

News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

This evening, instead of answering questions, I would like us to meditate on the remembrance of Sri Aurobindo, on the way to keep it alive in us and on the gratitude we owe him for all that he has done and is still doing in his ever luminous, living and active consciousness for this great realisation which he came not only to announce to the Earth but also to realise, and which he continues to realise. Tomorrow is the anniversary of his birth, an eternal birth in the history of the universe.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 14 August 1957

MOTHER

Today I received a question about a phrase I used on the fourteenth of August, the eve of Sri Aurobindo's birthday. And this question seemed interesting to me because it was about one of those rather cryptic phrases, that are almost ambiguous through simplification, and which was intended to be like that, so that each one might understand it according to his own plane of consciousness. I have already spoken to you several times of this possibility of understanding the same words on different planes; and these words were intentionally expressed with a simplification, a deliberate vagueness, precisely so that they would serve as a vehicle for the complexity of meaning they had to express.

This meaning is a little different on the different planes, but it is complementary, and it is only really complete when one is able to understand it on all these planes at once. True understanding is a simultaneous understanding in which all the meanings are perceived, grasped, understood at the same time; but to express them, as we have a very poor language at our disposal, we are obliged to say them one after another, with many words and many explanations.... That's what I am going to do now.

The question is about the phrase in which I spoke of the birth of Sri Aurobindo - it was on the eve of his birthday - and I called it an "eternal birth". I am asked what I meant by "eternal".

Of course, if the words are taken literally, an "eternal birth" doesn't signify much. But I am going to explain to you how there can be - and in fact is - a physical explanation or understanding, a mental understanding, a psychic understanding and a spiritual understanding.

Physically, it means that the consequences of this birth will last as long as the Earth. The consequences of Sri Aurobindo's birth will be felt throughout the entire existence of the Earth. And so I called it "eternal", a little poetically.

Mentally, it is a birth the memory of which will last eternally. Through the ages Sri Aurobindo's birth will be remembered, with all the consequences it has had.

Psychically, it is a birth which will recur eternally, from age to age, in the history of the universe. This birth is a manifestation which takes place periodically, from age to age, in the history of the Earth. That is, the birth itself is renewed, repeated, reproduced, bringing every time perhaps something more - something more complete and more perfect - but it is the same movement of descent, of manifestation, of birth in an earthly body.

And finally, from the purely spiritual point of view, it could be said that it is the birth of the Eternal on Earth. For each time the Avatar takes a physical form it is the birth of the Eternal himself on Earth.

All that, contained in two words: "eternal birth".

So, to conclude, I advise you, in future, before telling yourself: "Why! What does this mean? I don't understand it at all; perhaps it is not expressed properly," you could say to yourself: "Perhaps I am not on the plane where I would be able to understand", and try to find behind the words something more than mere words. There.

I think this will be a good subject for our meditation. (*Meditation*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 4 September 1957

MOTHER

The
Ponder
Corner

*This mortal life shall house Eternity's bliss,
The body's self taste immortality*

— Sri Aurobindo, Savitri
(Book VI, Canto II)

Cover Painting by *Shiva Vangar* - in celebration of Sri Aurobindo's life, who was born on August 15th, 1872.

ARA on housing: report

Last Wednesday 3rd of August 2016, there was an Active Residents Assembly (ARA) meeting on the topic of housing, with an emphasis upon providing housing for those with limited means. About 90 people came for the initial presentation, and about 60 remained to work intensively in small groups on the following questions:

- *What do you think are the most effective solutions to provide housing for those with limited resources in*
 - a) *the short-term (within one year)?*
 - b) *the longer-term?*
- *What needs to happen to implement these solutions?*

Many interesting ideas and proposals were made but the time was too short to explore them in detail.

A follow-up meeting to build upon these ideas and proposals is planned for Monday, 22nd August, 3.30 pm, in Unity Pavilion.

For wider public discussion and as preparation for the next meeting, here are the notes of the small groups' discussions. Bold text indicates that these points were prioritized by one or more of the eight groups.

Short-term solutions

- 1) Explore Foundation renting housing in villages for Newcomers, Aurovilians.
- 2) Make land immediately available for low-cost housing. Can include camping areas with adequate infrastructure to provide inexpensive living options.
- 3) Opening up existing communities for new housing development. ARA group to help coordinate a campaign to open up communities. Communities no longer to have full control over who lives there. We should take away present 'ownership' pattern of large plots. Individuals only have say within area around their house. Decisions about new housing can be taken by community along with L'Avenir, Land Board or FAMC. Also, stop communities discriminating against those with children, animals etc.
- 4) Make general survey of existing communities, how many acres, density per acre etc. Need for transparency in housing situation: all houses in Auroville and their present occupancy should be listed and made publicly available.
- 5) People with large houses should open up rooms for others/split up big homes. Younger ones providing help and assistance to elders. **Identify unused homes and let Newcomers as well as Aurovilians in need stay there.**
- 6) Change some guest houses/facilities into Newcomer housing.
- 7) L'Avenir must 'green light' low-cost housing and evolutionary housing
- 8.) Allow Newcomers to build housing. Use energy of youth to let them build own houses with local materials. Make it a joyful collective activity.

Longer-term solutions:

- 1) **Make land available to build low-cost and other housing.** Auroville needs two types of housing to provide both a short-term and long-term housing solution for up to 1000 people in the next 5 years: low-cost, studio types housing with shared facilities/ infrastructure for youths and for senior Aurovilians, and free-standing individual houses for families and individuals that have sufficient funds to build their own housing. The communal housing for youth and seniors would be relatively high-density: we would only need about 6 acres of land to accommodate up to 500 people. To provide space for another 500 free-standing houses with some private space, we would need another 200 acres of land, bringing the total to 206 acres for about 1000 new housing units. It should be possible to find the 206 acres that are required within the existing Residential Zone, so that it is

not necessary to make temporary housing in other parts of the Master Plan. However, in order to make it possible for people to actually build there, the existing communities in this area would need to be willing to allow others to build near them.

Continue to reopen existing communities for low-cost housing. Change mind-set in communities; stimulate the sense of simplicity and fraternity we had in the early days. **Designate areas for low-cost and experimental housing** (Can be mix of different housing: tents, demountable etc.). **Provide infrastructure on this land.**

Free some land in danger of encroachment for various forms of residential development, temporary and permanent. Provide infrastructure.

- 2) **Need for strategic planning to tackle present needs and means of Aurovilians and Newcomers.** Galaxy should be developed taking into account present needs for housing. L'Avenir sends request for proposals to Auroville architects for new projects. Then community decides. **Community decides upon planning priorities based on present needs assessment.**
- 3) **Create an Architects Service linked with TDC to organize the building of housing, with focus on the need of the people who are coming into Auroville. All architects or contractors who wish to build housing or other building projects must be part of this Service.** Create pool of architects and ask them to work on low-cost housing projects (like Aspiration). Once land identified, cluster architects and others to implement the community. Also allow Aurovilians to build own homes.
- 4) **Special task group created to find money, possibilities for those with brilliant ideas, linking together all groups involved.** Individuals can go there for help with planning, design. **Provide systemic support for innovative housing ideas.** Institution created to research into sustainable and healthy housing. It should also provide a service to help engineers/builders/architects. Those with the skills can teach others how to construct ecologically and at low-cost
- 5) **Reduce housing costs.** No longer use market pricing. Don't allow re-selling of houses which have already been paid for. **Central purchasing service for materials to bring down cost and control quality.** Central go-down where stored, can be used by all Auroville builders. **Free store for building materials and tools.** **Allow renting.** Also allow mortgaging as option. **Allow self-build housing to keep down cost.**
- 6) **Explore different ways of financing housing.** Estimated that 150 crores needed in next 5 years to provide short and long-term housing for up to 1000 people. **Can come from increased Gol grant for housing.** Should be able to get 100 crores from this source over next five years if the grants are properly utilized. The other 50 crores can come from private individuals who want a more luxurious house with space around. Those building expensive housing (i.e. 50 lakhs plus) must donate up to the same amount to create housing for others. Another option: create cooperative or dedicated housing fund. People make monthly contribution, say adults pay Rs 500 a month, into a housing fund to finance more housing. **Also, dedicated fund-raising for housing and/or make long-term loans available.** **Units to make specific contribution for housing.** Required to pay extra % of profits towards housing. **Create Revolving Fund to allow housing projects to continue.** **Co-operative housing projects.**

The Organization Research Group (ORG)

(The meeting's Screen Presentation is on Auronet - [click here](#))

Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC): June & July 2016 Report

Regular members: Anandi (Auroville Board of Services (ABS)), Angela (Working Committee (WCom)), Chali (Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Educational Research (SAIIR)), David (Forest group), Matriprasad (Auroville Council (AVC)), Michael (Auroville Unity Fund (AVUF)), Rathinam (Budget Coordination Committee (BCC)), Sauro (L'avenir d'Auroville), Sonja (Housing Board (HB)), and Ulli (Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC)).

Change in membership: Yuval replaced Sonja as the Housing Board representative.

Temporarily out of station (TOS): Angela, Jeff (Farm group), Michael, Sauro

Temporary replacement: Ranjith for Angela

TRUST & UNIT TOPICS

The ABC recommended, and FAMC approved, creation of a new commercial unit, Pottery Sipapu under Artisana Trust, with executives Priya S. and Carel T.. The activities are listed as: handmade ceramics & pottery by Priya.

The ABC recommended, and FAMC approved, creation of a new commercial unit, Well Studio Cafe under ABC Trust, with executives Orly and Veronique D.. The activities are listed as: restaurant and art and craft exhibition.

The ABC recommended, and FAMC approved, the creation of a new commercial unit Kallialay Surf School under Auroville Exports Trust, with executives Juan and Samai. The activities are listed as: surf lessons, coaching, and consulting.

The ABC recommended, and FAMC approved, the executive reappointment (after initial 2 year term) of L. Jayalakshmi at Auroville Press. The other executives are Luisa and Christine.

The ABC recommended, and FAMC approved, closure of the unit, Rain Tree Records. The nil balance sheet has been submitted, along with the Altec Trust Resolution.

The ABC recommended, and FAMC approved, New School Crafts move from Artisana Trust to Free Flow Trust.

The ABS recommended, and FAMC approved, creation of a new service unit, Abundance Guest House under Guest House Trust, with executives Selvam R. and Manjula S..

The ABS recommended, and FAMC approved, to appoint Palani K. and Kali as executives of Eco Service, replacing the former executives.

The ABS recommended, and FAMC approved, Pour Tous Purchasing Service executive resignation of Jean-Christophe. The remaining executives are Kala and Denis.

The ABS recommended, and FAMC approved, Auroville Telephone Service executive appointment of Mr. Gunasekaran. The existing executives are Sandeep and Ponnusamy.

The ABS recommended, and FAMC approved, Auroville Telephone Service executive reappointment (after initial 2 year term) of Sandeep Dabral. The other executives are Ponnusamy and Gunasekaran.

The ABS recommended, and FAMC approved, executive changes of the service unit Exploration: appointment of Sivacoumar and resignation of Hendrik and Samata. The current executives are Sonja, and Bobby.

Executive changes at Integral Rural Development (IRD) were proposed quite some time ago. Mr. Alain Bernard was to be appointed; Mr. Minhaj Ameen was to resign. The FAMC had some questions at the time however the opportunity to get clarification did not arise. In June the matter came afresh to the FAMC and the executive changes were approved. The members had gained clarity in relation to discussions on another, related topic. Joss is the other current executive at IRD. Alain and Joss have been requested to identify a third executive in the next few months.

FAMC informed Andre and Louis to register 'Auromode Apartments' under Guest House Trust. They replied with a request to be registered under the proposed new Hospitality Trust. FAMC approved their request which can be implemented only after the Trust is approved by the Governing Board. *Pending.*

In June the FAMC revisited the question of using "Auroville" in the name of a unit. In connection to Adult Learning Activities, FAMC were asked if there is a policy. The FAMC reviewed

recommendations from the ABC and found that they agreed: A. the word "Auroville" should not be used at the beginning of the unit name unless it is a unique activity supposed to represent Auroville officially; B. the unit name cannot have the connotation that it is 'the' official or 'only' one of that activity. These points have been approved as guidelines and are not retro-active to existing units. It was agreed to publish the guidelines in an effort to keep residents well-informed of such matters. *FAMC followed-up with the group working with Adult Learning Activities.*

The ABC endorsed the Mitra Auroville request to amend the unit's activities. **Present:** *The unit is to engage itself in trading with processing of and investing into rough and polished diamonds.* **Amendment:** *Further the unit is to carry out manufacturing and selling of glass items, including glass tiles, ornamental glass objects and any other glass based objects as well as purchase and sale of handmade items from Auroville and the region. The unit is also engaging itself in providing consulting services with regards to energy, water and construction projects.* After the members' thoughtful reflection this was not approved. FAMC responded to the ABC, and Mitra executives: A. Mitra Auroville should conduct the diamond-related activities separate from any other activities; B. The activities listed are too widely diverse to be conducted by one unit; C. If the executives are interested to do other activities, they may request to set-up other units. Regarding providing consultancy for "energy, water, and construction projects" it has been suggested the executives of Mitra Auroville may collaborate with existing Auroville activities and consultants who are already engaged in and knowledgeable in the various activities.

FINANCE TOPICS

In June the Auroville Language Lab (ALL) requested an additional Rs. 7 lakhs (to the Rs. 20 lakhs loan approved in January 2016). This was approved.

