

# News & Notes

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# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

(Continued)

But still, in the practical development, each of the three stages has its necessity and utility and must be given its time or its place. It will not do, it cannot be safe or effective to begin with the last and highest alone. It would not be the right course, either, to leap prematurely from one to another. For even if from the beginning we recognise in mind and heart the Supreme, there are elements of the nature which long prevent the recognition from becoming realisation. But without realisation our mental belief cannot become a dynamic reality; it is still only a figure of knowledge, not a living truth, an idea, not yet a power. And even if realisation has begun, it may be dangerous to imagine or to assume too soon that we are altogether in the hands of the Supreme or are acting as his instrument. That assumption may introduce a calamitous falsity; it may produce a helpless inertia or, magnifying the movements of the ego with the Divine Name, it may disastrously distort and ruin the whole course of the Yoga. There is a period, more or less prolonged, of internal effort and struggle in which the individual will has to reject the darkness and distortions of the lower nature and to put itself resolutely or vehemently on the side of the divine Light. The mental energies, the heart's emotions, the vital desires, the very physical being have to be compelled into the right attitude or trained to admit and answer to the right influences. It is only then, only when this has been truly done, that the surrender of the lower to the higher can be effected, because the sacrifice has become acceptable.

The personal will of the sadhaka has first to seize on the egoistic energies and turn them towards the light and the right; once turned, he has still to train them to recognise that always, always to accept, always to follow that. Progressing, he learns, still using the personal will, personal effort, personal energies, to employ them as representatives of the higher Power and in conscious obedience to the higher Influence. Progressing yet farther, his will, effort, energy become no longer personal and separate, but activities of that higher Power and Influence at work in the individual. But there is still a sort of gulf or distance which necessitates an obscure process of transit, not always accurate, sometimes even very distorting, between the divine Origin and the emerging human current. At the end of the process, with the progressive disappearance of egoism and impurity and ignorance, this last separation is removed; all in the individual becomes the divine working.

As the supreme Shastra of the integral Yoga is the eternal Veda secret in the heart of every man, so its supreme Guide and Teacher is the inner Guide, the World-Teacher, jagad-guru, secret within us. It is he who destroys our darkness by the resplendent light of his knowledge; that light becomes within us the increasing glory of his own self-revelation. He discloses progressively in us his own nature of freedom, bliss, love, power, immortal being. He sets above us his divine example as our ideal and transforms the lower existence into a reflection of that which it contemplates. By the inpouring of his own influence and presence into us he enables the individual being to attain to identity with the universal and transcendent.

What is his method and his system? He has no method and every method. His system is a natural organisation of the highest processes and movements of which the nature is capable. Applying themselves even to the pettiest details and to the actions the most insignificant in their appearance with as much care and thoroughness as to the greatest, they in the end lift all into the Light and transform all. For in his Yoga there is nothing too small to be used and nothing too great to be attempted. As the servant and disciple of the Master has no business with pride or egoism because all is done for him from above, so also he has no right to despond because of his personal deficiencies or the stumblings of his nature. For the Force that works in him is impersonal - or superpersonal - and infinite.

The full recognition of this inner Guide, Master of the Yoga, lord, light, enjoyer and goal of all sacrifice and effort, is of the utmost importance in the path of integral perfection. It is immaterial whether he is first seen as an impersonal Wisdom, Love and Power behind all things, as an Absolute manifesting in the relative and attracting it, as one's highest Self and the highest Self of all, as a Divine Person within us and in the world, in one of his - or her - numerous forms and names or as the ideal which the mind conceives. In the end we perceive that he is all and more than all these things together. The mind's door of entry to the conception of him must necessarily vary according to the past evolution and the present nature.

