that Auroville should grow its food organically and aim to be self-sufficient in its food production. Why?

Farming is very much a 'hands on' experience: to understand it better we need to touch the soil. This is why the second session in this series will be held at the Annapurna Farm.

*This event is co-hosted with 'Sunday Walks Farms and Forests' initiative of 'The Green Center Team'.*

Annapurna is Auroville largest farm with 135 acres of heavy black cotton soil. In addition to traditional varieties of rice, mostly on dry land, the crops are monsoon-fed, such as varagu, millets, oilseeds, rosella, as well as fodder and firewood. The stewards have created several water catchment ponds from which they can irrigate land largely without tapping into groundwater reserves. Besides growing food for Auroville, the farm is an active centre for sustainable organic farming and processes grains for organic farms in the wider bioregion; they maintain a non-hybridised local seed stock of cattle, and have a certified organic dairy (milk, curd, cheeses) as well as poultry.

**Directions:** This is one of the farthest flung communities of Auroville. Count on about 45 minutes to cover the 10 km to get there, longer by bicycle. Follow the road from Solar Kitchen to Certitude. At the Certitude corner turn right, and pass Reve, Udavi, Edayanchavadi village, Hope and AuroOrchard, till you reach National Highway 45. Cross the highway and take the smaller road to Kootroad//Trichtrambalam in direction Vanur. At the Y-crossing take the left towards Mailam; follow this road for about 2 km and you will get to Sedarapet, with its numerous liquor shops, and a big petrol bunk on the left. Continue straight through it all; after hundred meters or so you will pass another petrol bunk on your right (Indian Oil), continue for another 1 km and you will come to one more petrol bunk on your left (BP Petrol). Annapurna is opposite the BP petrol bunk, on the right side of the road, a green gate with the name on it; follow the path in for about 1 km until you see the farm buildings. The walk starts at 2:30 pm - In case you get lost, phone Tomas at 94896-93801.

**Bus pick-up from Solar Kitchen:** At 2 pm people could meet at the Solar Kitchen gate and travel together in a bus organised by us.

**Date:** Tuesday, January 26th

**Time:** 2:30 to 6.00 pm / **Venue:** Annapurna Farm

**Bus pick-up:** Solar Kitchen at 2 pm

Everybody is welcome! So join us for an afternoon of learning, discovery, and inspiration on and around a subject that we all enjoy:  
FOOD

Your Joy of Learning team (*Alan, Lalit, Mike and Min*)



## Play with Natural Colours from your garden !

**Saturday 30th of January - 3 pm - Auroville Botanical Gardens**

Kira, our German volunteer, will take us into the world of natural colours, we'll learn the process of extracting colours from different local plants and dyeing fabric and paper.

If you want to join us, please book in advance as we have limited places, by e-mail at: [botanical@auroville.org.in](mailto:botanical@auroville.org.in)



## Opening the gates to the village

You are cordially invited to join the Alankuppam Temple festival (Kumbabishekam)  
At Alankuppam Village

**Date:** 24.01.2016(Sunday) - **Time:** 7.30 am to 9 am -

Vinayakar temple, Sanjeevirayan temple (Anuman temple), Amman temple and 10 am to 11.30-Kali temple

**Ceremony Description:** Kumbabishekham is a continuous cycle which is done once every 12 to 20 years. It restores the power of the deity and brings huge and strong positive influence from the temple. It is the process of performing the pujas to the idol deity and transforming it into a powerful deity with all the positive vibrations surrounding it.

You are very welcome to participate in this Village temple festival and explore village spiritual experience

Phone: 0413 - 2623806 - 2623394 / E-mail: [mohanam@auroville.org.in](mailto:mohanam@auroville.org.in)

## The Teachers Center

Invites teachers and parents to the next  
Conversation on Integral Education

Together we will listen to the third CD in the series "Introduction to Integral Education - An Inspirational Guide"  
The topics for this week is "Know that by which all else is known + On teaching mathematics"

There will be time for sharing after the films.

**Venue:** Teachers Centre, SAIER  
**Tuesday 26th January at 4 - 5.30 pm**

Insight Seminars invites you to

## 'INTERACTIVE SESSIONS on AUROVILLE'.

Presentations made by Aurovilians on their areas of expertise and sharing of their experiences. These introductory sessions are for those who wish to explore various aspects of Auroville; whether they are Guests, Newcomers or Aurovilians.

Introduction to the Vision and Concept of Auroville      25th January 2016, Monday  
 presented by Shivaya  
 Auroville Outreach Work: 27th January 2016, Wednesday  
 presented by Kathy  
 Auroville Economy & Organisation: 29th January 2016, Friday  
 presented by Bunty

Time: 10:00 to 11:30 am including question and answer session.

Venue: Insight Seminar room, Ground Floor, in the Inside India building - Auroshilpam (opposite CSR; behind Auromode Guest-house).  
 \*The presentations are free of charge. Anyone may walk in.

Insights Seminars presents a one-day seminar on

## 'INTEGRAL YOGA and AUROVILLE'

The seminar presents insights into the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and its significance for Auroville. It is designed as a structured overview that can serve as a base for further studies and explorations. The highlights are:

- Vision and Aims of Auroville
- Evolution of Consciousness
  - Yoga of Matter
- Auroville's role in the world and in the evolutionary process
  - Aspects of individual and collective practice

On 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016, Thursday

Time: 08:45 to 12:00 hrs. - Lunch break - 14:00 to 17:00 hrs.