In July the BCC informed the FAMC & Wcom "Currently, the whole budget cannot be covered in a secure manner with Rs.1.2 crores missing. This amount corresponds to the Rs.1.2 crores of unpaid contribution from commercial units for the period 2010-15" and made some suggestions how to proceed. FAMC replied with some clarifying questions. At the end of this reporting period the BCC had responded but the FAMC had not yet discussed. *Pending.*

LAND TOPICS

The Land Board (LB) proposed, and FAMC approved a land exchange to gain a plot in the residential zone North of Grace, and along the boundary of Gaia, for land in the Kottakarai colony area.

The LB proposed a land exchange at Annapurna Farm (ratio 1:1). A plot towards the front of the Annapurna was exchanged to gain a plot in the back. The exchange was done at the request of the steward and was necessary to prevent the private owner from opening up the canyon that runs north - south to access his land. There was concern that if the private land owner opened up a road, Annapurna Farm would need to fence both sides of the canyon to prevent trespassing. This was approved.

The LB proposed to purchase 2.30 acres in the greenbelt near Fertile Field. Funds for this purchase are available from donations. This was approved.

The LB proposed land purchase in the greenbelt near Discipline Farm. The majority of funds for this purchase were provided as a specified donation. The balance of funds needed are available from donations. This was approved.

HOUSING TOPICS

The Housing Service (HS) has proposed the housing asset where Marika was living in Samasti be renovated and utilized for Aurovilians who require assisted living. HS requested of the FAMC their support for this initiative. The members have expressed their support, in principle, and asked the HS to provide more information: A. renovation plans and estimates; B. Financial agreements between HS and Auroville Health Service (AVHS) need to be clear; AVHS is primarily funding this; C. the term 'temporary' needs to be clarified. *Noted: this is not*

meant to be a substitute for the AVHS Assisted Living Home project. FAMC await further information from HS.

The three month trial period for Ole on the Housing Board (HB) completed in June and members recommended him as a regular member. This was approved. Additional note: *concern was shared that some members are relatives. Matriprasad, as the AVC representative, reported that the AVC are talking in general about relatives working together on Boards, etc...*

The HB confirmed its recommendation that the regular HB representative change from Sonja to Yuval. FAMC members support this change. *The HB was informed.*

OTHER TOPICS

In June the FAMC were invited by the Farm group to give input, by 15 June, on their report concerning Sustenance Farm and New Service Farm. It was stated that thereafter the report would be shared with the community. After some discussion the FAMC members agreed not to comment.

In July the Farm group informed the FAMC that they are taking Service Farm back over to make into a functioning farm and requested FAMC comments about it before 15 July. FAMC deliberated upon this and replied to the Farm group: A. the Farm group simply does not have the authority to make this decision; B. FAMC invite the Farm group to talk about Service Farm, and other points which may arise. *The Farm group did not respond to the FAMC invitation.*

In July the AVC suggested the FAMC administer the entire Leaving Auroville Allowance process from now on. The members agreed to take responsibility for it. The relevant documents have been updated to reflect this change, and a 'process' document has been published (see separate N&N announcement and AuroNet posting for more information). *FAMC informed AVC of its agreement.*

In July Angelika at Solar Kitchen asked who is responsible for maintaining the solar street lights. During the members' discussion it was shared that the Working Committee and Auroville Security team are looking at possible long-term solutions. The members, to address this particular situation, decided to ask Sunlit Future for an estimate to fix the lamp and also advise Angelika to approach the BCC for funds to either fix the solar street lamp, or install a new electricity-dependent lamp. Angelika has followed up with a request to L'avenir d'Auroville, and Road Service, stating that public lighting should be their responsibility. *This is an on-going exploration.*

Fiscal year 2015-16 unspecified donations, FAMC allocation report

Approximately Rs. 39 lakhs were received from three donors, two of which are Aurovilians, during the fiscal year 2015-16. Before 31 March 2016, the funds were allocated by the FAMC for land protection, elder care, and health-related activities:

Rs. 18 lakhs for land protection, *which may include caretaker capsules for encroachment-risk lands, fencing, legal fees, etc.*, as administered by the Land Board.

Rs. 15 lakhs to the Auroville Health Services project, Assisted Living Home for senior Aurovilians who are *"mostly fit enough*

to organize their daily lives and need only special help for things such as dressing, laundry, etc.; and seniors who wish to live together with other seniors in order to be in an environment of peers and mutual understanding and support."

Rs. 3,5 lakhs to Auroville Health Services for *capital expenditure such as in-home care medical equipment.*

Rs. 2,5 lakhs (ear-marked) for *renovation of one room into two to be used for inpatient care* at Arka (pending the room being available to renovate).

The FAMC is very grateful to the donors.

Following up from previous reports

In follow-up to communications with Niva and Elisa in May, concerning the proposed Appeal process of working group decisions, the FAMC clarified one particular point in July and sent it to them for consideration. *At the end of this reporting period the FAMC were due to meet again with Niva & Elisa about the proposed policy.*

During April and May the FAMC reviewed the irregular house-sitting arrangement of a housing asset in Angiras Garden. In June, after some email exchanges with the house-sitters, the HS, and the steward, the house-sitters decided to remain in the house. FAMC asked that the house-sitters make a new house-sitting agreement with the steward who is temporarily out of station. FAMC stated clearly that any previous house-sitting agreement is invalid.

It has been reported here a Newcomer family, Sebastien and Anne Laure Rollin, decided to leave Auroville earlier this year and requested compensation for funds put towards their Auroville housing. The FAMC has maintained a good contact with them over these last months and a mutually-agreeable resolution has been reached.

In April/May the FAMC approved demolition of a dilapidated building in Fraternity, which is under the care of the unit, Discovery, with executives Karna and Uma. FAMC asked Karna & Uma for their proposal for utilization of the location of the building to be demolished. Their proposal was to put a parking lot for the Discovery guest house. FAMC responded to Karna & Uma: a. In the opinion of the FAMC, parking is not the best use of this location; b. parking can be provided within the boundary of the guest house (there is enough space); c. ABC are being asked to make a recommendation. FAMC have asked the ABC to inform units of the potential to use this location and to make a proposal to the FAMC within 1 month. *FAMC await a recommendation of the ABC.*

The ABC submitted a subgroup report concerning Lively and Mohanam activities. In July the FAMC agreed with the subgroup recommendations and wrote back to the ABC to implement them in collaboration with the unit executives, the trustees, the ABS, and Guest Facilities Coordination Group. The need to strengthen each executive team, by adding at least 1 more executive to each, was reiterated. FAMC hopes all the changes will be implemented before the end of this fiscal year (by 31 March 2017).

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Nominations for 2016 selection process

Dear Community Members,
The RAS is happy to inform the residents of Auroville that this year the participation for the call of nominees was well attended.

We received around 170 submissions.
680 were nominated.

Around 140 were nominated for the AVC
Around 100 were nominated for the WCom
Around 150 were nominated for the FAMC

All the nominated persons will be contacted by email.

Some of you were nominated for the 3 groups (111) or 2 groups (182). If you have a preference, please answer accordingly.

Just a reminder that the final selection will be made in the room on the last day of the selection process by all participants present.

Please help us by replying as soon as possible and including your profile and photo if you agree to participate either as a nominee or as a participant in the 3 day process.

If you have some difficulties regarding your profile please come to the RAS office (Monday-Friday 10 am-12 pm) we will be happy to help you.

If you wish not to participate please also reply to let us know and avoid being contacted again.

RAS team



Warm Invitation on the commencement of the 3rd phase of A4A

After the successful completion of A4A Phase 2, we are launching the 3rd and expanded phase of the "Acres for Auroville" land campaign on 15th August 2016.

Honourable Secretary of the Auroville Foundation Thiru Mohan Verghese Chunkath will be present as the Chief Guest.

Alan of Auroville Today will represent senior Aurovilians while Inge of the Working Committee will represent Youth of Auroville and "cut the ribbon".

This 15th August will also mark the launch of the 2nd year of the GreenAcres campaign for priority plots in the Greenbelt.

The "Landing Auroville" video will be screened as well as the latest updates on the two campaigns, and on the "Art for Auroville Land" action.

All friends and well-wishers are warmly invited!

Venue: Town Hall, 1st Floor

Date: August 15th

Time: 10:30 am to 11:45 am

On Feedback procedure

Dear community members,

We recently reviewed from the AVCouncil and the WCom 2 cases of rescinded Newcomers. One of the main things we noticed in our review as a snag in both these processes is the feedback procedure.

While we welcome and need feedback from everyone in Auroville on those who wish to join the community, we must be careful not to confuse our personal feelings of likes and dislikes with actual feedback based on truth and accuracy of experience. This is not to say that feedback has to be backed up by hard proof and unquestionable evidence, but that the feedback giver must be willing to take responsibility for the information he/she is passing on, which has the potential to impact someone else's life in Auroville. We acknowledge that in exceptional cases of threat of violence or threat to life, feedback must be kept confidential, but in most cases this is not so.

For the future, and in this new process with mentors where the mentors will be responsible for handling feedback, we must empower each other to be able to openly discuss the issues that crop up during one's Newcomer process, so that there is space for expression of the opposite point of view as well as space to resolve conflicts. This will give us a genuine way forward of solving negative feedback rather than to have it set in stone that brands the person as "fit" or "unfit" for Auroville.

In that light, we propose that there will be a "feedback form" made available online or at the Entry Service that must be filled out and sent, in the case of both positive and negative feedback. In this form will be the option to ask for confidentiality and the reasons for the same. If the Entry Service and/or the Auroville Council find the reasons valid, then confidentiality will be assured. If not, the person giving the feedback will be informed that the feedback cannot be considered confidential, and that s/he can choose to either withdraw the feedback or agree to non-confidentiality. All non-confidential feedback will be shared with the Newcomer/applicant for any of the other statuses, and space will be given for clarification before a decision is taken.

We are working on this form and will make a fresh announcement once it is ready and uploaded.

We hope you join us in this effort to make our processes reflect more truth, accuracy and fairness.

Sincerely,

AVCouncil, Working Committee

Participatory Working Group Selection Process (PWG) proposal

Dear Community,

Please see the link for the revised Participatory Working Group Selection Process (PWG) proposal for the selection process of Working groups for your information:

www.auroville.org.in/article/58376

This proposal has been published on Auronet for Feedback on 29th March 2016: www.auroville.org.in/article/56655

Warmly, Auroville Council

Meeting on Auroville Learning Activities (ALAs)

The Auroville Council and its study group invites you to a follow up meeting on the guidelines for Auroville Learning Activities (ALAs). These guidelines apply to venues, organizers and facilitators of learning activities in Auroville (classes, workshops, seminars, trainings, events and other non-formal learning activities).

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16th August in the SAIER Conference Room from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, and will address guidelines relating to:

1. Visa regulation
2. Registration of activities
3. Service tax
4. Logistics and implementation, and
5. Financial contribution

Relevant legalities have been checked and endorsed by the respective Auroville groups, accountants and advisers. Please bring representatives that handle the visa, legal, accounting aspects of your activity to understand how to proceed.

Regards, Auroville Council

FAMC concerning using "Auroville" in the name of a unit, activity, project, course

In June the Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) revisited the question of using "Auroville" in the name of a unit, activity, project, or course. In connection to Adult Learning Activities, FAMC were asked if there is a policy. The FAMC reviewed recommendations from the Auroville Board of Commerce and found that they agreed: A. the word "Auroville" should not be used at the beginning of the unit, activity, project, or course name unless it is a unique activity supposed to represent Auroville officially; B. the unit activity, project,

or course name cannot have the connotation that it is 'the' official or 'only' one of that activity. These points have been approved as guidelines and are not retro-active to existing units, activities, projects or courses. To review the guideline document please check our recent AuroNet posting, or write to: adminfamc@auroville.org.in and ask for a copy of it. Thank you for noting this. Sincerely, FAMC

FAMC re: Housing Board representative, community-at-large

In response to a recent request by the Auroville Council we reiterate here our decision concerning Aurovici continuing as one of three community-at-large representatives in the Housing Board. Previous reference to this matter can be found in the April & May FAMC report published in the News & Notes on 11 June 2016 [651]. *After further consideration of the Auroville Council's recommendation, and the Housing Board's specific points, concerning Aurovici continuing as a community-at-large representative in the Housing Board, we have come to the decision to accept the Housing Board's insistence that Aurovici continue as a member. Aurovici's first 3-year term with the Housing Board was February 2012-15; he has been active in the Housing Board for 1 year already of a second 3 year term therefore he has 1 year and a half in which to serve, until February 2018.*

Sincerely, FAMC

From the Entry Service - N&N NO- 660 Dated 13.08.2016

We would like to inform the community that our team is happy to recommend the following persons as Aurovilians and Newcomers. We will wait for two weeks (Newcomers and Returning Aurovilians) and one month (Aurovilians), from the date of this publication, for your feedback, before confirming.

AUROVILIANS:

Satyavan BHATT (Indian) - Staying at Dana, working at Last School and Dehashakti sports school.

Milan KAPUR (German) - Living at Pichandikulam, working as a volunteer at Youth Center.

Antonello GIGLIO (Italian) - Staying at Quiet, working at Quiet and Pitanga.

NEWCOMERS:

Angelika KOLB (German) - Staying at Arati II, working at Auroville Institute of Applied Technology.