THE SYNTHESIS OF YOGA, I, I: The Four Aids

SRI AUROBINDO

The  
Ponder  
Corner

*A self-less self-giving is the best policy.  
Only one does not do it out of policy.*

*Sri Aurobindo  
ref. Letters on Yoga, p.515*

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Cover: Colorful mandala plate from a new book by Life Education Centre (LEC), published by SAIER:  
"Sustainable Palate - From Local Farms to Auroville Plate - A Collection of Traditional Recipes"

**CHANGE OF DEADLINE FOR THE NEWS&NOTES**

Please note that the new absolute deadline is now:

**TUESDAY 5 PM**

Please send in your submissions to [newsandnotes@auroville.org.in](mailto:newsandnotes@auroville.org.in) as early as possible during the previous week to avoid the rush on the last day for our team!

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**WORKING GROUPS REPORTS**

**Report of the Working Committee for August 2016**

- 1) **General Meeting.** On Tuesday, 9th August, the Working Committee gave a report on its work in a General meeting at the Unity Pavilion. The participation was limited (not more than 30 Aurovilians were present) but the debate was quite fruitful with the Working Committee extensively answering questions and addressing concerns.
- 2) **Upcoming meeting of the Governing Board and International Advisory Council.** The Working Committee made the agenda and did the necessary work for the preparation of these meetings which will take place from September 7-9th. The community has been invited for a farewell, as this will be the last meeting of these members of the Governing Board as their term of office ends on October 13.
- 3) **Delhi visit.** Carel on behalf of the Working Committee together with Frederick paid a visit to New Delhi where they were given the opportunity to briefly meet with the hon'ble HRD Minister and with various HRD officials, as well as with officials of the Home Ministry. They also met with GB chairman Dr. Karan Singh, GB member Ms. Ameeta Mehra and IAC Chairman Sir Mark Tully. Topics of discussion at HRD were the 50th anniversary celebration budget, the Auroville budget for the next financial year, the request for funds for the Humanscapes and Green Campus projects, and the progress in the approval of the amendment of the Rules of the Auroville Foundation, the Regulations for Entry & Exit and the permission for the sale of lands, all of which are still pending. Topics discussed at the Home Ministry were the pending visa cases.
- 4) **Entry Service.** Together with the Auroville Council, it was decided on starting a process to select new members for the Entry Service. A half-day "team-building" workshop was held on the 3rd of September.
- 5) **International Zone.** Following complaints, we have obtained a clarification from the TDC on the functioning of the International Zone Coordination Group (IZCG) and the existence of an approved plan for the International Zone. The TDC informed that the IZCG is not constituted by the TDC and that it has no role in the Zone's planning and development and no authority to give site allocations, which is the function of the TDC. The IZCG is a group of individuals who, concerned with the pavilions and the development of the international zone, work to conceptualize the international zone, its spirit and the activities that should take place there. The TDC and the previous L'avenir and Development Groups have been used to get the feed-back of the IZ groups operating from time to time when a building permission is made to find out whether the proposed project is within the spirit and the frame of the manifestation of the International Zone. Regarding the plan for the Zone, the TDC informed that L'avenir d'Auroville has approved in 2009/10 a plan for development of the International Zone. This plan will be further prepared once the nature of the activities in the international zone will be more clearly defined by the stakeholders.
- 6) **Legal clarification on role of GB and RA.** The Working Committee has obtained a legal clarification of the role of the Residents' Assembly vis-à-vis the Governing Board from eminent jurist Shri Fai Nariman. The issue had come up with regards to the Town Development Council (TDC). The Board, in its last two meetings, had expressed concern over the functioning of the TDC and had instructed the Working Committee to reconstitute it. We questioned if the TDC should be reconstituted as a committee of the Governing Board (which it is at present) or, instead, as a committee of the Residents' Assembly. The opinion sheds new light on the role of both authorities of the Auroville Foundation and that of the third authority, the International Advisory Council. As the opinion is too long to be published here, it can be found on Auronet.
- 7) **Protecting the lands.** After filing an FIR against a person who behaved aggressively towards the steward of NewLands and who has been cutting and taking wood from Auroville land and who afterwards was detained by the police, a large group of people from Kulapalayam met with representatives of the Working Committee and Land Board at the Town Hall to voice their objections. The Working Committee's response was done in consultation with the Secretary. No mutually acceptable solution has been found.
- 8) **Meeting on village relationships.** The Working Committee organized a meeting on improving Auroville's interaction with the surrounding villages and on building a more trustful relation. The meeting, attended by representatives of the Working Committee, Auroville Council, FAMC, AVAG, the Land Board and AVF Secretary Mr. Chunkath, was facilitated by Koodam. More meetings on the topic will be organized in the next few months, with the aim to harmonize and unify the views of the various Auroville working groups and to plan a common approach.
- 9) **Loss of income.** We received a complaint from the BCC that Auroville is suffering from a permanent loss of income from commercial units who believe that the contribution of a minimum of 33% is optional. The BCC has not been able to convince some of them to pay their arrears. The loss is estimated at Rs.1.2 crores for the period 2010-15. As a result, the City Services will be in negative from October 2016 to March 2017. The BCC asked us to examine this issue and take the necessary steps 'within our prerogative as a statutory body'. We replied that, at a first view, this matter seems to fall under the purview of the FAMC but that we are ready to take up the matter with the FAMC. We requested the BCC