Presented by: Ela Thole

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

Register in advance with Elizabeth at 2622.047 between 09:30 & 12:30 hrs. or 14:00 & 17:00 hrs.

Contribution required for guests. Aurovilleans and Newcomers are welcome, no contribution required, but please book in advance

Insight Seminars invites you all for a presentation on

## 'Highlights of Tamil Nadu';

An introduction to the cultural and spiritual aspects of:

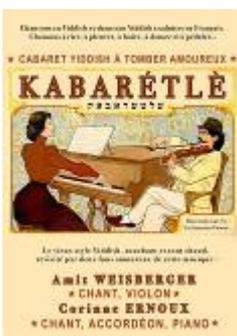
- Chidambaram
- Thanjavur
- Thiruvannamalai
- Mahabalipuram

On 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016, Friday at 3 pm.

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No registration required, free of charge.



## Duo Kabaretale

The Kabaretale duo (« the small cabaret » in Yiddish) is Corinne Ernoux (France) on the accordion, and Amit Weisberger (France/Israel) on the Violin. Both are professional musicians in Brittany, France.

They play dance melodies from East-Europe and the Balkan. They sing in Yiddish, Bosnian, Romanian, Hungarian and French.

The repertoire is colorful and goes through all emotions from very happy and delightful to the depths of melancholy...

Welcome to "the small cabaret" and Bon Voyage!

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 8:00 pm at CRIPA

## Performance hosted by Adishakti

Name of the Play: Bhima  
Date: 23rd January, Saturday  
Time: 7 pm (Duration: 60 mins)  
Venue: Sir Ratan Tata Koothu Kovil, Adishakti  
Entry Free!

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## Classical Hindustani Vocal Music

With Jayateerth Mevundi  
Sunday 31st Jan. at 8 pm  
Sri Aurobindo Auditorium - Bharat Nivas

*Sri Jayateerth Mevundi is considered to be the doyen of Kirana Gharana by connoisseurs of music. He is probably the only young vocalist who is blessed by 3 legendary musicians Bharath Ratna Pt. Ravishankar, Bharath Ratna Pt. Bhimsen Joshi and Bharath Ratna Lata Mangeshkar.*

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## Ashwini Bhide Deshpande

Singing Hindustani music on  
Thursday 4th Feb. at 8 pm  
Sri Aurobindo Auditorium - Bharat Nivas

Dr. Ashwini Bhide Deshpande, is an outstanding vocalist of the famed "Jaipur-Atrauli" Khayal Gayaki tradition. She completed "Sangeet Visharad" of the "Gandharva Mahavidyalaya" at the young age of 16 and won the President's Gold Medal at the All India Radio Music Competition in 1977. After grasping the rudiments of Hindustani Classical music under the late Pt. Narayanrao Datar, she began imbibing all the traditional aspects of stylized Jaipur Gayaki under the strict tutelage of her mother, mentor and Guru, Smt. Manik Bhide.

Both artists Shri. Jayateerth Mevundi and Smt. Ashwini Bhide Deshpande are accompanied by exponents, Shri Udayraj Karpur on tabla and Ravindra Katoti on Harmonium

We heartily welcome everyone to this melodious evening.  
Kind Regards, Riju

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## Singing & Dancing Celebration

Around the fire in Yatra

Joyful spiritual songs from all over the world  
- keyboard and drums -  
Osiva, Antje and friends  
Bring your instruments and join us!

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2016, 7.30 pm.

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2016, 7.30 pm.

Near New Creation Sportsground/La Piscine, Auroville, 605-101 Tamil Nadu. Osiva phone: 00919629832216

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## Rita Marcotulli

Brings to us a Jazz ensemble on  
Tue. 2nd Feb. 16 at 8 pm at Sri Aurobindo Auditorium

Rita Marcotulli - Pianoforte and keyboard : Andy Sheppard - Sax : Alessandro Paternesi -Drums: Ares Tavolazzi - Electric Bass Michele Rabbia - percussion and electronics : Fausto Mesolella - Guitar and effect: Raiz - Voice

Tickets for the show will be given at Solar kitchen on Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wed. 27th January from 12 noon to 1 pm

Online booking will open on 28th January  
on the link below: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-tribute-to-pink-floyd-tickets-20886581327>

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## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

### IMPROV THEATRE GAMES

Come and discover a new sense of freedom, meet other fun and interesting people for an afternoon filled with interesting improv theatre games. Registration not required. For more details call Ema (9943970834) or Veronique J. (9488512678)

Venue: SAWCHU

Date & Time: Saturday, January 30, 2016 from 3-6 pm

### HEALING BY BREATHING

Change your everyday way to breath - 3 days' workshop  
Jan. 27, 28, 29 & Feb. 3, 4, 5 - [9.00 am to 4.00 pm](#) (1 hour lunch break)

For many of us, breathing means air coming in and out the nostrils, inflating more or less the chest and the abdomen. We

never really learn the process of breathing and how to feel what is going on inside our body.

- Learn to stretch down the diaphragm and open the rib cage in a proper way; get rid of tensions sitting there.