Chelsea JANI (Australian) - Staying at Arka GH, working in Solitude Farm, and in Matrimandir petals.

Diviya KARUN (Indian from Rajasthan) - Staying at Bharat Nivas, working in Bharat Nivas as a Guest House manager.

Ibsam ALI (USA) - Staying at Samriddhi, working at Thamarai as a facilitator, and in Buddha Garden, and in TLC.

Marco Tullio PROIETTI (Italian) - Staying, and working in Nine Palms

Viacheslav MITEVSKII (Russian) - Staying at Prayatna (Dimitri GH), working in Matrimandir Garden, and Russian Bells.

CHILD OF A NEWCOMER(S):

Sundar ZORZO JANI (Australian) - born on 25/08/2005, studying at Deepanam School.

RETURNING AUROVILIAN:

Lila Sarah ZIRNHELD FRANCO (French) - Living at Courage.

CHILD OF A RETURNING AUROVILIAN:

Mirabelle FRANCO (French) - born on 29.11.2011, studying at Nandanam school.

Leopold FRANCO (French) - born on 25.3.2015.

N.B. The announcements done in the News and Notes are FOR FEEDBACK ONLY and sometimes, *after* announcement, there can be either an extension of status or a decision to stop the process. We have added Confirmation Section below:

CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER STATUS:

Krishna NAG (Indian)

Adriane FELDMANN (Swiss)

Cristiano RICHERS (Swiss)

Emiko KINOSHITA (Japanese)

Laure CEBRON DE LISLE (French)

Fred CEBRON DE LISLE (French)

Kasia (Shakti) WIERZBICKA (Polish)

Bidyutparna (Mimi) CHAKRABARTI (Indian from West-Bengal)

Manas CHAKRABARTI (Indian from West-Bengal)

Marc LEVASSEUR (French)

Karen AALDERS (Dutch)

Michael GRANSITZKI (German)

Nadia AKCADURAK (Austrian)

Renana REICHER (Israeli)

Sandrine INIZAN (French)

Sathish VENKATESAN (Indian from Kullapalayam)

Stefanie ROSENKRANZ (German)

Stella PEREZ (Spanish)

CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER TO AUROVILIAN STATUS AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT IN N&N AND CONSIDERATION OF FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS:

Yves IRAGUHA (Rwanda)

Neil Edward MEIKLEHAM (Canada)

Wensheng LIU (Chinese)

We will soon invite you to fill in the B-Form request for a meeting with the AV Foundation Secretary with the aim to add your name to the Register of Residents.

PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT AUROVILLE ON THEIR OWN:

Anne -Laure TAUFOUR ROLLIN (French), Elliott ROLLIN (French), Ethan ROLLIN (French)

Marion ROLLIN (French)

In case the above person(s) wishes to come back to live and work in Auroville, (s)he will need to restart his/her newcomer process.

Dear Newcomers,

The Entry Service team would like to inform you of the timings designated specifically for you to collect or submit the Newcomer Kit. Please pass by our office in Town Hall during these hours only: Monday & Wednesday at 2 pm to 4 pm. We look forward to seeing you.

We are open for B-Forms and Recommendation letter matters, on appointment only.

For all other matters, the office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10-12am, except for every last week of each month when we are closed to the public to do the internal office work.

The Entry Service team

(B, Chitra, Christiane, Eva, Giridev, Ishita, Neeti)

O B I T U A R Y

Elvira Salamanca passed away



Jean-François Audic informed us that his partner Elvira Salamanca, Spanish Aurovillian from Catalonia, who lived with him in Pitchandikulam (Coin de Terre), passed away in Spain in his presence in the morning of Tuesday 9 August after a struggle with cancer. She was 71 years old. Elvira joined Auroville in 2001. She was known as a sweet and lovable person whose

deep and often poignant portraits of people from all over the world, and particularly of Native Indians, were remarkable. She also gave classes in Spanish and flamenco dance, and worked as a researcher in Pitchandikulam. Due to family reasons she had to share her time between Auroville and Spain.

Our love and sympathy go out to Jean-François, and to Elvira's daughter and friends.

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Auroville Village Action Group (AVAG) Update

Dear Community,

Apart from our regular work of community development through micro projects, caste exchange programs, financial inclusion,

women's and men's group trainings and meetings, the following has been of particular note this month.

Annual Women's Festival

AVAG is buzzing these days with trainings and pre events for the women's festival, where we expect that 5,000 men and women will gather to honour and celebrate women, on a Sunday, mid-September, (date yet to be confirmed, pending confirmation of the Tamil Nadu's Education Minister's attendance, we will keep you posted:). This annual event is a co-operative initiative involving women's, groups men's groups and Paalam club members, government school teachers, Auroville community and services, local government officers and AVAG team.

For now, we have a weekly gathering of women for games, debating and cultural activity training and competitions. These events are being supported by teachers from the local government schools who act as trainers and competition judges. Mohanam Cultural Centre team is also training the women in traditional dance forms such as Thappattam with small drums, Kolattam Stick dance and Karagattam which is performed with a pot on the head.

Please join us at AVAG, office in Irumbai for the following pre festival events:

Pattimandram traditional debating and games

Saturday August 20th, 10.30 am - 2pm for this year's debate topic: "The quality of life nowadays for women in Tamil Nadu" and the start of our games programme. You are welcome also to join us for lunch.

Traditional Games - Tuesday August 23rd, 10.30 am - 2 pm - enjoy and take part in Nadugames, Koko, Kubadi and many other outdoor traditional games and competitions followed with lunch.

Cultural Performances - Tuesday August 30th, 10.30 am-2 pm for a morning of traditional song and dance followed by lunch.

The above structure gives a chance to every woman to participate in events and training, it helps to build confidence and empower the women to believe in themselves and the richness of their heritage which is rapidly eroding in this age of mass media. All the above events will culminate in the final celebration, the September Women's Festival, where everyone will come together to honour and celebrate "the preciousness of woman". Watch out for further dates and please join us in building bridges for co-evolution with our neighbours.

Paalam Exposure Trip

Paalam is a network of youth interested in community development from the 18 immediate villages surrounding Auroville. This network was created 9 months ago by AVAG in association with Youthlink to foster a communications platform between Auroville and the villages and to initiate community development projects that are mutually beneficial to the villages and Auroville. Two weeks ago, the group went on an exposure trip to Karudam Panchayat in Coimbatore to see a model of best practices, as this Panchayat won the Panchayat Puraskar Award 2015 from the central government for best performances and achievements. Paalam members saw extensive street lighting, solid & liquid resource management, bio gas, drainage management, dairy farming and a bio-methanation plant that processes the organic waste from vegetable markets, abattoirs and toilets to generate manure and biogas.

The points that inspired Paalam members were:

- 1) The reduction of the Panchayat electricity bill by 50%, due to solar street lights, the bill had previously run in lakhs of rupees each month.
- 2) A successful implementation of a waste management system to 6000 households that employs 26 women and the particular lessons learned were how to mobilise the people to pay a monthly fee, the methods of separation and sale of the waste.
- 3) How the panchayat had successfully mobilised CSR funding for their collective initiatives.
- 4) The benefits and new methods of vermi composting.
- 5) Members also got an opportunity to visit Isha Yoga Foundation where they took part in an interesting yoga class during the trip.

Paalam members have been meeting for 9 months in AVAG for training and information gathering. This period has laid a foundational base of knowledge and capacity so that the youth can move forward confidently into the next phase of Paalam's work which will be action oriented, working in constellations with other Paalam members, AVAG and Auroville, to create solutions for the challenges of our bio region, participating together to build a solid, sustainable future for all.

AVVAI Girls Education Program

See a full report in 14th of July News and notes on AVVAI scheme which outlined help given to 457 girls to progress through middle, high school and college. This number has increased by almost 100, in the past month, to 550 girls. It is sponsored by Motherson Sumi Systems Limited (MSSL) under their Corporate Social Responsibility funding.

Communications

AVAG is busy finalising a new website and film that will help us deliver clearer communications about our work. We will keep you posted when it is ready.

Positions available

AVAG is looking for Aurovilians, Newcomers and volunteers who have a passion for social justice and community development to join our team. We currently need help with fund-raising, communications and operational systems activities.

Should you have any queries or would like further information on any of our work, please contact: avagoffice@auroville.org.in or phone Anbu or Bridget on 0413 -2678871

Why does the Housing service publish housing units for transfer in the News and Notes and on the web?

Explanation:

1. The Aurovilians who are living in a housing asset want to move within Auroville and there is no simple house exchange available.

A simple house exchange means when 2 Aurovilians agree to exchange houses without any money involved. When this is not possible, the housing unit gets evaluated objectively by a government acknowledged evaluator (organised by the Housing service). The amount evaluated is the amount the new steward is then asked to contribute to the Housing Fund. And this amount can be used for the new unit. There is no extra income (profit) for the old steward or for the Housing Service. Only if a new steward takes a first time housing asset a fraternal contribution of 6.5% is asked.

2. A housing unit is presented for transfer when the steward wants to leave Av and have been less than 5 years in Av. Then they can be partially refunded for the contribution they gave for the unit. This refund arrangement has been put in place to stimulate the choice to fund housing even when new Aurovilians are not completely sure they want to make a lifelong commitment. After the five years the contribution becomes nonrefundable.

3. A housing unit without a steward any longer, is presented for transfer when the unit is a free standing unit that is needing a yearly high amount to maintain it. The housing

service has only a limited budget for maintaining all the houses for people on a minimum maintenance and cannot maintain these expensive houses. The income from the transfer gets allocated as financial support for housing units for Aurovilians who need this for a grant to build or for an extension for their house.

In the last six year the Housing Board has been able to give grants to 128 Aurovilians for a total of 2.10 crores. A detailed list is available for viewing in the Housing Service.

Sonja for the Housing Service/Housing Board

Building bridges

Dear Community,

For the last few months Kalsang and Matilde have been working on a project which has been granted funding by the PCG and now it is time that we share with you our progress.

WHO? A total of 19 kids from Udavi, Transition, TLC and Last School are going to this initial journey that we expect to organize on a yearly basis. 6 adults are going on the first trip.

WHEN? On Wednesday 7th September we are taking a train to Delhi-Pathankot and finally our last destination Daramshala, where we will be hosted by a Tibetan community for 3 weeks, returning back on the 7th October.

WHY? To build cross-cultural friendships and expose ourselves to different cultures.

WHAT? We are inviting you for a Fundraising dinner to be able to meet some of the additional expenses, so far we have secured half of the total needed.

WHERE? 20th of August at 6:30 pm at the Pavilion of Tibetan culture.

Please do come, we would all be very happy to host you! We will watch also *KUNDUN*, from Martin Scorsese on the life of his Holiness the fourteenth Dalai Lama.

Kalsang and Matilde

Auroville Accessible Public Bus - (AAP Bus)

- 1) On 15th August the bus will follow the usual timetable: 8.20 from Vérité and back to Auroville at noon.
- 2) Sometimes the bus could be a few minutes late at the stops due to several reasons, we kindly ask you to be patient avoiding making any calls to anyone of the team members.
- 3) AAP Bus team members are trying to provide trips on Sunday mornings or afternoons to Pondicherry and back. In this

issue, we wish to request feedback from the users of AAP bus. (YES or NO).

4) AAP team wants to quit the bus trip on Monday morning as most of the times the bus is empty on Mondays. Please provide your feedback it. (YES or NO).

To all AAP bus users, kindly provide the feedback on 3 & 4 point to: avbus@auroville.org.in

We kindly request you to write your feedback on our service to help us to improve. Write to us at avbus@auroville.org.in

See the AAP Bus schedule in this News&Notes issue.

With gratitude

AAP Bus Team

Eco Talk

Dear All,

We all produce waste, and throw it in the bin. There has been a big improvement in the sorting of your waste, but things can still be improved by feeling responsible, refining and adding little habits to your daily gestures.

Eco Service is collecting waste from 300 points and is sorting approximately 7 to 9 tons of waste every month. Unfortunately we have to put one third of it in the landfill. This can easily be reduced with your help.

We request you to please:

-Wash the plastic bags before throwing them into the bin (cheese, milk, curd plastic bags).

-Empty your jars and rinse them clean. It only takes a short time per jar but very long for tons of them.

- Throw the gray bakery paper in your organic (compost) waste bin, it quickly and naturally decomposes and becomes compost with the rest of your organic waste.

On our side we have been finding solutions for recycling as much as possible, and managed to reduce the landfill material by maximizing categories of segregation (more than 60 different categories.)

But we are still unable to find solutions for the green plastic trays used for the mushroom packaging, nor for the tetra packs, or for all the plastic wrapping that has shiny silver finish inside (biscuit packets, chips packets etc...). Please try to minimize your consumption of those products and discover existing alternative options.

Together we can work towards a cleaner Auroville, and a cleaner planet. Let's do it!

The Ecoservice team

POSTINGS

Organic Garden Festival in Chennai

For all those interested to participate, there is an Organic Garden Festival in VGP Golden Beach Resort (ECR before entrance to Chennai), on 3 & 4 September. They are encouraging housewives in creating their own organic vegetable garden. They issued native seeds, saplings through ngo's from various groups. Stall is 3m x 3m, one table and two chairs provided, and cost Rs. 5,000 for the two days. Please contact Mrs. Usha Rajkumar on: Vgpparijathamtrust2007@gmail.com.