to send us an excel sheet with the data of the defaulting units. The BCC subsequently refrained from sharing the data 'as it may create more confusion' and decided that the matter for the time being be handled by itself and the FAMC. Detailed reasons for not sharing the data have not been given.

- 10) **Dimitry Guyar**, French citizen, has been declared unwelcome in our community since he has proved himself to be physically and verbally very violent. The WC has received a strong warning letter from the French Consulate stating the same. We strongly recommend Aurovilians to avoid all contact/interaction with this individual and not to entertain him in Auroville.
- 11) **Right to Information requests.** In the month of August the Auroville Foundation received from one person 23 requests for information, based on the Right to Information Act, and one request from another person. After consultations with a lawyer, the Working Committee has advised the Secretary on the responses to these requests.
- 12) **Visa related issues.** With the help of the Secretary and François Gautier, a number of long-pending visa cases have been resolved. We take the opportunity to express, on behalf of the persons involved and the community, our gratitude for their work. A number of other cases are still pending and we do our utmost to get them resolved. We hereby remind the community to update the Resident's Service in a timely fashion, when a case of pending-visa has been cleared.
- 13) **New Town Development Authority (NTDA).** A newspaper announcement around August 14<sup>th</sup> mentioned that an NTDA for the Auroville area would be announced soon by the Tamil Nadu Government. This led to a series of meetings with the new Secretary of the Auroville Foundation who corrected that no such announcement would be made, and who gave some objective views on the NTDA. Once Mr. Chunkath is back in office by the end of September, the Working Committee, Auroville Council and the NTDA Task Force will have a joint meeting with him. This will be followed by a general information meeting and, possibly, a Residents' Assembly on the endorsement of the NTDA request. The matter will also be discussed with the Governing Board.
- 14) **Appeal Process.** A draft appeal process, made in collaboration with the Auroville Council will be published by the Council this week. We request the community to give its feedback, comments and suggestions during the next two weeks.
- 15) **Drones/quadcopters** to be used in Auroville for filming. In consultation with the Secretary it has been agreed that individuals can only use a drone/ quadcopter for filming in the Auroville area after having obtained approval of Outreach and permission from the police. Each case will be looked at individually.
- 16) **Loud parties.** There has been a large number of complaints about loud music and heavy traffic during a party on the night of 13th of September. The issue has been discussed with the AVC and Auroville Security. The matter came on the Working Committee table as also non-Aurovilians attended this party.
- 17) **WC team work.** We are continuing our reflections on how we can improve our work and personal interaction. This has led to five agreements within our team members, which we practice "with reminders" in our meetings and other interactions

These agreements are:

- a) my communication is empowering
- b) my listening is deep
- c) my behaviour is respectful
- d) my understanding is all-inclusive
- e) I agree to tell my truth with compassion for myself and others

In our meetings these agreements are reflected in our attempts to build on each other inputs, with full freedom to express oneself, but also taking care not to 'vent judgements' but instead re-center and checking discernments behind judgements. It goes without saying that not all attempts are successful but we have observed an increased trust and willingness to 'correct' one's stand.