- Learn to breathe slowly, deeply, regularly (Patanjali Yoga Sutras)

- Learn to reach deeper relaxation, to develop inner feeling, to get more centered.

The control of the breath is also the main tool to release and go above our limits, our blockages, at the physical, emotional and mental levels. Whatever are our issues, breathing blockages are always present. Learn to enlarge our comfort zone at those 3 levels. Stress is the main reason of diseases, by learning to develop and control our breath, you acquire a efficient skill to dissolve stress layer after layer, best way to recover or prolong health. As everyone has different issues, a large part of the workshop will deal separately with each participant.

Contact Marie Noelle (General medicine doctor certified from France, Yoga, Pranayama, Vipassana, Chi Kong approaches): [framatim@yahoo.fr](mailto:framatim@yahoo.fr), 2622 989 evening time, or 915 998 7194

### AIKIDO WORKSHOP

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The Auroville Aikido students are happy to already announce their annual **AIKIDO WORKSHOP** that will take place at the **AUROVILLE BUDOKAN/DOJO, DEHASHAKTI** from Feb. 10th to March 2nd

Beginners and others are welcome to join our regular classes now on in order to prepare for the Workshop with our 6<sup>th</sup> Dan Aikido master.

Beginners on Monday and Wednesday 6.00 to 7.00 pm

All levels on Saturday 6.00 to 7.30 am (yes!)

Please be at the Dojo at least 15 min. before the class starts; wear long loose pants & t-shirt with

sleeves (no tight fitting please).

Reasonable contribution required for the Dojo.

For more info, please contact: [budokan@auroville.org.in](mailto:budokan@auroville.org.in) - or Surya: 0413-262 3813 or 9655485487.

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### VEDIC HEALING WORKSHOP with Omkar

Saturday 30 - Sunday 31 January 2016 (2 days)

10.30 am -- 5.30 pm (12 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

This course teaches the ancient art of Vedic Healing through *Prana Vidya* or the *Knowledge of Prana*, the universal life force that permeates all creation. *Prana Vidya* offers the knowledge of gaining, restoring and uplifting *Prana* in our body. It also explains how to transfer this life force to other people, who are sick or in an imbalanced state.

*Prana Vidya* was already used in Vedic times; its concepts are described in the Vedas, and works with the *pranic* body. It is simple to learn, open to all types of lifestyle, does not have any negative side-effects, can cure a wide range of mental and physical issues, improves character, memory power, and thought processes, purifies our inner being and uplifts our spiritual life. While learning, its healing power can already be experienced.

*Omkar, founder of "Pranava Peetam Trust", has been teaching Prana Vidya in India and abroad to everyone, who is eager to learn this ancient Vedic healing method.*

### WATSU & OBA BASIC with Petra and Gianni

Monday 1 - Wednesday 3 February 2016 (3 days)

8.45 am - 6.30 pm (27 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

Watsu & Oceanic Bodywork Aqua (OBA) are aquatic bodywork modalities given in a warm water pool (ideally 35°C). While Watsu is the mother of all water therapies, created by Harold Dull in the 1980s, OBA (formerly called Aquawellness) was developed afterwards by Kaya Femerling and Nirvano Martina Schulz. It combines elements of light movements and stretching, massage and mobilization of the joints in connection with breathing and energetic work conducted both on the surface and under water.

In this course, you will practice basic techniques and qualities of being (grounding, presence, stillness, movement, attention) while moving another body in water. You will experience floating other people and being floated, on the surface and under water, thereby creating space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit.

Watsu & OBA offer an opportunity for profound relaxation and letting go, building trust, being nurtured and held, expanding inner and outer boundaries, releasing emotions and traumas - ultimately, for freeing body and mind in a flow unique to each client and each session.

No previous experience is required to attend this course!

### WATSU 1 & OBA 1: FLUID BODY with Gianni De Stefani

Thursday 4 -- Sunday 14 February 2016 (10 days with one day free on 10 Feb.)

8.45 am --6.30 pm (75 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

An intensive 10-day course on the surface as well as under water.

In the first stage of Watsu 1, you will learn Watsu's Tai Chi-like basic movements and positions while letting the water do the work. In its regular return to the Water Breath Dance position, you will find the stillness that is the basis of presence.

In the second stage, the Transition Flow, you will acquire the skills to connect these basic movements with long, gracefully flowing transitions. You will also learn about your own body mechanics and how to support and move each person as effortlessly as possible.

OBA combines soft stretching, massage, joint release as well as energy and breathing work in a unique way above and below water.

OBA 1 - Fluid Body focuses mainly on underwater movements, where the whole body can be moved in playful new ways.

Prerequisite: Watsu & OBA Basic or Watsu & Liquid Flow Basic.

## INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

### Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

26th January (Tuesday)

• 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: 'The Supermind'

These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, 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.org](http://www.integralyoga-auroville.org).

## AT UNITY PAVILION

A series of workshops between 5 January and 9 February, 2016

The Twelve Aspects of the Divine Mother

Introduced in Yoga Nidra - Led by Veronik Menanteau

6.30 pm - 8.30 pm on the following dates: Thursday 21 January, Tuesday 26 January, Thursday 28 January, Tuesday 2 February, Thursday 4 February, Friday 5 February and Monday 8 February

Please note change of dates and weekdays!