Posted by *MGEcoduties (Guidelma & Margarita)*

Pre-Creche to Open for BABIES soon.....

To all parents - Pre-Creche would like to invite all parents of children who are born from March 2015 to February 2016 for a small gathering to discuss on how to organise for the coming semester. The gathering would take place at the school on the 19th of August at 10:30 am. For more details call the school after 9:30 am. Thanking you, Regards, *Pre Creche Team*.

A Quote

"Life is life - whether in a cat, or dog or man. There is no difference there between a cat or a man. The idea of difference is a human conception for man's own advantage". Sri Aurobindo - I add to this list cows, calves and hens just for the record. May we all live according to our own highest values. Submitted by Nandita (Quiet).

Auroville Bakery Closed

Auroville Bakery will be closed on Monday 15-08-2016. Please pick your Monday order on Saturday 13-08-2016. Happy Independence Day & Sri Aurobindo Birthday. *Av Bakery*

"Annam"... a New kitchen at Bharat Nivas

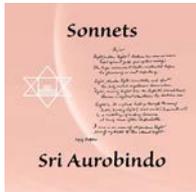
Dear friends, we are happy to announce to the Community at large that the inauguration of the new kitchen at Bharat Nivas is going to occur soon in August 2016. *Ramesh.V*

AVAILABLE

Audiobook of Sonnets by Sri Aurobindo

This audiobook contains all of Sri Aurobindo's sonnets—the seventy-four sonnets written in Pondicherry between the early 1930s and late 1940s.

This Audio Book is sponsored by Living Words project. The sonnets were recited by *Aravinda Maheshwari* and recorded by *Sergey Stanovykh* with valuable assistance from *Sushil Patel* and *Jasmin Maheshwari*.



- 2 Audio CDs, 74 Sonnets - 120 min, Produced year: 2014.
- Produced by Wisdom-Splendour, a Unit of Auroville
- This Audio CD is available at Auroville Information Centre, Sabda Pondicherry and from our website:

wisdomsplendour.in/en/home/151-sri-aurobindo-sonnets-audiocd.html

From this week onwards we are going to publish weekly visual animations of Sonnets on Vimeo: vimeo.com/livingwords

Juicer

Almost new family-size fruit\vegetable-juicer. ph.2623 038 - *Schima-dorit*

Bike

Avenger Bajaj - TN registration, Black color, 220cc, 3years old, just 8500 Km completed, single owner, best condition. Only for the serious buyer who wants to get TN number. Contact *Phil* : 894 045 3961

Garage sale

Some furniture, kitchen items, small appliances, mats, boxes, small tables, etc... All are in good condition. Date: 10 am to 12 pm, on this Sunday the 14th of August. Place: Arati3A (beside AV water service office). Contact *Phil*: 894 045 3961

LOOKING FOR ...



Kneeling office chair

Looking for a second-hand chair like this... Metal or wood. Please contact *Ann* at: dolma@auroville.org.in or 9443790661.

Food safe

If you have a food safe or a small cupboard that I could use as such, that is sitting in your store room, I'd be happy to buy it from you. Please call: 8300048211 or e-mail to: karen.aalders@hotmail.com. Thanks! *Karen*

An Acoustic Classical Guitar

Hi...I am here up to mid of October. I thought I had organized a nice guitar to borrow from my friends, but I found that it is not that good and not a suitable model also. So I am looking for an Acoustic Classical Guitar (to borrow/rent) which I could use up to 13th of October for my practice and composing. Please give me a call to 9047024318 if you know anything or write an email: to:anne.auroville@gmail.com - Thank you very much, blessings, *Anne*

A bike

Hello! I am looking for a bike (sport type). My contact: btv.12@mail.ru - *Tatyana*

Mia the Cat

My cat "Mia" needs a family to be with her. She's 5 years old, neutralized. She's a tabby cat who's cute, shy, calm and thoughtful. Maybe you've seen her photo on board in AV. I hope a lovely family can be with her ASAP. Please call me if you are planning to take her. *Phil*: 9944794818

Double-bed cum divan

Available double-bed-cum-divan along with mattress: Length - 200 cm. Width - 160 cm. Height - 33 cm. Has built-in storage space, made of country wood and plywood, in very good condition. Please contact *Srimoyi*: 9626915199 or 75 98 205129.

Sunshade-Umbrella's for your motorbike/scooty /TVS

If you would like a Sunshade-Umbrella for your motorbike, Scooty or TVS, please call Kumar Bike Service at the entrance to New Creation, ph. 9443497450. Different colours available: blue, purple, pink. Submitted by *Christina*

TVS Exel Moped

If you are interested please contact on this number: 2622932 - Submitted by *Suresh*

Phone Micromax D303

Do you need a telephone? I have a Micromax D303, 6 months old. If you are interested call 9487340778 or contact me on giacomoauroville@gmail.com - *Giacomo*

Offering my services

After a period of rest and recuperation I feel ready to offer my services anywhere in Auroville - in schools, units or in services. Please feel free to contact me on Ph-2623236, Mob-94870 61185, or by email: ramanarayana@auroville.org.in. In Her Service, *RamaNarayana*

Someone going to France

A small package of medicine needs to be taken to France for a friend who has been ill for many years with Lyme disease. A prescription will be made out so you won't have difficulties. Please contact *Francois* (fanfanclil@gmail.com / 9487918910) if you may be able to take it.

A Tent

I am looking for a 2 to 4 person waterproof tent. If you have a spare tent that you're not using and are willing to donate, please call me at +91 9943485544 or email at harshvalechha@gmail.com. Much love and appreciation! *Harsh* (Sadhana Forest).

A Simple Used Mobile Phone

Dear all, one of the happy caretakers of the Town Hall gardens has lost her mobile work while gardening there. Sadly, it couldn't be retrieved. Would you have a spare one to give to her? Please drop it at the News & Notes office, Town Hall. Much appreciated!

A motorbike

I will be volunteering in Auroville for six months and would like to buy a used motorcycle. If you have one for sale or know someone who does please contact me! Tel.: 8098363153 / E-mail: oscar-ep@hotmail.de - Thanks, *Oscar*

Anything of use for a Student Space

Dear Community,

The students of Future School have requested and have been given a classroom to be used as a student space to study and to relax in. It will also be used to store student's research and past papers which are of use to future students. For this space to take life and be unique we need to paint, furnish, and decorate it. If anyone has anything of use (tables, chairs, cupboards, shelves, beanbags, boxes ...etc.) lying around which they would like to give away, Please let us know! Everything will be happily and gratefully received.

Sincerely,

Future School Students

[Contact: 2622596, 2622776 / 9487767917]

Fridge / Washing machine

Hello! I'm looking for a second-hand fridge and washing machine. Could you help me? Call 9487340778 or write a mail to: giacomoauroville@gmail.com - Giacomo

Cycles

Dear Friends, we are six women who cycle 40 kilometers every Sunday. We always borrow the cycle from our neighbors or friends. If we had our own cycle we happily would go cycling every day after our work. If anybody wants to give away or wants to help us get a cycle, please contact us by mail: Grace@auroville.org.in or by phone: 9443003708. Even if the cycle is in bad condition, unused and standing in the shed, we will repair it. Thanking you for your generous help. Kind regards, Grace

LOST & FOUND

Glasses (Lost): Dear Beautiful Souls, I have lost my reading glasses, it has a brown frame; if you find them please let me know *Hamsini*: 9487544184

Water Bottle and Bag (Lost): Dear ones, somewhere I have left my stainless-steel-water bottle together with its own beautiful hand-stitched little shoulder bag, full of most beautiful printed pink rose flowers. If you've found it, kindly phone 0413-2623 038, *Schima-Dorit*

Items at Tibetan Culture (Found): Dear visitors of Pavilion of Tibetan Culture. 1. We have found a single key with a leather holder with some metal beads / 2 A pair of sun glasses / 3. A pair of reading glasses - light purple color. Probably lost during the Aspiration program - You are requested to claim the above mentioned items from the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture reception during our opening hours from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 2 to 5 pm. Submitted by Pavilion of Tibetan Culture.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our friends....

Santé: AV Institute for Integral Health is one year old on the 15th of August this year! We wanted to send a big THANKYOU to all our wonderful supporters within and beyond Auroville. The Santé team is very grateful for the trust that our Auroville family has extended to us during this new beginning.

It has been a time of learning and growth for our team, a time of adjusting to the lovely new space in which we work, and a time for manifesting many dreams. There is still a long journey ahead, and we are excited for the Adventure.

Santé currently offers therapies in 7 disciplines and on average approximately 38 people are attended to daily.

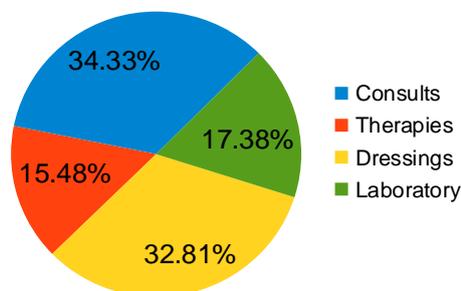
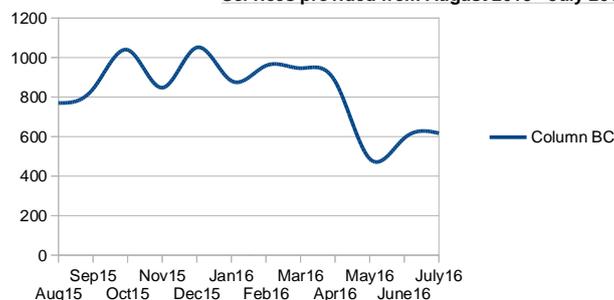
During our first year, Santé offered a total of 9912 services to the community.

We have reached many of our self-made goals this year and Santé's capacity to treat individuals has increased by almost 47%, given that now we are able to offer diverse therapies parallelly. Though the clinic presently has running expenses of almost 35% more than we draw in, miraculously we are thriving.

And that is thanks to Her Divine Grace and our dedicated team. We will strive to grow by continuing to offer quality service and more healing disciplines, and by strengthening our knowledge and experience base at every step.

Thank you once again! Stay healthy! :)

Services provided from August 2015 - July 2016



A P P E A L

Aha Kindergarten Open-house fundraiser

Aha Kindergarten plans to host an open-house fundraiser in early September.

We plan to make it a lively, fun-filled weekend event.

The proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards creating additional space for the children.

We would like to make a request to units and individuals to offer activities and donate items towards this event.

All contributions will be very gratefully received by the parents and teachers at Aha.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Contact - E-mail: aha@auroville.org.in or Phone *Priscila*: 9489969875

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House-sitting.1

Dear all, we are a family of four, Robin, Cecilie, Arvind (5 yrs) and Ahana (3 yrs) who are coming to Auroville to spend at least seven months from October 2016. We will be joining the Transformation Kindergarten and we are looking for an opportunity to house-sit or find a child friendly community or guesthouse where we can stay and live. We have friends and relatives in Auroville and have been visiting yearly for the last eight years. We are used to communal living from Denmark, Sweden, Uganda and the Pondicherry Ashram and we would be grateful for the opportunity to try to live in and contribute to the communal spirit of Auroville. Please, get in touch if you have or know of a place or a community for us, through email: cjlanken@gmail.com. With thanks, *Robin and Cecilie*

House-sitting.2

Hello! My name is *Kaeridwyn*, a responsible young Canadian woman and a Newcomer, working for AVArts, looking for a long-term house-sit or similar. Please contact me if you or

someone you know has an option for me. Thanks! 8489334022 or kaeridwyn@auroville.org.in

House-sitting.3

I am *Oscar Lieder*, a German/Australian volunteer in Auroville. Some fellow volunteers/interns and I are looking for an opportunity to house sit for up to 6 months. We would be 2-5 people. If you are looking for some quiet, responsible and disciplined house sitters please don't hesitate to contact me. Tel.: 8098363153 or E-mail: oscar-ep@hotmail.de. Thanks guys!

House-sitting.4

After a 5 months stay as a guest (working in PTDC and living in Creativity), I will stay in AV as a volunteer (Auroville Film Festival with Krishna) between mid-November until mid-May, intending to become later an Aurovilian. I would enjoy to find a house sitting in this period. I'm a responsible and organized mature woman, loving pets and plants :-). Thank you for answering at this email: maqali.adalios@orange.fr

TAXI SHARING

August 16th: Taxi from AV to Chennai the 16th afternoon (time flexible) to pick up a friend at the airport by 11 pm. Is someone interested in sharing the journey in one way (from AV to airport, empty) or the other (the return to AV, with my friend, after 11 pm, can also be flexible)? *Lison*: moeglelison@gmail.com or 8940731034

August 18th: Leaving Auroville around 6am to reach Chennai Airport by 9am. 2 persons going, coming back empty. Can share either way. Please contact: steph_barz@hotmail.com or 08291654162. *Stephanie*

August 19th: My daughter is arriving in Chennai Airport at 8:35 am. If you are interested to take the taxi leaving Auroville

at around 6:00 am or to share the taxi returning to Auroville, please contact me: facebron1@gmail.com / 85 24 95 9461 - *Fred*

August 21/22: An Auroville taxi is leaving Bodhi Zendo (Kodaikanal) on Monday, 22nd August, at 9 am, to return to Auroville. There may be some space in it. Or if you want to come to Bodhi Zendo or Kodaikanal on Sunday the 21st (daytime) we could share the cost. Contact shanti@auroville.org.in if you are interested, even if not sure. No phone as I am in Bodhi Zendo now. Thanks, *Anand Shanti* (Creativity)

August 26th to Aravind Eye Hospital: Friday 2 pm to AEH (south of Pondicherry). Please call or email, 9943532829, bqr8ful@auroville.org.in. Thanks, *B*

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Helper Needed for Labyrinth in Botanical Gardens

The Botanical Gardens Labyrinth, which was completed more than one year ago, is in need of some friendly, good-hearted helpers to help maintain the area. Some of the work involved includes weeding (lots!), watering, pruning, hedge-clipping

(manual and with machines), possibly some planting, as well as other tasks as needed. The location is generally quiet and peaceful. If you can help any amount of time during the week, any day, please contact me, *Noel*, at earthyoga@hotmail.com. Thank you and best Wishes to All!