- 18) **Pending Topics (topics that are still on our table for which we have no noteworthy update to provide):**
  - a) Water Harvest
  - b) Auroville Child Development
  - c) MM Executives
  - d) MM Access - Working Protocol document

*The Working Committee*

*(Angela, Carel, Elisa, Hemant, Inge, Mandakini, Ranjith)*

## Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) - August 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), Ulli (Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC)) and Yuval (Housing Board (HB)).

Temporarily out of station (TOS): Chali, and Jeff (Farm group)

### TRUST & UNIT TOPICS

The ABC recommended, and FAMC approved, the executive reappointment (after initial 2 year term) of Anbu and Veerappan at Akriti.

The ABC recommended, and FAMC approved, the executive reappointment (after initial 2 year term) of Andre and Mariappan at Amano.

The ABC recommended, and FAMC approved, the executive reappointment (after initial 2 year term) of Julia at Sciro Pizza. The other executives are Antonio and Cinzia.

The ABC recommended, and FAMC approved, the executive reappointment (after initial 2 year term) of E. Saravanaraman and Vijaya of Vijayasri Consultancy.

The ABS recommended, and FAMC approved, Auroville Security Service executive changes. New appointments: Sam, Carlos, and Srijita. Resignations: Ramesh, Anandamayi and Shahar.

The ABS recommended appointing Jacques T. as an additional executive of Auroville Road Service. The current executives are Alain G., and Manickam. After two separate sharings the FAMC members concluded to not approve this appointment. FAMC shared with both the ABS and Auroville Road Service that while Jacques' skills as an on-site manager in the Road Service are acknowledged and appreciated, he is not viewed as having the requisite skills in finance or communications.

FAMC approved Atithi Griha guest house and Swagatam guest house, both located in the Bharat Nivas campus, be moved from the Guest House Trust to the Bharat Nivas Pavilion of India Trust.

It was reported, and confirmed, that Auromics transformed the former Bijou building located in the Industrial Zone, into a boutique. The FAMC wrote to Bobby that when that building was first vacated there was a request to change its use into residential, to which FAMC did not agree. Then it was reminded that Bobby informed the FAMC the location would be used as *an extension of the Auromics workshop*. The FAMC agreed to this use of the building and not that it would be a boutique. FAMC further shared with Bobby that this decision she's made, without consulting neither the FAMC, with whom the agreement was made, nor L'avenir d'Auroville, who is responsible for overall planning in the Industrial Zone, puts an extra burden on the Industrial Zone. FAMC now anticipate an increase in day visitors and traffic with this unplanned activity. Further it creates a precedent for other commercial activities to also set up their own sales outlet, etc... FAMC regret that

Bobby made this decision, and do not agree with a boutique having been established in the Industrial Zone. Bobby was requested to make note of this. *The FAMC communication was copied to the ABC.*

### FINANCE TOPICS

Government of India (GoI) Plan Grant subgroup requested an increase in overdraft for the second installment of the GoI plan grant 2016-17 from Rs. 2 crores to Rs. 3 crores so as not to delay any on-going projects. This was approved.

Shraddhavan requested a credit line of Rs. 20 lakhs to continue the on-going construction of Sangam Hall at Savitri Bhavan. The FAMC were happy to be able to provide the project with a credit line of Rs. 10 lakhs in the trust this will be sufficient until the project holders may obtain the other funds needed by donations or otherwise.

### LAND TOPICS

FAMC met with the Land Board (LB) once in August to discuss a purchasing strategy and financing plan to obtain certain greenbelt lands (about 15 acres). // Also the LB made some suggestions about putting on hold any Auroville land lease/use for a while. FAMC agreed and will be talking about it with the Working Committee. // The LB requested support concerning Waves community, the steward of which has since vacated for various reasons. The FAMC resolved to request the Housing Service (HS) to find a temporary caretaker until a long-term solution is found. // When asked, the LB confirmed it would like the area known as Service Farm to be kept available for possible land exchange. The FAMC are due to meet with representatives of the Farm group about Service Farm.