## EXPLORE YOUR MIND

Holistic - training in alternative therapy with international faculty presents

"Explore your mind" - 3-day workshop in hypnotherapy

What is hypnosis? How do right and left brain function practically? How do conscious and subconscious interact?

Explore the depths of your mind and relax! Meditate with ease! Expand your therapeutic toolbox!

Apply Self-hypnosis - "The answers you seek never come when the mind is busy, they only come when is still"

A 3 day Workshop combining experiential learning and "Theory of the Mind" [Certified course from EKAA [www.ekaa.co.in](http://www.ekaa.co.in)]

January 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> at Sharnga Guesthouse Yoga hall ([www.sharngaguesthouse.in](http://www.sharngaguesthouse.in))

Friday: 3.30 - 7 pm: Intro and Self-hypnosis

Saturday, Sunday 9 - 6 pm: Theory and Practice of Hypnotherapy techniques

Info meeting: January 26th 5- 5.30 pm.

Trainer Sigrid Lindemann [Certified Faculty in Hypnotherapy, TASSO Regressiontherapy and Classical homeopathy, Germany and Auroville - [www.sigridlindemann.com](http://www.sigridlindemann.com) [www.auroville-holistic.com](http://www.auroville-holistic.com) [www.tassointernational.com](http://www.tassointernational.com) [www.ekaa.co.in](http://www.ekaa.co.in)]

Register with Sigrid: [info@auroville-holistic.com](mailto:info@auroville-holistic.com) and 09626006961, 0413 2623888

## FROM GRUMPY TO GRATEFUL

A 5-Day Women's Retreat (non-residential)

February 13-17 (Saturday-Wednesday)

With Dariya and L'aura

Exploring connection and self-expression, within ourselves and among other women...

Rediscovering our innate wisdom and creativity...

Awakening a sense of celebration for being alive, in all its forms...

We will explore how we can cultivate a more sustainable and authentic sense of gratitude, one that allows us to truly

acknowledge the abundance in our lives, as well as sustain us in moments of disconnection and darkness.

Including:

- Skills and practices from Nonviolent Communication
- Dance, movement and partner-yoga
- Inner explorations from "Awakening Women"
- Creating a "Vision Board"
- Exploring water and the ocean
- Healing mud-pool ritual
- Bonfire ritual
- And much more...!

Join us for a renewed Attitude of Gratitude and a different kind of being together - filled with fun, learning, and discovering some of Auroville's hidden gems.

*Dariya and L'aura are passionate about depth and connection, and they love to create spaces to explore deeper aspects of our being and interconnectedness.*

For more information and to register, contact: [dariya@auroville.org](mailto:dariya@auroville.org)

## RESTORATIVE CIRCLES

*Restoring Trust, Connection and Communication*

With L'aura, supported by Janet & Shanti

Sat, Jan 30 - Sun, Jan 31: 9.30 am-5 pm, with lunch break

Day 1: An introduction to Restorative Justice & Restorative Circles

Learning how to listen for deeper meaning / Demo of the RC process, step by step

Day 2: Practicing the RC process

Discussion and next steps: Exploring justice & practical applications in Auroville

What would a living Restorative System look like?

Restorative Circles: Address conflict between people within the context of their community / -support dialogue amongst those directly or indirectly involved in a conflict / encourage reflective listening so that everyone has an opportunity to speak and be heard / -uncover the underlying unmet needs or concerns that trigger conflict / bring about holistic, transparent solutions that meet needs and restore community.

For more information or to register, contact L'aura: [joylivinglearning@gmail.com](mailto:joylivinglearning@gmail.com), 9442788016

## UPCYCLING STUDIO AUROVILLE STARTS SATURDAY

Workshop from 23 January 2016 as below

### Workshop For Crocheting

For beginners; make a stool cover, laptop bag from old Tee shirts.

Please bring old Tee shirts as much as you can. You need at least 5-7 T-shirts for your work. Need one or two Saturdays.

For crochet lovers (including beginners); make bags or hats from tapes. Need 4 Saturdays.

Or bring your precious memories which you want to use.

We can have about 6 people in one workshop, please register/ call Ok 9344002972

### Tetrapak Workshop

Half day introduction on how to do furniture with Tetrapak bricks, paper and glue.

You will practice step by step.

Please register/call Marc 9442006807

We will start from 9:30 am on every Saturday.

## IN SVE-DAME "BUTTERFLY BARN".

30 - 31 January, 9 am - 5 pm / A 2-day journey

Deepening Awareness Celebrating Life

Responding to an essential question: 'WHO AM I?'

Co-creating safe space where we deepen awareness, discover in an atmosphere of trust and allow our creativity to flow...allowing healing to emerge...We will explore through diverse modalities like free & guided dance improvisations, bodywork in small groups, guided meditations, creative collage, bringing awareness to our feelings & longings, co-listening and sharing....

*With Dariya living in Auroville for 25 years, who since years enjoys holding space for growth for individuals and groups on land and in warm water*

Please register on: 9786658967 or [dariya@auroville.org.in](mailto:dariya@auroville.org.in)

### SOUTH INDIAN CLASSICAL DANCE BHARATNATYAM CLASSES OFFERED FOR BEGINNERS.

Weekly twice.