AUROVILLE RADIO

Dear listeners ! Following are the programs done by AV Radio last week:

- Is There a Housing Crisis in AV? Recording of ARA meeting on the topic of housing - Click [here](#) to listen
- Selections par Gangalakshmi - 88 regular reading of Gangalakshmi - Click [here](#) to listen
- Savitri, B. 2, C. 4, Part 1 read by Loretta - Click [here](#) to listen
- Mother's Q&A 4/1/56, Part 2 read by Loretta - Click [here](#) to listen
- War and Peace - CHIRU Auroville's Conversations on Thursdays - Click [here](#) to listen
- Goals of IYD - Thursday's news featuring *Nikethana* from Youth Link inviting us to International Youth Day - Click [here](#) to listen
- Update GM, IYD - Monday's news with updates and announcements - Click [here](#) to listen
- Amongst Musical Editions you might want to listen to Olskool Trip in Unity - going back, way back into soulful, funky, groovy Africa - (Click [here](#) to listen), or to Sunday's Blues Love, a "Sunday kinda mood" playlist- Click [here](#) to listen



Of course you are very welcome to pass by AV Radio if you would like to take any of the programs on your USB stick...or if you would like to share something with us (and the audience)...if you would like to volunteer, participate in any way....if you have any suggestions, feedback, thoughts... We are located on the ground floor of Town Hall, opposite Financial Service....

Yours,
Auroville Radio Team (www.aurovillerradio.org/)

SPORTS

Auroville Triathlon 2016

What: Olympic and Sprint Distances.

- Olympic distance: 1500 meter swim, 40 km bicycle, 10 km run

- Sprint distance: 750 meter swim, 20 km bicycle, 5 km run

Where: In Auroville, starting and ending at La Piscine

When: 20 November 2016

Who: Open to Newcomers and Aurovilians

How to participate or help with support, contact Lyle at: lyle@auroville.org.in. Write "Triathlon" in the subject field.

Registration ends 21 October

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

Latest Offers from Airlines:

Lufthansa has special promotional fares from India to Europe and North America.

Emirates has special fares to Europe & North America.

Qatar, Etihad & Oman Airways all have special fares to Europe.

Jet Airways has promotional offers to Europe.

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

Insurance: We highly recommend availing of a Travel Insurance for all foreign travels.

You can check with us in advance the flight schedules & Baggage policies of the airlines.

International Flight Tickets / International Hotel booking -

0413 - 2622078, travelshop@auroville.org.in / Domestic Flight

Tickets / Trains / Bus / Travel Insurance - 0413 - 2623030,

domestic@inside-india.com / Tours and Domestic Hotel booking

- 0413 - 2622047, insideindia@auroville.org.in

EATING OUT

Well Café

Dear All, Well Café will be closed on Monday 15/8.

New on our menu: Falafel in Pita bread!!! Please come and enjoy our beautiful garden and vegetarian and vegan Mediterranean food.

With love, *Well café team (Sve dame)* [04132622219]



Hymn to Sri Aurobindo

The Effulgent Sun that is lighting up my being, building it anew,
The Constant Friend who is ever counselling this wayward wanderer out of glamorous pitfalls,
The Supreme Healer who is soothing this trouble-stricken soul with gracious calm,
The Patient Goldsmith who is chiselling this rough ore into a pure ornament,
The Beloved Gardener who is clearing up this hideous forest into a divine Paradise,
The Great Painter who is fashioning this smoke-hued picture into a bright living form,
The Wondrous Architect who is dexterously hewing this rough material into lovely shape,
The Powerful Dynamite that is blasting up this crude unconscious rock into vibrant life,
The Fiery Rocket that is piercing the subconscious gloom, flooding it with Light,
The Rare Touch-stone that is transmuting this crawling clod into wondrous gold,
The Mighty Master who has condescended to transform this erring mortal into immortal!!!!

Submitted by *GangaLakshmi* [House of Mother's Agenda, Savitri Bhavan]

Is This the End?

Is this the end of all that we have been,
And all we did or dreamed,
A name unremembered and a form
undone,
Is this the end?
A body rotting under a slab of stone
Or turned to ash in fire,
A mind dissolved, lost its forgotten
thoughts,
Is this the end?
Our little hours that were and are no
more,
Our passions once so high
Being mocked by the still earth and calm
sunshine,

Is this the end?
Our yearnings for the human Godward
climb
Passing to other hearts
Deceived, while smiles towards death and
hell the world,
Is this the end?
Fallen is the harp; shattered it lies and
mute;
Is the unseen player dead?
Because the tree is felled where the bird
sang,
Must the song too hush?
One in the mind who planned and willed
and thought,

Worked to reshape earth's fate,
One in the heart who loved and yearned
and hoped,
Does he too end?
The Immortal in the mortal is his Name;
An artist Godhead here
Ever remoulds himself in diviner shapes,
Unwilling to cease
Till all is done for which the stars were
made,
Till the heart discovers God
And the soul knows itself. And even then
There is no end.

Sri Aurobindo. 3 June 1945

Submitted by *Jean-François Audic* for *Elvira Salamanca* (His partner who just passed away)

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A Prayer to Sri Aurobindo



*"Open us
Transform in us everything that is not You."
The Mother*

Open Eyed
Fill us through and through
Your Presence
Your Light
Your Consciousness

Made us Crystal
In the Center
Golden
With Your Symbols
Let everything in us
Be You

Thanks
To the waves
That carried You
To the India
Of your birth
To Pondicherry
Your Mission

Our Home
To Auroville
The Future
Let everything in us
Be You.

Anandi (Realization)

LOE-CHU Research: Meaning & Importance for the World & Its Youth, of Auroville [Part 2]

(This was written on my blog for the 15th August two years ago, under the title 'Centenary of the ARYA: Hundred Years Later, What Is the Earth At?', <https://labofevolution.wordpress.com/2014/09/13/centenary-of-the-arya-hundred-years-later-what-is-the-earth-at/> It is meant also for outside AV.)

As was said by the Mother, collaborator of Sri Aurobindo and founder of Auroville, the problem in fact the most important for the world today, what Humanity everywhere must get rid of most urgently, is this tendency of the Mind to fall into fanaticism about just anything. Well yes, fanaticism is nothing but one of the many defects in the functioning of the Mind, one must realize that if one is to see through the fallacy of its supposed glory. The Mother called 'Exclusivism' this kind of particularly dangerous mental disease: it wants to exclude all that is not the Unique Idea it has selected and seeks to put as Exclusive Truth on the throne of the world. In a place like Auroville, dedicated to human evolution, there are no '-isms': 'Auroville - at last a place where nothing will have the right to impose itself as the exclusive truth.' the Mother said on Auroville's Foundation Day, February 28th 1968.

So, it doesn't matter where and on which side, all fanaticisms are part of the past. They have become public dangers for Humanity as a whole. To ensure the disappearance of this scourge, in each country education will show through concrete examples that Exclusivism proves nothing but the incapacity of the intellect to admit more than the narrow point of view that it is able to perceive.

A vaster, more inclusive development of each individual's consciousness will be from the start deliberately sought, enabling each one to appreciate and honor at the same time the various truths discovered by his/her own culture, and the other complementary truths discovered by other cultures.

This mutual appreciation between all the peoples will be the best way to make sure a durable peace grows between them in a human world where nationalistic supremacy will soon be as outdated as is today a computer from ten years ago.

The real problem is neither this country nor that country, and yet it is all of them to some extent: it is all the groups of fanatic people of all allegiances in every country, and in all countries. It is a whole mentality to transform, among the politicians and the economists, just as among the military and the religious people. It is high time this transformation started.

A wonderful thing is that now there is also the Supramental Energy in the picture, a powerful help for widening the consciousness of all the simple people of good will, who are the vast majority everywhere.

And here is the way the younger generations could have a decisive action:

If instead of putting themselves at the service of the various fanaticisms fighting each other, the youth everywhere would rise, would put themselves with the same enthusiasm at the service of Humanity as a whole, for the progress of its consciousness towards this vaster Truth that includes all other truths, the specific solutions required for each place and each individual would quickly be found - if they are aren't already, but suppressed just as soon - and utilized for the good of all.

In Auroville itself, not only is there in daily life an automatic, intense multicultural mixing between Aurovilians from all origins, but there is also the International Zone, where each great culture of the world is or will be presented, accessible in a living and deep manner as the very essence of its particular way of being, the unique contribution that this specific culture brings to Humanity. In such a new context, the usual superficial and artificial nationalism gives way at last to the very revolutionary concept of each country's deep soul, within a humankind enriched by all those cultures through their very diversity, just like the many musicians in an immense planetary orchestra.

This is the evolutive future of the Earth: a future that Auroville invites particularly the Youth of the world to make their own, with all the intensity and fervor that they are so capable of.

For the Earth.

The time has come for that.

Bhaga

Habitat: Willing Servitors of the Divine Consciousness

Asked by the Mother to be the architect of her 'ideal town', Roger submitted an eight page report dated September 7, 1965. She wrote her comments in the margins and added some on a notepad.

This was the first archival document Roger handed over to me, in 1986; I was a member of the Laboratory of Evolution/Centre for Human Unity and our task was to inform the community about Auroville during the Mother's years. Going again through it, reading the Mother's notations, my emotion is same as thirty years ago: I see "the Avatar's model town", now more than ever desperately needed. No rich, no poor. No deluxe, no low cost habitations. People pay for their residence and the land if they can afford, as an offering to Auroville; if they can't yet work satisfactorily for the community - everything is collective property - they are provided free accommodation. In either case the dwellings, elegantly simple, surrounded by abundant greenery, are beautifully functional; the size varies from 30 square metres for singles to 100 for a family of four, plus the collective spaces. Exchanges occur because of new life situations or other motives, but free from financial evaluations/transactions.

I am revising my old translation, never an easy task with Roger's scripts. But because of the confusion and overt misconceptions of what town the Mother wished I reproduce below poignant excerpts regarding the residential zone, punctuated by the Mother's written comments.

" Auroville's face:

The architectural trend of Auroville will be oriented towards a futuristic architecture; such must be the fundamental quest. It seems indeed indispensable that, by the force of its scope and aim, Auroville is given a new face springing from the search and élan towards beauty. Conversely, formulas such as those of an architecture ostensibly sensational or experimental are not to be maintained. For, if to see new and grand seems to be an absolute must, it is also advisable to retain the essential data of time-proven habitats that, fully integrated to nature, by and large must contribute to the inhabitants' joy of life. The endeavour to build for good is to be found over and again in every sector and neighbourhood of Auroville.

We must also avoid the pitfall of a cold, deserted city because of separating spaces in excess. Not to build a too scattered city is indeed of capital importance. We have to ponder upon, and solve, the difficult problem of urban agglomeration, to avoid the pitfall of the "dormitory-cities" of known new towns and the sprawling of the "individual" American housings.

[The Mother marked the last two lines, underlined "to avoid the pitfall", and wrote in the margin: **Very important**]

*The plan of each section will have to radiate its own atmosphere, sometimes even evoking a certain free rein of fantasy, re-creating the freedom of ancient urban settlements before the plague of ill-understood urbanism imposed its laws. In time the architecture of Auroville will have to be controlled by precise regulations defining, besides the general layout, also a palette of colours, of fences and its material, its maintenance etc. to be monitored by a responsible service of Auroville. This to prevent in the future an unavoidable *laissez-aller*.*

[The Mother marked the second part of this paragraph and wrote in the margin: **This provision is indispensable.**]

Residential Section

... Anyhow the best solution is a broad gamut of accommodations, a mixture of individual and small apartment blocks, along with buildings with patios, terraces etc. interconnected serially. Only such a mixture allows a play of volumes not monotonous.

[The Mother marked this entire paragraph and wrote in the margin: **Very good**]

How we'll handle the habitat is essential for the character and self-image of Auroville. The many broad possibilities offer numerous solutions. Nevertheless this bulk of studies must be undertaken keeping in mind the streets' and squares' layout, seeking for intriguing perspectives, so as to find again a life frame whose décor would be the visual example of the harmony realized by this new society. It is necessary to rediscover urban warmth by creating contacts between residents as lasting as possible, while also offering the choice of complete withdrawal.

Questions: *What standard shall we follow for these accommodations?*

[The Mother wrote at the bottom of the page: **Beauty in simplicity - comfortable but without luxury for the sake of luxury, harmony in usefulness. Nothing is more beautiful than a harmonious simplicity.**]

Will they be equipped all in the same way? What type of residences? Number of rooms; percentage to be defined to house singles, couples with or without kids, large families. Will some houses be rented to visitors?