### HOUSING TOPICS

Miriam requested Rs. 15 lakhs loan for Auroville housing (to build new). The loan repayment proposal was for Rs 4000/mo over a period of 35 years. Although the FAMC sympathize with Miriam's situation, it was with regret that the members informed her that the loan request was not approved. The community cannot support this kind of financing at this time. Repayment of a loan over 35 years is not feasible... The members expressed support for Miriam's family to be considered, in an active manner, for pro bono housing. *Miriam was informed, with a copy of the communication to the Housing Service.*

Costantino and Estee requested a Rs. 15 lakhs loan to complete the construction of a housing asset in Sukhavati. They proposed to repay Rs. 65,000-70,000/month within about 2 years. During the deliberation, the members shared at length that loans are provided to Aurovilians who are involved in, and contributing to, the community. After some fact finding it was reported that Costantino has started an activity and Estee is involved part-time in the children's' school and at Matrimandir. It was noted that when the Sukhavati house is finished, the family will vacate a much-needed Newcomer house in New Creation. Two proposals were made, which were discussed with them. Thereafter it was reported that they need the total Rs. 15 lakhs to quickly finish. FAMC approved the total request for Rs. 15 lakhs. *They and the Financial Service were informed.*

The Housing Board (HB) recommended Robert be the third HB member from the HS. FAMC approved this on a three month trial basis, as per the mandate. *Both HB and HS were informed.*

### OTHER TOPICS

At the beginning of the month the FAMC met with Niva and Elisa again about the proposed Appeal Policy concerning a working group decision, or as the case may be non-decision. There was a healthy and thoughtful sharing. The members stood by their previously submitted feedback. They are not comfortable with three arbiters being given authority to change a working group decision. There is a deep concern this may undermine the working group mandate, and effectiveness, not to mention morale. Individual members' comments were noted by Niva & Elisa who soon followed-up in writing. In

response to Niva and Elisa's follow-up, the FAMC re-iterated that for the first one year trial period to implement the earlier FAMC proposal that a working group decision may only be suspended. FAMC would prefer the Appeal Body would make its recommendation(s) to the working group only. Later in the month the FAMC were asked to clarify an amount "[A]bove which amount the appeal arbiters shall get the FAMC approval on financial matters arising in appeal issues before setting their recommendations?" The FAMC responded that they were surprised by the question since the appeal arbiters are meant to analyze the procedure and decision taken by any working group and conclude about its righteousness or not. The FAMC could not see why any financial recommendations would be involved. However, in case the decision of the working group is concerning financial matters and the appeal arbiters recommend to review this decision, any financial related recommendation by the appeal arbiters should be reviewed by the FAMC, in collaboration with the BCC. There should be no lower limit indicated in the policy.

L'avenir d'Auroville requested input from the FAMC concerning a possible tender requirement for the Assisted Living "Mahalakshmi Home" project. The 'raw structure' bill of quantities (BoQ) is estimated at Rs. 73,22, with overall project costs estimated at Rs. 1,22 crores, plus Rs. 20 lakhs for infrastructure. After a long discussion the FAMC members came to the conclusion that in general it agrees with the Rs. 2 crores threshold concerning tender requirement, as defined in the CVC guidelines. This figure should be applied to total project costs. Therefore, in particular, the Assisted Living Home, based on total project costs, does not meet the tender requirement. *L'avenir was informed.*

L'avenir requested FAMC input on Industrial Zone planning: how much outside retail activity do we want? FAMC made its recommendation to L'avenir as follows: no retail activities, including restaurants, inside the outer ring road; no cash transactions inside the outer ring road; scrutinize to whom is the activity primarily geared: Aurovilians or outsiders. Also, it could be identified and properly planned, a selected area maybe at the external periphery with easy access, where these kinds of activities can take place and be regulated. FAMC invited the ABC to give input to L'avenir on this matter as well.