Interested person can contact me by phone: Landline: 2622932 / Mobile:7598368514

Thank you, S.Caveri

### LEARNING SANSKRIT

Dear friends,

Arya Vishnu, senior Sanskrit teacher from Sri Aurobindo Ashram, has resumed his weekly visits, offering classes in spoken Sanskrit.

All interested - beginners and intermediate levels - are welcome to these lively sessions!

For details and timings (between 2 and 4.30, to be arranged with participants) contact 94873 29480 or [aravindjasmin@auroville.org.in](mailto:aravindjasmin@auroville.org.in).

### TREE CLIMBING with professional height safety equipment.

**RECREATIONAL:** You want the experience without learning all the knots? The ropes are already positioned in the trees. The knots are tied and tested before you hook on. After being fitted with your saddle and some short instructions on safety and climbing techniques, you are off and climbing! Kids of all ages welcome.

**ADVANCED:** You want to learn the ropes and get off the ground. During class we teach both the double and single ropes techniques plus demonstrate many of the new climbing devices available. You will learn to install the ropes in the trees, tie and use several climbing knots and ascend and descend both with the knots but also with ascenders and descenders.

For conditions and appointment call *Satyaji* 97 86 40 65 40

### LEC COOKING CLASS: Cook with Locally Grown Vegetables

The next session this season will be on Jan 23 (Saturday) in Life Education Centre (LEC) at 10:30 am.

The session will include demonstration of *kootanchoru* (*choru =rice; kootan = to add and bring together*). It is a one pot meal made with vegetables, rice, and lentils. Well-balanced, nutritious, and filling, the dish is popular in Tirunelveli, one of the southernmost districts of Tamil Nadu. The recipe uses abundant local vegetables available during this season and the unique preparation allows the dish to stay fresh for a couple of days without refrigeration (hence an ideal dish for travel since olden times).

Come watch the demonstration and be inspired to cook with local vegetables, millets, and legumes. Copies of recipes will be made available during the class. The bi-monthly cooking sessions are offered by Buvanandari.

LEC is located opposite Isaiambalam School in Kotakkarai.

*Life Education Centre team*

### MIRACLE CONTACT IMPROVISATION

Class and Jam with Pipaluk in Cirque Eluciole, Miracle

All levels, dance improvisation, partner work and release technique

Live music, musicians welcome

C.I. Class, fundamental techniques, 1.5h

C.I. Jam, playground and research 1.5h

Time: Tuesday 26th Jan. 9.30 am-12.30 pm. Wednesday 27th Jan. 2-5 pm

For more info contact: *Kalou* 9787332791

### AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY ATB1

A two-day introductory workshop with Amir & Tamar  
February 6th & 7th (Saturday & Sunday) -09:00 to 17:00 daily.

ATB hall, Transition school, Auroville.

ATB1 is an introductory workshop to a rich program, born and developed in Auroville, inspired by the integral yoga. ATB offers a space where one can go within and perceive the different planes that form the being, enhancing the possibility to enter in contact with our wider sense of self. The exercises and games are creative and often fun.

For more information visit the ATB websites:

[awarenessthroughthebody.com](http://awarenessthroughthebody.com) / [atbwithamir.com](http://atbwithamir.com)

To sign up, mail Amir at: [atbwithamir@gmail.com](mailto:atbwithamir@gmail.com) - or feel free to contact Amir or Tamar at: 9751257709 / 96.

### THAI YOGA MASSAGE

11 Days Workshop - Feb. 1st - 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 Beginner/Advance  
TerraSoul at Windarra Farm with Itzhak Helman & Bebe Merino (Teachers of Sunshine Network)

**Principles, Foundations & Dynamics:** The course is designed for Beginners and Advanced practitioners, for all who want to start, refresh and improve their practice. We provide space and learning opportunities for all - you are most welcome.

The course will have 60-80 hours intense training. The morning Vipassana Meditation session and yoga from 6.30 - 8 am is optional, followed by Instruction and massage practice from 9-12 am. The afternoons from 2-5 pm are fully dedicated to massage practice. Thai Yoga Massage brings penetrating massage & gentle yoga movements into profound healing systems.

*Itzhak Helman and Bebe Merino are in their Newcomer process. Both are experienced Thai Yoga Massage teachers from the Sunshine Network and deeply connected to Auroville since many years. For further information please look at the website: [www.thai-yoga-massage.org](http://www.thai-yoga-massage.org)*

Registration and info: [terrasoul@auroville.org.in](mailto:terrasoul@auroville.org.in), phone/sms: 852 495 3481- Itzhak

### TABLA LESSONS/VOCAL RHYTHMS

By Rashmi BHATT

Please refer to the info in last week's News, interested people who wish to join the classes in Bharatnivas, please contact: Rashmi

Phone: 91 8903651315. E-mail: [rashmibhattmusic@gmail.com](mailto:rashmibhattmusic@gmail.com).

[Tapas@auroville.org.in](mailto:Tapas@auroville.org.in) - All are welcome

### DISTORTION AND CREATION OF IDENTITY - A MOVEMENT WORKSHOP

It is a movement workshop that addresses the idea of identity or breaking of identification using movement as a tool. I will also be using the idea of site-specific work as a tool. Site specific art, here in terms of movement arts, is movement inspired by the site, architecture and the space around you.