[The Mother wrote in the margin: **I am in favour of some diversity in the types [of accommodations], according to the residents' typology.**]

Submitted by Paulette

Housing Board publication of the report and conclusion of their interaction and conclusion with the Sacred Groves project.

Background: The Housing Service was asked to be the project holder of the Sacred Groves project in 2013, which had received support of Dr. Doshi and the Governing Board as an innovated and affordable building project.

The Housing Board agreed to this; however, some members expressed strong doubt about the quality of the design and the capacity of the Housing Service team to supervise this big 122 housing project in addition of their already overstretched workload. But it did, relying on the TDC protocol of intensely scrutinizing each project proposal.

Auroville is in great need of affordable housing for Aurovilians, and therefore it was agreed to finance 3 prototype housing units (a single couple and family unit), which - when it was initially presented - would come to a total of 27 lakhs including furniture. The total estimate got raised and is raising still.

The Housing Service hereby publishes a narrative report, on a step-by-step of events that led to the decision to stop further funding after their input of 49 lakhs, money that was entered in the housing fund from house transfers of units who had no more stewards and the Fraternal contributions. This report has been presented to the Sacred Groves team for feedback in March 2016.

The Housing Service understands the need for low environmental impact housing building techniques, but its greatest need is afford ability.

To finance an ecological project that is also affordable, it would need a project in which the architect has mastery of the techniques and building material, and that this is clear and proven. Like other projects applying for a Site permission from L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC, it is first tested and approved. This is normally done by the architect him/herself before applying for a permission to build.

The Housing Service cannot finance a research project on building materials and this is normally not done when the TDC gives site permission for 122 houses. CSR and the Earth institute are the locations dedicated especially for this testing experimental purpose. It cannot be the task of the Housing Service to supervise this, nor a retired structural engineer employed by the TDC, who has no experience with the specific building method. Reports can be made, but overseeing the actual implementation of advice is in the hands of the Sacred Groves team.

The Housing Service decided to stop further funding as it was by then beyond its budget, and the information about the nature of the project (a building material experiment, without actual building project with tested materials) had not been sufficiently and suitably provided.

The total cost of the project - including the infrastructure, the facilities for the intern students and the work done on the prototypes - as well as the result on the 3 prototypes within the 3-year time frame were no longer supportable as affordable.

In the future, the Housing Service and the Housing Board wish that the TDC will take better care when site permissions are granted to architects and seriously study their experiments beforehand, to avoid what is felt like a conflicting situation and loss of resources.

Submitted by Sonya on behalf of Auroville Housing Service / Auroville Housing Board - [The full report is available on Auronet as attachment]

Answer of the TDC on the publication from Housing Board / Service - Sacred Groves

One of the functions of the TDC is to give site and building permissions for projects. In the request for affordable housing the objective of the TDC is to stimulate a variety of projects in different (cost) classes so that main Auroville resident-segments can find the house they like and can afford.

“Sacred Groves” started as an experimental project supported by donors especially AVI-USA and Housing Service took up the initiative to be the project holder. The project was approved after all the checks and balances, community feedback and added on the affordable spectrum necessary for Auroville.

Auroville is a place of learning and experimentation and the increasing criticism on conventional building materials was an extra argument to let this project pass. TDC was and is happy that Housing Service took up an experimental project of this size knowing that basic economic indicators are difficult to meet and there are risks involved.

An important principle in projects is that the project holder is responsible and accountable for the project. In the case of “Sacred Groves” Housing Service was the project holder and is responsible. To shift this responsibility to third parties during the development is running away from the problems and makes the accountability diffuse.

TDC

Looking for ecological and affordable living in Auroville?

Dear Aurovilians and Newcomers,

While entering the completion of the first 3 prototypes at Sacred Groves, we have gained experience in making healthy, strong and affordable houses from locally available natural and recycled materials. As many people ask us what the criteria will be to join the project moving on, we would like to share with the Auroville community how we envision the work:

1. **Co-Housing:** This is a form of collective housing that has enhanced community spaces- a large common house, collective utilities like shared office spaces, tool rooms and individualised learning facilities for children. All the current users are interested to go for this approach.
2. **Self-Build Homes:** We are open to receive people who are interested in self-build. The pre-requisites are that the materials for the construction should be all natural and/or recycled [non-toxic] and that they should *respect the parameters agreed for this project between L'avenir/TDC and Sacred Groves*. We could assist you at the technical level with architectural designs and the expertise we have gained after making the 3 prototypes. One aspect of our research in affordable housing is the use of technologies that can be learned quite fast by all. This way we can reduce the costs due to workers and contractors.
3. **Working with/for Youth:** We have trained more than 550 youth volunteers/interns on the site. We would like to especially invite Auroville youth to build their creative houses.
4. **Co-operative Organization:** We work at cost price as a co-operative of builders and users. This ensures total transparency in the works because everyone has access to the book of accounts. We consider that the concept of profit is completely out of place while working in an Auroville project- for other Aurovilians.
5. **More Efficiency:** We estimate that new houses could be built faster at a cost of Rs, 15,000 per square meter. This cost includes the main infrastructure (solar panels, rainwater tanks, wastewater recycling, food production *et al*). This could be further reduced if one were to consider basic finishes and simple levels of comfort.
6. **Healthy Homes:** In conventional construction many hazardous materials are used for which future generations will have to pay the bill. The quality of the indoor climate is normally very poor too. In the long term, this can make people ill, physically as well as mentally. These costs could be considerable, however not predictable, let alone what it means to the quality of life.
7. **Ecological Living:** Sacred Groves would be a community for ecological living, self-sustaining in terms of water (rainwater harvesting for domestic use), energy (generating our own power), food as much as possible (urban farming) and zero waste (reuse and upcycling of waste products).

We have already built the infrastructure- power/water, offices, common house, meeting areas, tools-storage, workshop and volunteers' accommodation needed for the realisation of this community. Future expansion can benefit from all these investments.

We have tried our best to come to a resolution with our opposition at Housing Service/Board ever since Oct 2014 when the funds were suddenly cut. Two more funds stoppages followed.

Amidst all these serious difficulties, there is an increasing interest from outside Auroville, especially universities like Indian Institute of Technology- Madras, JNCASR- Bangalore and National University of Singapore. They are now active collaborators in writing a review report of the prototyping stage. Other universities send groups of students and researchers to work at the site.

Many young people are offering their hard labour in exchange of learning opportunities at Sacred Groves. Realising its potential for Auroville, we have taken on the challenge to integrate this educational dimension into a construction project with its limited cost-time schedule. While it has its own challenges, it is rewarding to find that the involvement of volunteers has helped the project grow steadily even when the funds stopped.

We have also tightened our belts by cutting expenses sharply, fundraising with AVI-USA, donations from some fellow Aurovilians [thank you for your kindness] and our own internal revenues [construction workshops].

We continue building in spite of all odds. Thank you all for keeping us in your hearts!

For more information please contact us at: sacredgroves@auroville.org.in

Sacred Groves



For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every Thursday at sunset

From 6.00 to 6.30 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 5.45 to 6.30 pm.

Please be seated by 5.55 pm
Amphitheatre Team

Meditation for Sri Aurobindo's Birthday

15.8.2016 at 5 am

Matrimandir Amphitheatre

Recording of Mother reading Sri Aurobindo's poem 'Rishi' will be played.

Entrance from 2nd Banyan gate only. Gate opens at 4.15 am.

All are requested to come early and be seated by 5 am.

Please remember to bring along a torch light and leave your pets and cell phones at home.

Those with camera must take their seat on the southern side of the Amphitheatre, at the designated 'PHOTO SPOT'. Photography without flash please.

Please note that access will be limited to the Amphitheatre and up to 7 am only.

A special request to all to help us create and maintain an atmosphere of silence and concentration.

Visitors are requested to either carry their Aurocard or collect personally free tokens available at the Visitors Centre upstairs on 13th and 14th August between 3 pm and 5 pm.



INVITATIONS

Eco Femme Make-Your-Own session on Youth Day (13/08/2016)

Saturday 13th of August, 3-5 pm

You will have the opportunity to make your own cloth pads at our booth on the Youth Day event at the Unity Pavilion.

We will provide the materials for free.

Please join and enjoy for your very own self-empowerment experience!

THE FIVE DREAMS OF SRI AUROBINDO

On the occasion of the independence of India on August 15, 1947,

Sri Aurobindo wrote about the significance of it happening on his birthday as well as his five dreams for humanity.

At a meeting of the Bharat Nivas Board Members and the International Zone Coordination Team, Deepti Tiwari proposed

an interactive reading of this text on Sri Aurobindo's Birthday

Monday 15 August from 3-5 pm at the new CIS building in Bharat Nivas.

This is in the context of receiving guidance for the development of the International Zone.

At the meeting it was decided to open this event to all those interested in the International Zone especially the Pavilion Groups but also any others who might like to join us.

Bharat Nivas Board and International Zone Coordination Team

"White Wednesday" at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

Wednesdays are considered as a white Wednesdays in Tibetan Calendar. Every Wednesday Tibetans all over the world are trying to keep the origins of our fatherland, and to be in solidarity with the Tibetans inside of Tibet. To remember this occasion, the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture is happy to show a documentary film on Tibet followed by a Tibetan Vegetarian dinner.

On Wednesday 17th August 10, 2016
Dinner from 6.45 pm to 7.45 pm

Followed by a documentary film on "The Oracle - Reflection on Self", by David Charniack - in English, dur. 70 min.
Please book in advance by calling : 8489067332 or [email: kalsang@auroville.org.in](mailto:kalsang@auroville.org.in)
Thank You

Baraka fair

On the 20th of August, Saturday, from 2:30 to 5 pm

There will be a fair at Baraka.

Lottery with prizes, flea market, riding demonstrations and food.
Come enjoy and support our horses and students.

Thanks, *Mahi and Achilles*

Permaculture Festival

Dear Friends,

24th September Solitude Farm will host a Permaculture Festival celebrating creativity, community and our Mother Earth.

The festival will be focused on creativity within our community including artists, musicians, handicrafts, healers, permaculture, cooking, food and eco-building. We invite those running an activity to present their work in a way that engages people and shares an experiential and educational experience.

This will not be a market where people will be merely selling their crafts etc.

There will also be a handful of Auroville bands, local food cooked by Solitude Organic Farm Café, and a couple of other performances.

The event will be free but we encourage people to support the event financially because there are many expenses and after all it is a community event and for the benefit of all.

We really need some committed volunteers to join us in getting everything ready:

Kitchen, festival space, stage, sound, lights, safety, children's activities, setting up and cleaning up etc.

We also welcome a few more select workshop/stall holders who have an activity that will engage the audience as expressed above.

The Festival will start at 3 pm and end by 10 pm

If you want to get involved please send an Email to:

krishnamckenzie@auroville.org.in

or ring: 9843319260 Krishna / 9866593373 Duhita

TALKS , SEMINARS

A Talk by Ashok B Lall

13th August 2016 - Saturday- 16.00 - 17.30 hrs

Organized by Bharat Nivas - Auroville Design Consultants

"Aesthetics of Sustainability"

At Bhavishyte Bharat Nivas

Organized by Bharat Nivas - Auroville Design Consultants

Savitri Study Camp

August 16-22, 2016

Talks on Savitri, Sri Aurobindo's epic poem, at Savitri Study Camps, which are held twice a year at the Beach Office of Sri Aurobindo Society, Pondicherry

Audio recordings of the whole cycle are available at
www.auromaa.org/savitri-study-camps/

Starting with 2014, the video are recorded and available online here:
Savitri Study Camps

youtube.com/playlist?list=PLrnF67-HbtxP8cijPxm3GuVpcH3ynVWm



CULTURAL EVENTS

Adishakti Theatre - Tamaasha Theatre
Presents

"Blank Page"

Date: Monday 15th August, 2016

Time: 7 pm (Duration: 55mins)

Venue: Adishakti Theatre, diagonally opposite to hope, Edayanchavadi Road. Ph: 0413 2622287

Visitors Centre

Thursday 18th August at 8 pm

Bharatanatyam Performance

By Anjali Bagal and group

All are welcome!

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

16th August (Tuesday) - Focus this week on: 'The Supermind'

- 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

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 Noon (please be present by 8.50 am for preliminary study)

Led by *Ashesh Joshi* (Contact: 9489147202, 0413 2622922)

No Registration required (except for groups)

Fees: Voluntary Contribution

All are welcome

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

Spontaneous singing with Antoine

Workshop restarts on Wednesday 17th of August

Creativity - Hall of Light - Every Wednesday: 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Max 10 people - Please come on time - Ph: 89 40 740529

English classes

English Practice at Creativity community's library is cancelled 15th and 22nd August for Darshan and ARA meeting.

We meet again Monday August 29th, 5:15 to 6:45.

Patricia is facilitator. Drop in to see if you are interested in these interactive sessions on Mondays. No charge.

Readers group Mother's Agenda in Italian

L'Agenda di Mère in italiano per condividere il viaggio di Mère con Newcomers, volontari e turisti italiani

"...C'è come una favola dietro a tutto questo...Qualcosa di indicibilmente bello, una storia che Sri Aurobindo ha cercato di far scendere sulla terra: e adesso è certo che si sta realizzando!"