The FAMC had been discussing the upcoming Governing Board (GB) meeting. After two separate conversations about it, the members decided that the FAMC does not really need to meet with the GB. Other groups, such as the Land Board and Unity Fund, will be presenting information which will concern the GB members at this time. The Government of India (GoI) Plan Grant subgroup and/or the WCom should however bring up the point concerning GoI plan grant structure changes. *The WCom were informed.*

In late July the members had a spontaneous sharing about Auroville farms. There is some concern about how the Farm group is functioning and it was agreed as a first step to do some information gathering. It was shared that the Farm group had made a presentation to the BCC in 2015 and so the FAMC requested a copy of it from the Farm group. In addition, Foodlink was requested to provide a report on all the farms' productivity over the previous 3 years. At the Farm group suggestion and the FAMC invitation, Vivek and Sumathi, along with Bindu, joined the FAMC meeting and went over some of the details from the 2015 presentation. It was an informative and pleasant exchange. During the sharing the FAMC members requested additional information, by farm: cultivated land compared to overall (ref: intensive & non-intensive agriculture); number of cows; number of chickens; number of workers; loans and overdraft figures; produce list; precise land extent. *FAMC followed-up with Vivek, Sumathi, and Bindu in writing.*

The Organizational Research Group (ORG) requested FAMC input from the [16 July] meeting: *"Each working group decides upon a goal that Auroville can focus itself upon over the next five years, and suggests ways in which their group could contribute to the materialisation of that goal. ORG collects*

these responses and organizes another meeting of the WGs to see if a common goal emerges." At the end of the month, a short brainstorm session brought up a few suggestions that were shared with ORG: super units; stewardship allocation and all that entails; reliable asset information including details to support better decision-making; space utilization including addressing the attitude of 'my space'; the need to share community assets; how to become self-sufficient; create non-monetary economy.

Lavkamad, Karin, and Michael, Auroville Institute of Applied Technology (AIAT) executives, requested FAMC and WCom permit them to apply for a PAN card in the name of AIAT. The FAMC understanding is that it is not possible for a unit under the Auroville Foundation (AVF) to have a separate PAN. They were advised to seek further guidance from the Office of the Secretary, AVF. They were informed.

#### Following up from previous reports

In June/July the WCom and FAMC recognized that Auroville needs an accounting support service, to include training and consultancy, for accounting related activities including internal and CAG audit processes. A consistent set of structures and functions (accounting code) is needed as well as a coordinating team who are not taking on accounting jobs through this platform. The FAMC subgroup requested to look at accounting related topics such as: A. expenses / code (mechanics); B. procedures (dissemination of information); C. current accounting units; D. audit group (with guidelines) met once earlier this year. In August, the FAMC received an update which included the conclusion that this service cannot be established at this time due to a lack of qualified human resources. *Perhaps the next FAMC team will take it up.*

In July the FAMC received a reply from the Sacred Groves project holders on the status of the construction of three prototype houses. In August the FAMC reviewed the latest communication and decided it had nothing further to add or comment on at this time. The FAMC have adopted a 'wait and see' attitude since the project holders are looking for stewards for the prototype houses and fund-raising to complete this phase of the project.

Earlier it was reported that the FAMC made a proposal to the BCC concerning Auroville eateries contribution to the City Services budget. The BCC responded to the FAMC that it agreed with a proposal submitted by Nicole. Upon review the FAMC agreed also with the proposal and followed up with the BCC in writing with a request that their members collaborate with the ABC on details and implementation.

### Land Board Report August 2016

1. We are happy to announce the final purchase, via an exchange of one acre, of city land IR 207/7. This deal had some complications as there were errors in the documents provided by the sellers regarding the original partition of land. After a thorough examination and time consuming effort and cooperation of the exchanging parties the documents were set right, after which the final exchange has been done. This deal was started by LCC.
2. Final exchange of 5.18 acres of lands done (IR 206/3a, IR 207/4a, IR 211/1a1) with Auroannam. This land can be used by TDC for further development of the City area.
3. There is a serious encroachment and fence breakage by Edayanchavady villagers of the land around Peepal tree, where an illegal temple is coming up. This matter will be further referred to Collector and police for action.
4. CSR survey and mapping dept (Guilio / Tency) in collaboration with the Land board (Deoyani / Suhasini) will undertake updating of the land data for ownership, land stewardship and use, protection and revenue purpose.
5. Issue of fencing at the Nature camp, Kodaikannal, has come to a halt as there is a hiccup posed by a forest ranger. Land Board has requested the nature camp persons to take it up with the lawyer they are consulting in Kodaikanal and be present at the time of fencing work.