Date - 27th January, Wednesday.

Timing - 10 am to 12 pm

Venue - CRIPA

For registration send an email to: [sharany.rao@gmail.com](mailto:sharany.rao@gmail.com) or call: 7639226963

Please do not be late to the workshop. It is very important to be a part of the process right from the beginning.

## SCHEDULES

**WORKSHOPS IN VÉRITÉ:** (24 hour advanced registration required)

### HOLISTIC APPROACH FOR MANAGEMENT OF DIABETES TYPE 2 With Dr. Geeta Auropremi

Friday, 29 January - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

A holistic approach to positive health, including basic asanas, pranayama and naturopathic practices.

DR. GEETA AUROPREMI has 30 years of experience in Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy. She has an MD in Gynecology and Pediatrics, a YTTC certificate and diploma in Yoga, and Post-Graduate degrees in Yoga & Naturopathy.

### MERIDIAN YOGA WORKSHOP with Yaor

Saturday, 30 January - from 9 am to 12.30 pm

The term "meridians" comes from Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and describes the energetic channels that move and flow inside the body. TCM discovered 12 main meridians that are responsible for the circulation of qi (life energy or prana).

People often carry blockages in one or more meridian, which can result in pain, problems, and disease. The purpose of this workshop is to open the meridian channels.

Part one (1 hour) - you will learn about the functions of the meridians and five elements theory. Part two (2.5 hours) - You will learn a series of meridian exercises and yoga asanas (standing, sitting, prone and supine) which are easy to practice at home on a daily basis. Kids age 10 and above are also welcome!

YAOR is in Auroville as a Savi volunteer. He has completed a 2 year senior diploma in Zen Shiatsu therapy and Traditional Chinese Medicine, and has studied Hatha Yoga with Surinder Singh.

### FRESH PERSPECTIVES with Julie

Wednesday 3 February - 9.15 am to 12.30 pm

Are you at a cross roads in your life? Are you going through a transition? Do you want to get unstuck?

In this dynamic and interactive workshop we'll explore how you can create clarity, make conscious choices and move forward. Join certified life coach Julie to get fresh perspectives on your life.

JULIE is a Certified Life Coach from the Coaches Training Institute in London. She combines her extensive coaching, yoga and business consulting experience to facilitate clients finding insight and purpose.

**AYURVEDIC SPICES AND HERBS FOR DAILY USE** with Dr. Geeta Auropremi

Friday 5 February - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (24 hour advanced registration required)

A holistic approach for maintaining health through herbs and spices that can be used in daily life and diet.

DR. GEETA AUROPREMI has 30 years of experience in Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy. She has an MD in Gynecology and Pediatrics, a YTTC certificate and diploma in Yoga, and Post-Graduate degrees in Yoga & Naturopathy.

Please contact *Vérité* to register for the following workshops: 0413 2622045, 7094104329 or [programming@verite.in](mailto:programming@verite.in)

Contributions requested from guests/volunteers (volunteer reduction by advance application only)

### PITANGA

Music and Silence Saturday January 23rd, 30th and 6th of February 2016 at 6.45pm-7.45pm. A live music meditation with recording artist Shastro (Bansuri, clarinet) and Ashaman (Spanish guitar)

Concert: Hindustani Vocal Concert by Sonali Biswas, Tabla accompany - by Tapan Da on Harmonium - Harshad Mehendale, 28th January 2016 at 8pm

Workshop: Thai Yoga Massage Training, A-two day workshop with Bebe Merino & Itzhak Helman, Fri Jan 29th and Sat 30th 2016 9.00am - 12.00pm and 1.30pm-4.30pm

Exhibition: Mother, Goddess and Little Girl by Kranti Cheon till January 30<sup>th</sup>

Holidays - Pitanga will be closed on January 26<sup>th</sup> for Republic Day

### MEDITATION AND YOGA - PERSONAL PRACTICE

Arka opens its doors to Experienced Meditation and Yoga practitioners for group sessions. Take advantage of the group energy to help you back into a regular personal practice. No instruction given. Mats and cushions available. Contribution optimal.

Contact: Bryony for more information 7738671045

Tuesday: Meditation - 7:00 am to 8:00 am / Yoga - 8:00 am to 9:00 am

Wednesday: Meditation - 9.30 am to 10.30 am

Thursday: Meditation - 7:00 am to 8:00 am / Yoga - 8:00 am to 9:00 am

## FILMS



### CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

Reminder: Friday 22 JANUARY - "Smiles of a Summer Night"

FRIDAY 29 JANUARY - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

"The KING AND THE MOCKINGBIRD" - Animated film directed by Paul Grimault - Screenplay by P. Grimault & Jacques Prévert - France - Started in 1952 but completed in 1980! The English version came even much later -2014!

Synopsis: The tyrant King Charles Five-and-Three-are-Eight-and-Eight-are-Sixteen reigns over the kingdom of Takicardie. Only a Bird, cheerful and talkative, which built its nest at the top of the gigantic palace and close to the secret apartments of His Majesty, dare taunt. The King is in love with a charming and modest Shepherdess and wants to marry her. But she loves a little Chimney Sweep. Both flee and take refuge at the top of

the highest tower of the palace. They save a little careless bird caught in a trap by the Tyrant... A timeless work, inspiring many authors (including Hayao Miyazaki) and real masterpiece of the French animation, The King and the Mockingbird today continues to amaze with its stunning traditional animation, unforgettable and exhilarating music by Wojciech Kilar and also his touching story that delirious, largely inspired by Andersen fairy tale "The Shepherdess and the Chimney Sweep." The film will be preceded by a few recent tiny-cute-cartoons - Title: Minuscule Original French version with English subtitles - General audience! Duration: 1h.23'.



### THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, January 29th, Friday

7pm

Schedule of Events:

16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour

16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest  
 18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club  
 18:30 Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films  
 20:00 Dinner is served  
 21:30 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen  
 Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!!

### AM ANFANG WAR DAS LICHT (IN THE BEGINNING THERE WAS LIGHT)

2010, 89 minutes, Multilingual with English Subtitles, Directed by P.A. Straubinger  
 "In the Beginning there was Light" tells about the phenomenon "light nourishment", the incredible claim that there are individuals who neither eat nor drink! P.A. Straubinger first encounters inedia in a television documentary about Nicholas of Flüe, a 15th-century ascetic who was reported to have lived 19 years without eating. Later, Straubinger starts research on the internet and subsequently has the desire to meet people practicing inedia. He travels through different countries and interviews people who claim to nourish themselves with light, vitality, Prana or Qi.

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at 2677682 or 2677683 or [sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in](mailto:sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in).

## AWAKE

The Life of Yogananda

Screening of the DVD at the Aurelec Cafeteria  
 Saturday 30th January 2016 at 7.30 pm

**aurelec** Cafeteria & Art gallery

Light dinner will be served from 6.45pm onwards

## VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

28th Thursday January 8 pm

A ROYAL NIGHT OUT (2015)

Genre: Drama/Romance/Comedy - Dur: 1 hr. 37 min / Rated:

PG 13 / Language: English/Subtitle: English

Dir: [Julian Jarrold](#) / Cast: [Sarah Gadon](#), [Bel Powley](#), [Emily Watson](#)

Story Line: On V.E. Day in 1945, as peace extends across Europe, Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret are allowed out to join the celebrations. It is a night full of excitement, danger and the first flutters of romance.

29th Friday January 8 pm

SPECTRE (2015)

Genre: Action/Adventure - Dur: 148 min / Rated:PG-13 /

Language: English/Subtitle: English

Dir: [Sam Mendes](#) / Cast: [Daniel Craig](#), [Christoph Waltz](#), [Léa Seydoux](#)

Story Line: A cryptic message from Bond's past sends him on a trail to uncover a sinister organization. While M battles political forces to keep the secret service alive, Bond peels back the layers of deceit to reveal the terrible truth behind SPECTRE.

## AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

"MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI - Book 6: THE BOOK OF FATE"

Canto 1-2: "The Word of Fate" and "The Way of Fate and the Problem of Pain".

"Hard is the world-redeemer's heavy task; .... / He must enter the eternity of Night / And know God's darkness as he knows his Sun. / For this he must go down into the pit, / For this he must invade the dolorous Vasts. / Imperishable and wide and infinite, / He still must travel Hell the world to save."

The film is done by Manohar of Huta's paintings, illustrating passages from *Savitri* read by The Mother and accompanied on her own organ music. We supply photocopies from the "Savitri" texts read by The Mother, so that the texts could be followed by seeing the film. Duration: 39min.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 6.30 pm

## L'HOMME APRES L'HOMME

A Powerful introduction to Sri Aurobindo's and Mother's evolutionary Action

2 filmed interviews with Satprem, Mother's confidant for 20 years.

"Satprem" - Le Chemin vers l'interieur - 30 mn

"L'Homme apres l'homme" - 1hr

The 2 films will be in French with English subtitles

On Tuesday 26/01 at 4.30 pm

At Cinema Paradiso - Town Hall

## FRENCH COMEDY NIGHT

Les Tontons Flingueurs - Monsieur Gangster (1963)

Venue: Joy Guesthouse garden / Date & Time: Friday 29th January at 8 pm.

Language: French with English subtitles. Duration: 105 minutes. Dir.: Georges Lautner. Cast: Lino Ventura, Bernard Blier, Francis Blanche.

Synopsis: Ex-gangster Fernand (Lino Ventura) receives a call from a dying friend; a mob boss nicknamed "The Mexican". The doomed mobster talks Fernand into taking care of some criminal business and looking after his soon-to-be-married daughter. When a long-time mobster heavy, Volfoni takes exception to Fernand for being an outsider, they come after Fernand who is equal to the task. He defends himself in a series of comical killings from the onslaught of the mob.

Other information: every second Friday, we'll have a barbecue night (reservation required) and afterwards show some comedy cults from around the world (drop-in ok). We have set-up a fantastic open-air cinema in the gardens for those nostalgic of summer open-air cinemas, when multiplex didn't exist.

Joy Community Guesthouse/ Center Field, Auroville, 605101, Tamil Nadu, India. Ph: +91 (0)413 2622584

## "EARTH DEMOCRACY"

My name is Norma Herrera, from Argentina, sister of Carlos from Citadines.

I would like to share with Aurovilians, a documentary "Earth Democracy" with Vandana Shiva.