Mercoledì 17 Agosto ore 17 alla Library in Creativity con *Janaka*

Le fotocopie dei passi proposti sono disponibili gratuitamente. Prenotatele con un messaggio al 948.762.96.48 oppure a: janaka.om@auroville.org.in

Awareness Through the Body with Aloka



Weekly sessions at Transition School ATB Hall:

• Yoga Nidra sessions

Wednesdays at 5 pm sharp

Starting from the 17th August 2016 to February 2017

Deep relaxation sessions that last for about an hour

Open to everybody. *Please be on time*

• ATB explorations

Thursdays from 4.30 pm to 6 pm

Starting from August 18th 2016 to February 2017

Introspective explorations using the body as a key to come to know and harmonise oneself better

People interested in participating need to sign up with me at:

alokamariona@gmail.com.

Workshop In VÉRITÉ

(24 hour advanced registration required)

Please contact *Vérité* to register for the following workshop:

0413 2622045, 7094104329 or programming@verite.in

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

- **ANTIGYMNASTIQUE:** an Opportunity to Discover, Re-discover and Awaken New Parts of Your Body with Francesca
Saturday, August 20 - 9 am to 12.30 pm

Antigymnastique is a movement practice (developed in the 1970's by French physiotherapist Thérèse Bertherat) that fosters appreciation for the body's ability to adapt, reorganize and protect itself. Each workshop will help you understand your body in a deeper way and explore new possibilities of movement.

Francesca is a certified Antigymnastique Practitioner with many years of experience, and also a massage and yoga therapist (Krishnamacharya tradition).

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 it is still"

A 3-day workshop combining experiential learning and "Theory of the Mind" (Certified course from EKAA: www.ekaa.co.in)
Info meeting August 17th at 5 pm - Sharnga Guesthouse

August 19th - 21st at Sharnga Guesthouse Yoga Hall
(www.sharngaguesthouse.in)

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

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

Reminder: "Trauma - the unseen wound"

Workshop 13th and 14th August, 9- 6 pm at Sharnga Guesthouse Yoga Hall

Toolbox to work with trauma therapeutically, for all those working with Trauma.

Trainer *Sigrid Lindemann* [Certified Faculty in Hypnotherapy, certified in TASSO Regression therapy and trainer in Classical homeopathy, in Germany and Auroville
(www.sigridlindemann.com www.auroville-holistic.com)]

Register with *Sigrid*: contact@auroville-holistic.com and 09626006961, 0413 2623888

Awareness through the Body

ATB1 - A two-day introductory workshop with Amir & Tamar
August 27th & 28th (Saturday & Sunday)

ATB hall, Transition school, Auroville.

09:00 to 17:00 daily.

Introductory workshop to a rich program, born and developed in Auroville, inspired by the integral yoga. ATB offers a space for introspection 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 website:

www.awarenessthroughthebody.com.

To sign up, mail *Amir* at: atbwithamir@gmail.com.

Contact Dance Improvisation Workshop

Saturday 13 August and Saturday 20 August

From 5 to 7 pm in Cripa

Discover and enjoy the rhythm of your body and the relation with the ground, the space and with other bodies.

Free Contribution.

Arianna: 8524959680 / *John*: 8524963049

Classes in Arka

We are extending the Joint Mobility and Systema classes through the end of August.

There will be no class on Aug 15th.

• JOINT MOBILITY for "seniors"

Actually beneficial for all ages, these movements draw on Indian, Russian and Chinese practices. They are moderately easy, promote full body circulation and coordination, and provide minimal toning. "We are as old as our connective tissue." ARKA until Sept. 3 MonWedFri 8:30-9:15

Contact *Ashaman* 9487241975

• SYSTEMA for health and relaxation, 3 week exploration
Drawing on practices of Russian Martial Art, we will explore breathing, tension/relaxation, natural movement, falling, pressure, and some impact. While there will be some martial elements, we will keep a focus on developing the basics of breathing and body movement for health. The emphasis will be on maintaining a neutral psychological status under varying degrees of challenge rather than on "succeeding" through competition. Wear loose comfortable clothing, and please arrange to be present during all sessions.

Everybody is welcome.

ARKA until Sept. 2 Tues & Thurs 16:30-18:30

Contact *Ashaman* 9487241975

Sankalpa: Art Journeys

Our Art Cart and Mandala & Meditation sessions have started again; please see the Regular Events section below for updated timings. The Art Cart will be the base for a special art exchange at International Youth Day on Saturday, August 13th from 2 to 6 pm at Unity Pavilion!

Affirmation Doll Workshop

Saturday, August 20 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Sankalpa Art Center, International Zone (behind Pavilion of Tibetan Culture). Limited spaces, by registration only: sankalpa.art@gmail.com

Includes an introduction to art therapy through experiential learning, guided meditation, and the personalized creation of an affirmation doll. Creating a character helps externalize and process aspects of self and identity, to foster awareness and insight, often giving voice to unexpressed stories.

No art or stitching experience needed. Each participant will use our Doll Kit product which includes a basic doll form and all supplies needed, while supporting our ongoing programs. A special invitation to adults/parents/teachers/counselors interested to use this kit with others.

Art Break Day 2016: Believe

Friday, September 2, 9 am to 5 pm at Dreamer's Café, Visitor's Center

Saturday, September 3, 9 am to 12:30 pm, Sankalpa Art Center

For the 4th year, Sankalpa is happy to host an official hub site for this global art revolution happening simultaneously in 40 locations around the world. Everyone is welcome to sit down, take an art break and create together for free, thanks to the support of the event organizers Art is Moving in California. We will have a very unique collaborative process for the second event in our art center. Any student/large groups of 8 or more, please contact us to book slots to ensure everyone can enjoy!

We need volunteers for three shifts below, please email to sign up: sankalpa.art@gmail.com

Fri, Sept 2 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Fri, Sept 2 from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Sat, Sept 3 from 8:30 am to 1 pm

Regular Events from Sankalpa:

- **Mandala & Meditation:** Join us for a simple collective mandala co-creation and meditation. Please bring your enthusiasm and any flowers, seeds, etc. collected on the way to the Sankalpa art center for this symbolically unifying experience (just behind Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International Zone). Follow our daily mandala and affirmation posts: www.facebook.com/sankalpajourneys

Everyday (Monday-Saturday) from 6 to 6:30 pm

- **Art Corner:** Open community art space with different themes each week. A place to release fears, idea of right or wrong, to play and to create while connecting with us at the Art Cart! We occasionally move the cart for events, check for updates at facebook.com/sankalpajourneys.

Tuesdays & Fridays from 4 to 6 pm,
Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 pm

Love, light and color,

Krupa for Sankalpa: Art Journeys (subunit of

Thamarai)

[www.sankalpajourneys.com - facebook.com/sankalpajourneys]





Dear friends! Aurovilians and guests!
2 years ago on August 20,
Guruji Sri B.K.S. Iyengar left his body.
He has been known as a founder of
Iyengar yoga and one of the foremost
yoga teachers in the world, Yogacharya

Sri B.K.S. Iyengar, is turning 95. His books and innovative approach to practice and methods of teaching are widely known throughout the world. In 2004 Iyengar was named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by Time Magazine. The Aurovilian Iyengar yoga society cordially invites you at Pitanga to remember our teacher by practicing together, sharing some memories and watching short interviews.

Saturday August 20th:

Morning session 9.30-12.00 / Afternoon session 3.30-6.00

Classes are suitable to the practitioners of any level. Those who need special attendance in the class (ladies in period, pregnant ladies, and patients with hurt conditions) are suggested to join regular classes instead.

Classes will be conducted by Senior Iyengar yoga teacher *Tatiana Tolochkova*.

After the afternoon session some refreshment will be served. Documentary movie starts at 6.30 pm (duration is about 30 minutes).

To register please contact the reception of Pitanga:

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, (0413) 262 2403 - pitanga@auroville.org.in.

AUROVILLE ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC BUS

Timetable of the new Accessible Auroville Public Bus 12 seats (will run on 15/08)

MONDAY to SATURDAY

8.20 am - Vérité
8.25 am - Matrimandir office gate
8.30 am - Solar kitchen
8.32 am - Certitude
8.40 am - Kuilapalayam (New Creation Junction)
8.42 am - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)
8.45 am - Last School
8.50 am - Quiet
9.00 am - Lotus Hotel, S.V Patel Salai, Pondicherry
9.05 am - Ashram
9.10 am - Ganesh Temple

12.00 pm - Ganesh Temple
12.05 pm - Lotus Hotel
12.15 pm - Quiet Junction
12.20 pm - Last School Gate
12.23 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)
12.25 pm - Kuilapalayam (New Creation Junction)
12.33 pm - Certitude
12.35 pm - Solar Kitchen
12.40 pm - Matrimandir Office Gate
12.45 pm - Vérité

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY & SATURDAY

4.20 pm - Vérité
4.25 pm - Matrimandir office gate
4.30 pm - Solar kitchen
4.33 pm - Certitude
4.40 pm - Kuilapalayam (New Creation Junction)
4.42 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)
4.45 pm - Last School
4.50 pm - Quiet
5.00 pm - Lotus Hotel, S.V Patel Salai, Pondicherry
05.05 pm - Ganesh Temple

08.10 pm - Ganesh Temple
08.15 pm - Lotus Hotel
08.25 pm - Quiet Junction
08.30 pm - Last School Gate
08.33 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)
08.35 pm - Kuilapalayam (New Creation Junction)
08.43 pm - Certitude
08.45 pm - Solar Kitchen
08.50 pm - Matrimandir Office Gate
08.55 pm - Vérité

The bus is accessible **To All**. It means that everybody will be able to use it: People who have no physical problems, wheelchair users, mothers with buggies, people with temporary or permanently reduced mobility included. The differently able residents and guests who want to use the bus must call us one day or one hour in advance and they will be picked up at their community.

Bus passes

- 10 Entries: Rs.420 (each entry Rs.42)
- The cost of one way ticket without pass: Rs.45

The bus passes are available at both the Financial Services (Aspiration & Town Hall); Ask for Auroville bus passes. People who don't have bus passes and want to travel could sign on the blue sheet with their Auroville account number. The blue sheet will be available with the bus driver.

For those who would like to contribute more to support the Accessible Auroville Bus, here is the account number 251675.

We kindly request you all to provide your feedback after your journey with the bus to improve our service.

Any Suggestions or request please contact: 9443074825 - *Raju* / Email: avbus@auroville.org.in

FILMS

Announcement from MMC/Cinema Paradiso

Dear Friends:

We, as a team, do our best to source and bring you good, often rare and independent films, through regular evening and children matinee screenings at Cinema Paradiso. Since we bring you the films through most holidays and the summer months without any break - it comes to a whopping 334 screenings per year. Not a small feat.

In return, we seek that commonly practiced decorums are maintained so that viewing experience for you and others remain pleasant.

In the recent months we have experienced and have received complaints regarding people arriving late (sometime even just 15mins before the film ends), or arriving and leaving in groups while the film is running, putting on their cell phone, flashlights, or running in front of the screen to find seats for

their friends, constantly browsing their social networks (perhaps) while the film is running, or simply talking as the film is on - and so forth.

We request the community to help us curb such behaviors - which are pretty recent and not entrenched. If you find your neighbor at the film doing any of the things mentioned, eating, or anything that is disturbing others - please request them not to.

From our side, we have decided that entry to the film will be allowed up to 15 mins after the film has started - i.e. typically until 8:15 pm.

Thanking for your understanding.
We will look forward to your help.

With warm regards,
Multimedia Center Auditorium/Cinema Paradiso Group



CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM (Film starts at 7:45 pm SHARP!)

Reminder: Friday 12 August "KILLA" by Avinash ARUN, India, Maharashtra, 2015

FRIDAY 19 AUGUST - 7:45 pm (sharp!)

"ONE" - Directed by P.JAYENDRA - Produced by C.Srikanth, India, 2014

With: T.M. Krishna

Synopsis: This exceptional film is about the music of Thodur Madbusi Krishna (widely known as TMK), a vocalist in the Carnatic tradition (classical music from South India). "One" is an experiment where we have tried to take the artist away from the stage. We tried to find a space where he could let his imagination flow unchecked. There were no specifications on what he had to sing. There were no expectations he had to meet. In this environment T.M. Krishna set out on a journey to find joy in his own music. In doing so, he was oblivious to us (the film crew) who tried to capture this process as unobtrusively" says P.Jayendra, the filmmaker. Shot in beautiful landscapes in the Nilgiri Hills and with high quality and special care for sound. In collaboration with Bharat Nivas. *English version (mostly musical) - Duration 1h.30' - General Audience*

THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, August 19th, Friday



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!!

I Like It RAW- Raw Veganism in Beef Country

58mins Directed by Dana Giesbrecht

Join documentary filmmaker Dana Giesbrecht as she explores how five Alberta carnivores, each with a pre-existing health

condition, fare when they spend 30 days on an uncooked, meatless diet in an effort to reclaim their health.

(Reminder: Friday, August 12th:-

Rivers and Tides: *Andy Goldsworthy Working with Time*)

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at (0413) 2677682 or 2677683 or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in. Or visit us online sadhanaforest.org, facebook.com/sadhanaforest

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

Thursday August 18th 8 pm

WARCRAFT (2016)

Genre: Action/Adventure/Action/Fantasy - Dur: 2hrs 03 mins / Language: English, Subtitle: English / Rated: PG 13

Dir: [Duncan Jones](#) / Cast: [Travis Fimmel](#), [Paula Patton](#), [Ben Foster](#)

Storyline: A movie that is adapted from the famous game. As an Orc horde invades the planet Azeroth using a magic portal, a few human heroes and dissenting Orcs must attempt to stop the true evil behind this war.