6. Maintenance work is being carried out by Land Board on the Bharathipuram fences which were destroyed by the villagers.
7. Tanya from Waves met Land Board as she wants to move out. This issue was passed on to FAMC and Housing Board for stewardship and asset allocation.
8. In August 2016 an amount of ~~Rs 9780~~ <sup>Rs 9780</sup> received from timber/firewood sales and firewood worth ~~Rs 700~~ <sup>Rs 700</sup> donated to Auroville schools.
9. Coconuts that come from the yard are sent to PTDC for distribution.
10. For all units and activists interested in buying firewood or timber please call 0413 262 2657 and fix an appointment.
11. **A gentle reminder to all who wish to participate in consolidating Auroville lands that contributions can be sent to Financial Service Account No: 0100**

Land Board

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

### A short report on the Team Building Workshop for the new Entry Service Secretariat

Held by the Auroville Council on the 3rd of September 2016

The aim of this workshop, as announced before, was to build a fresh team for the Entry Service secretariat that can commit to manifesting the new policy. This was not a selection process, but a solution worked out to address the immediate need of bringing in fresh energy.

27 people showed up and stayed till the end, until the new team emerged. The first part of the workshop was a 'team building' exercise - a simple exercise aimed at getting people to work together, assess each other's skills and to get to know each other so that the room can come up with a team at the end of the half day. There were 3 teams that each presented an outcome and 'key learning' from this exercise.

Following that was a short presentation on the outline of the new policy and the new role of the Entry Service as an administrative body. Although there were some questions regarding the policy itself, we did not go into that discussion as that was a topic for another forum and another time.

Then we did a short individual exercise on worksheets to assess personal skill levels based on tasks outlined by us organizers. This was for the individuals to assess themselves, and worksheets were not required to be submitted for review.

Following this was a 'pillow constellation' exercise where each task in the Entry Service was placed on a cushion surrounded by cards enumerating the skills one would need to accomplish that task. Those who wanted to commit were asked to step forward and take their place on a cushion of their choice for the room to see, and for the individuals to feel if the place was right for them.

Part of the last round was an individual 'ideal team' exercise where each of those present in the room filled in 7 names on a piece of paper that would be their ideal Entry Service secretariat. We compiled the results on a flip chart before moving on to the next group work.

For the group "ideal team" exercise, we split into 3 groups where each group came up with 7 names. The end of this exercise presented a challenge - the first 5 names were clear (B, Antim, Dhanalakshmi, Muriel and Segar) but there were 6 more names on the board! Taking advice from the individual ideal team exercise, we narrowed the 6 names to 4 names (Joel, Taj, Ishita and Selvam).

At this point, we broke into a small discussion on names, individuals, team dynamics etc. Following that, there was a majority agreement (19 said "yes", 5 said "no" and 3 abstained) on adding the 4 remaining names to the 5 and having an Entry Service secretariat of 9 instead of the originally planned 7!

And here we present to you the final result born of the intelligence present in the room on that day:

**B, Antim, Joel, Ishita, Taj, Muriel, Dhanalakshmi, Selvam and Segar.**

A personal profile and photo of each of them is posted on Auronet, see the link:  
[www.auroville.org.in/article/58761](http://www.auroville.org.in/article/58761).

This team is intended for a minimum period of one year, after which a staggering system and a system of selection will be worked out by the Auroville Council.  
With the aim of establishing an efficient team that can dive full swing into the administration of the Entry Service while carrying forth the spirit of the new policy, we were delighted with the outcome and heartily welcome these members on board! We welcome constructive feedback from the community at: [avcouncil@auroville.org.in](mailto:avcouncil@auroville.org.in).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### General Meeting on Residents' Assembly Decision Making System (Rad)

**INVITATION to a General Meeting** to hear and discuss a: **Proposed New Decision-making System for Auroville**  
**WHEN:** 4.30 pm, Tuesday Sept 13  
**WHERE:** Unity Pavilion

#### New consensus-driven decision making system

The Active Residents' Assembly and the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) would like to encourage you to attend this important meeting to hear and discuss their proposal for a new, consensus-driven decision-making system for Auroville.