MONDAY 25 JANUARY 4.00 CINEMA PARADISO MMC MULTIMEDIA CENTER AUDITORIUM

She is a physicist and ecologist who is active in biodiversity conservation and protection of farmers' and women's rights. Shiva reflects on the current economic and ecological crises, their roots and the way forward for a democratic, sustainable future.

I will comment after the movie Spanish entitled "Desierto Verde" ("Green Desert").

Purpose of the presentation:

1 To inform that from Cordoba, Argentina, we can prove to the world that judges are paying more and more attention every day to environmental problems and specially to the protection of human health.

2. To highlight the courage of a group of women, housewives, most of them, who carried on with tenacity and hard work complaints of health problems that had the citizens of Ituzaingó Anexo due to the fumigation of agricultural fields with agrochemicals, both by soil and air fumigations.

3. To recognize the professional activity of doctors involved in the issue.

4. To highlight the interest expressed by the film director, Ulises de la Orden, to carry out the documentary "Desierto Verde" ("Green Desert"). Show 12 clips very interesting.

My work experience:

I'm a lawyer and notary that has been practicing her profession independently since 38 years.

I'm Professor of "Natural Resources and Environment Law" at the Faculty of Law in the National University of Córdoba, Argentina.



# Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium  
Film program 25 January 2016 to 31 January 2016

Indian - Monday 25 January, 8:00 pm:

• **MANJHI: THE MOUNTAIN MAN**

India, 2015, Dir. Ketan Mehta w/Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Radhika Apte, Ashutosh Acharya, and others, Biography-Drama, 120mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR (G)

Based on a true story, this film is about Dashrath Manjhi, who was a poor man from the lowest of the low castes, living in a remote village cut off from the world by a rocky mountain range. Life for him was a daily struggle for survival. He loved his wife, Phaguniya, beyond belief. One day, while climbing the mountain to bring him food, his wife slipped, fell and died. Overwhelmed by grief, Dashrath decided to carve out a path through the mountain, so that no one else would suffer his fate. For 22 years, all by himself, with just a hammer and a chisel, he hammered away at the rocks, till the path was carved out from the mountain. *This is an amazing film, inspiring and heartwarming. You cannot miss!*

Italian - Tuesday 26 January, 8:00 pm:

• **MIA MADRE (My Mother)**

Italy, 2015, Dir. Nanni Moretti, w/Margherita Buy, John Turturro, Giulia Lazzarini, Drama, 105 mins, Italian w/English subtitles Rated: G

Margherita, a director in the middle of an existential crisis, has to deal with the inevitable and still unacceptable loss of her mother.

Cultural - Wednesday 27 January, 8:00 pm:

• **CALLAS TOUJOURS: concert live in Paris Opera**

France, 1958, Dir. R. Benamoun, concert in live, 90mins, English/w French subtitles, Rated: NR  
Paris 1958: The repertoire in this performance shows Callas at her best, both in recital and as an operatic actress. Verdi, Rossini, and Bellini, three composers at the heart of Maria Callas's career are offered for the first part. The second half of the program comprises the complete Act 2 of Tosca opera, with a brilliant performance by Tito Gobbi in the role of Scarpia. Maria Callas is the quintessential diva who changed the face of the opera in the 20th century; true opera lover must not miss the chance to get her live recording.

Nordic - Thursday 28 January, 8:00 pm:

• **NYBYGGARNA (The New Land) - Part 2**

Sweden, 1971, Dir. Jan Troell w/ Max von Sydow, Liv Ullmann, Eddie Axberg, and others, Drama-History, 90mins, Swedish w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Fourth and last part (second half of the second film) of the story of a group of Swedish emigrants to Minnesota

International - Saturday 30 January, 8:00 pm:

• **BRIDGE OF SPIES**

USA-Germany-India, 2015, Dir. Steven Spielberg w/Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance, Alan Alda, and others, Biography-Thriller, 141mins, English-German-Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

During the Cold War, a KGB intelligence officer, Rudolf Abel is arrested for espionage in the USA. An American lawyer is recruited to defend the arrested Soviet spy in court, and then help the CIA facilitate an exchange of the spy for the Soviet captured American U2 spy plane pilot, Francis Gary Powers. *A real life event - forms the basis of this latest film by Steven Spielberg. Do you want to miss it?*

Children's Film - Sunday 31 January, 4:30 pm:

• **NO FILM SCHEDULED**

ROBERT ALTMAN Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 31 January, 8:00 pm:

• **POPEYE**

USA, 1980, Dir. Robert Altman w/ Robin Williams, Shelly Duvall, and others, Adventure-Comedy, 124minS, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG.

This film is an affectionate and carefully detailed homage to the long-lived comic-strip and cartoon character. Popeye arrives in an awkward seaside town called Sweethaven. There he meets Wimpy, a hamburger-loving man; Olive Oyl, the soon-to-be love of his life; and Bluto, a huge, mean pirate who's out to make Sweethaven pay for no good reason. Popeye also discovers his long-lost Pappy in the middle of it all. With a band of his new friends, Popeye heads off to stop Bluto, and he's got the power of spinach, which Popeye detests.

Rating codes we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G=General Audiences, PG=Parental guidance suggested, PG-13=Parents strongly cautioned, R=Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e. for Adults), NR=Film Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available.

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