Friday August 19th 8 pm

THE JUNGLE BOOK (2016)

Genre: Adventure/Family / Dur: 1 hr 46 mins / Language: English; Subtitle: English / Rated: PG

Dir: [Jon Favreau](#) / Cast: [Neel Sethi](#), [Bill Murray](#), [Ben Kingsley](#)

Storyline: After a threat from the tiger Shere Khan forces him to flee the jungle, a man-cub named Mowgli embarks on a journey of self-discovery with the help of a panther, Bagheera, and a free spirited bear, Baloo.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 15th of August 2016 at 6:30 pm

"THE MOTHER ON SRI AUROBINDO"

The Mother's stated: "What Sri Aurobindo represents in the history of the earth's spiritual progress... is a mighty action straight from the Supreme." And "Sri Aurobindo has come on earth... to open concretely the route towards an imminent and inevitable future".

And to the sadhaks in the Ashram the Mother said: "Sri Aurobindo is here, as living and as present as ever and it is left to us to realise his work with all the sincerity, eagerness and concentration necessary."

The film by the Sri Aurobindo Ashram from 1992 was re-edited in August 2015. Duration: 22:00min.

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

The contents of News & Notes are a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

How to submit material: Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the N&N email address (below).

NB: Messages with large attachments (more than 1 MB) will not reach our inbox.

Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready.

The Wednesday deadline (11am) is absolute as the News is given to the printers by Wednesday 2 pm.

Any modifications of the submitted News items have to be sent to the editors before Wednesday.

We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Wednesdays due to work pressure.

Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words. All articles and reports need to reach us by Tuesday noon.

Visiting hours: Mondays, Tuesdays 9am to 11.45am and 1pm to 3pm; **No visitors on Wednesday.** **Soft Version:** We encourage you to ask us for a soft version of News& Notes send directly on your own mail. First, it saves trees, cost of paper (Rs 12.000 monthly are spent only on purchasing paper) and labor cost (900 copies are printed every week). Second we send your soft copy as a PDF file (Same formatting as the printing version with colored pictures) on Thursday morning and you can get information earlier than the printing version which is delivered only on Friday and Saturday. Don't hesitate to mail: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in or to phone 2622133.

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News & Notes, Media Centre, Town Hall. Phone: 2622133, email: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 15 August 2016 to 21 August 2016

Indian - Monday 15 August, 8:00 pm:

- **ORU NAAL KOOTHU (Like a Little Dance of Life)**

India, 2016, Writer-Dir Nelson Venkatesan w/ Mia George, Nivetha Pethuraj, Riythiva, and others, Drama-Comedy, 141mins, Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated :NR (PG)

The film focuses on the significance of marriage in society, where for women early 20s seem to be the unwritten deadline to get hitched - creating immense pressure on both the parents and children. The story follows three women facing the same issue in their respective lives. Lakshmi, a girl next door - is all ready for an arranged marriage but no alliance seem to click, Sushila a popular radio-jockey from a middle class family - whose brother is desperate to get her married, and then there is Kavya who is in love with someone who the family does not consider a good enough match for her. The film moves seamlessly between the characters until the end when chance brings them together. *A woman centric film!*

German - Tuesday 16 August, 8:00 pm:

- **IM JULI (In July)**

Germany, 2010, Dir. Fatih Akin w/ Moritz Bleibtreu, Christiane Paul, Mehmet Kurtulus and others. Comedy, 99 mins, German-Turkish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
Can Daniel follow the sun from Hamburg to the Bosphorus by Friday to meet his love? A funny and eventful trip through Europe.

Interesting - Wednesday 17 August, 8:00 pm:

- **WHERE TO INVADE NEXT**

USA, 2015, Writer-Dir. Michael Moore w/ Michael Moore, Krista Kiuru, Tim Walker and others, Documentary, 120mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated:R

To show what the USA can learn from the rest of the world, the director playfully visits various nations in Europe and Africa as a one-man "invader" to take their ideas and practices for America. Whether it is Italy with its generous vacation time allotments, France with its gourmet school lunches, Germany with its industrial policy, Norway and its prison system, Tunisia and its strongly progressive women's policy, or Iceland and its strong female presence in government and business among others, Moore discovers there is much that American should emulate.

French - Thursday 18 August, 8:00 pm:

- **UN PEU, BEAUCOUP, AVEUGLÉMENT (Blind Date)**

France, 2015, Dir. Clovis Cornillac, w/ Clovis Cornillac, Mélanie Bernier, Lilou Foglie, Comedy, 91 mins, French WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES, Rated: G

He is a dedicated workaholic who lives and breathes his work. He can concentrate only in silence. She is a pianist and cannot live without music. She must prepare an examination. They will have to cohabit without seeing each other...

International - Saturday 20 August, 8:00 pm:

- **AFERIM! (Bravo!)**

Romania-Bulgaria-Czech Republic-France, 2015, B&W, Writer-Dir. Radu Jude w/ Teodor Corban, Mihai Comanoiu,

Toma Cuzin, and others, Adventure-Comedy, 108mins, Romanian-Turkish-Romany w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
This acclaimed award winning film is in black and white - and set in early 19th century Wallachia. In this story, a local policeman Costandin, is hired by lordache, a boyar (local noble), to find Carfin, a Gypsy slave who had run away from the boyar's estate after having an affair with his wife, Sultana. Costandin sets out to find the fugitive, beginning a journey full of adventures. Gypsy slavery lasted from the 14th century up until the middle of the 19th century, a situation which is very little known and almost nonexistent in the public debate today, although its impact continues to influence Romania's social life. *It is a film you should not miss!*

Children's Film - Sunday 21 August, 4:30 pm:

- **THE PIRATES BAND OF MISFITS**

UK-USA, 2012, Dir. Peter Lord & Jeff Newitt w/Hugh Grant, Salma Hayek, Jeremy Piven and others, Animation, 88mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

Pirate Captain sets out on a mission to defeat his rivals Black Bellamy and Cutlass Liz for the Pirate of the year Award. The quest takes Captain and his crew from the shores of Blood Island to the foggy streets of Victorian London.

Ciné-Club - Sunday 21 August, 8:00 pm:

- **MARKETA LAZAROVA**

Czech, 1967, Dir. Frantisek Vlácil w/Magda Vasryova,Josef Kemr, and others, History-Romance,162mins, Czechw/English subtitles, Rated: R

Based on a novel by Vladislav Vančura, this stirring and poetic depiction of a feud between two rival medieval clans is a fierce, epic, and meticulously designed evocation of the clashes between Christianity and paganism, humankind and nature, love and violence. Vlácil's approach was to re-create the textures and mentalities of a long-ago way of life, rather than to make a conventional historical drama, and the result is dazzling. With its inventive widescreen cinematography, editing, and sound design, Marketa Lazarová is an experimental action film.

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.

Kindly do not bring food, drinks, snacks, munchies or your pets into the auditorium.

As a courtesy to the fellow viewers please be sweet and stop chatting after the film starts.

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in We appreciate your continued support. *Pl make a contribution to "Cinema Paradiso" account (#105106) at the Financial Service.*

Thanking You,

MMC/CP Group

- Account# 105106, mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

Auroville Emergency Contact Numbers

Save them in your phone now!

→ Auroville Safety and Security Team: 9443090107 - 9443362691 (Email: avsecurity@auroville.org.in)

→ Ambulance: Auroville: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271



ACRES FOR AUROVILLE land campaign Phase 3 launch: Sri Aurobindo's Birthday 2016



'to build a house in Matter for the Unborn'

Auroville began with Sri Aurobindo's great vision, the Mother's dream, and with land!

The earth of 124 nations and regions of India, and the Samadhi of Sri Aurobindo, were put together into the urn along with the Auroville Charter. Auroville was born in a concrete act of intention, hope, and new promise!

For the Mother, Matter was the vital substance in which she placed her force - Matter was the vector through which she acted. And Auroville's land was the house she intended for the new Force and Consciousness so ***'that Heaven might native grow on mortal soil'***.

Today, the land that the Mother intended for this 'house' is still incomplete. In line with this urgent need, starting on August 15th - **A4A Phase 3** will aim larger and higher to target

The City & Priority Plots in all of **Auroville's Master Plan area**.

The Mother wrote: ***"our present individual beings are in reality called upon to collaborate in this glorious victory, this new manifestation."*** And for Auroville's land, the Mother asked:

"Will you help?"

The clock is ticking - the time to secure the land is NOW!

Donations specifying **'ACRES FOR AUROVILLE'** via: Auroville Unity Fund (checks/transfers) or Credit-debit cards via www.auroville.com/donations/ (using the 'Acres for Auroville' button) or via www.auroville-international.org
For more information www.colaap.org . **'GreenAcres'** - our sister campaign - is specifically for Greenbelt land.

"Amphidance" photo by Giorgio - Quotes from Sri Aurobindo's *"The Miracle of Birth"* & Savitri Book 1, Canto 1
The Mother's Prayers & Meditations 15.11.1914; The Mother's Message of May 1970

ACRES FOR AUROVILLE is a collaboration of 'Auroville International' & Auroville's 'Lands for Auroville Unified'



Lands for Auroville Unified

Auroville Centre for Urban Research, Administrative Area,
Auroville - 605 101, Tamil Nadu, India

ACRES FOR AUROVILLE land campaign Sri Aurobindo's Birthday - 15 August 2016

"The truth of Sri Aurobindo is a truth of love and light and mercy. He is good and great and compassionate and Divine. And it is He who will have the final victory."

The Mother

Auroville is here to pave the way for the final victory of Sri Aurobindo – in other words, the victory of all that is "good and great and compassionate and Divine". Hence, an integral, consolidated, unified physical base of Auroville means an integral, consolidated and unified field of action, experimentation, and innovation for establishing all that is "good and great and compassionate and Divine".

This - an integral, consolidated, unified physical base of Auroville - is the aspiration of **Acres for Auroville**. We launched its first phase on 15th August 2014 with a view to raise funds for missing plots in the Matrimandir area and in the International Zone. Thanks to the enthusiastic cooperation of Aurovilians and friends of Auroville, we reached the targeted amount. Hence, on 15th August 2015, we initiated the second phase of the campaign. While keeping the fundraising target as that of the 1st action, we enlarged the scope to all the 4 zones of the City Area - the urban hub envisaged by The Mother that surrounds and dignifies the Matrimandir. We are now happy to announce another encouraging success - this time for Phase 2 – and again thanks to the contributions of Aurovilians and so many loyal friends of Auroville!

August 15, 2016 will mark the commencement of the 3rd phase of the campaign. Following the request of the Auroville Land Board, we have expanded the scope of our action so that besides the City Area, priority plots in the Greenbelt too can be purchased from the funds raised by **Acres for Auroville - Phase 3**.

This past year also saw the birth of **GreenAcres** – a campaign dedicated exclusively for land in Auroville's Greenbelt. Together, these two campaigns seek to secure and protect the integral physical base of Auroville for the integral manifestation of a unique universal township on earth. All collaboration is sincerely welcome and appreciated!

Aryadeep

Mandakini

Please specify "ACRES FOR AUROVILLE" (all priority plots) or **GreenAcres** (exclusively for the Greenbelt) for all donations via Auroville Unity Fund (checks or bank transfers), Auroville Donation Gateway (credit or debit cards) www.auroville.com/donations/, Auroville International www.auroville-international.org. For tax deductibility: www.colaap.org

Quote from the Mother: Collected works of the Mother Vol.15, p. 389)

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Today, 60 percent of the Greenbelt surrounding the City still needs to be purchased!

Auroville's success in ecology, afforestation and organic farming, is one of the most visible signs to the world of its progress and evolution.

For decades, greenworkers expected that coexistence and collaboration through projects with the village landowners who farmed the traditional ecological way would create an eco-zone regardless of ownership.

However, times have changed drastically in the past 10 years. "The Auroville Area" is targeted by speculators, and the population in the villages is exploding due to massive migration to cities including Pondicherry. Well over a dozen commercial developments that are incongruous-in-spirit already scar the Greenbelt. Exploitation of fragile natural resources is bound to affect Auroville and the bio-region.



GreenAcres

The **GreenAcres** campaign aims at securing 20 plots crucial for the immediate future of the Greenbelt. One year of the campaign now makes a first acquisition possible - but this can be but a first step! Plots are acquired per priorities worked out by Auroville's Land Board. This collaboration ensures that Greenbelt lands acquired will have a maximum impact on Auroville's overall development.

Fundraising for new projects in the Greenbelt is a further perspective in working towards the full manifestation of Auroville – its City and Greenbelt. In addition to land acquisition, we wish to strengthen Auroville's Greenbelt by enhancing existing projects and starting new ones. See detailed project proposals in the donor login of GreenAcres.



The Auroville Greenbelt is an well-established Resource Center for eco-activities with projects ranging from organic farming, afforestation and biodiversity, watershed and food security, to waste recycling, ecological building, sustainable transport, solar and wind energy etc. Auroville Green Portal <http://www.green.aurovilleportal.org> presents a multimedia insight into some of the ongoing activities. (Photo: a new nursery and afforestation project)

Make your green contribution today!

Your GreenAcres Team - Sigrid, Jasmin, Aryadeep, Mandakini

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GreenAcres is a campaign of 'Lands for Auroville Unified' LFAU lfau@auroville.org.in