#### Builds on existing consensus process

The proposal builds on and develops our existing, naturally-derived consensus systems and takes them one step further. The proposal includes:

- a definition of consensus for the Auroville context;
- a process whereby the community makes decisions along consensus lines
- an approach for when this decision should and shouldn't be applied

For more information, please don't hesitate to contact *Martin* or *Alan* from the ARA on either address:

- [martin@auroville.org.in](mailto:martin@auroville.org.in)
- [alan@auroville.org.in](mailto:alan@auroville.org.in)

Alternatively, you can also write to the RAS at [raservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:raservice@auroville.org.in).

Please note that the RAS has worked on a tentative draft in May 2015. This proposal is an improved and revised version of it.

Kind regards,  
*Your RAS team*

### Reminder for the feedback process regarding AVC/WCom/FAMC selection

Dear Community Members,

The final list of participants has been published -and updated with all the profiles on Auronet at this link: [www.auroville.org.in/article/58669](http://www.auroville.org.in/article/58669) and through mass mail for the feedback process.

We are happy to announce that all the participants have sent their profile and photo in due time.

The feedback process has already started. The time line is from Saturday the 3rd of September till Saturday the 17th of September.

Please send your feedback, if any, to the Temporary Feedback Review Committee email address: [tfrcom@auroville.org.in](mailto:tfrcom@auroville.org.in). Please note that this is the correct email address, and not the one published last week in the News&Notes.

A big thank you to Joerg and Noel who did a fantastic job with preparing and facilitating the workshop. Another thank you is certainly owed to all those who gave up their Saturday afternoons to be in the room with us, either to offer themselves or to participate!

The new team will begin their work soon, and a smooth transition is being worked out with the old members. Here is another opportunity to thank and appreciate the old Entry Service team for holding the fort despite the rough seas with endurance and courage!

With hope and gratitude,  
Warmly, *AV Council*

Your feedback will not be confidential; however if there is a strong valid concern combined with apprehension for repercussions, and the feedback is of pressing significance, the AVC or the WCom may take it up for further action. In such a case there will be strict confidentiality for the individual who provided the feedback.

We encourage you to give constructive feedback based on facts.

*Your RAS team*

### From the Entry Service - N&N NO - 664 dated 10.09.2016

We would like to inform the community that our team decided to recommend the following persons as Aurovilians, Newcomers and Friends of Auroville. We will wait two weeks for Newcomers and one month for Aurovilians from this publication for your feedback before making our final decision.

#### AUROVILIANS:

**Tomoko SUZUKI** (Japanese) - Staying in Surrender, working at Thamarai Learning and community Centre.

#### NEWCOMERS:

**Auomira PARKS** (US) - Staying in Auromode, working as a Medi Clown.

**Anitha VELMURUGAN** (Indian from Tamil Nadu) - staying in Promesse, working as an editor in a digital library in Savitri Bhavan.

**Carmen PALINCKX** (Belgian) - Staying in Citadine, working at Nandanam Kindergarten.

**Helena GIRON** (Italian) - Staying in Quiet, working in Joy GH, as a yoga teacher, and in Pebble Garden.

**Lavanya PAWAR** (Indian from Maharashtra) - Staying at Skate Park, working in White Ants studio in Pitchandikulam.

**Narendra Kumar GUPTA** (Indian from Haryana) - Staying in Verite, working at Rangoli, Auroshilpam.

**Subbulakshmi MOHAN** (Indian from Tamil Nadu) - Staying in Promesse, working in Savitri Bhavan, and Aurocreation.

**Valentina PAONE** (Italian) - Staying in Kalabhumi, working in the Urban Farming project.

**Vani VINAYAGAM** (Indian from Tamil Nadu) - Staying in Celebration, working in the AV Library.

#### NEWCOMER CHILDREN:

**Ayan BANGA** (UK) - born on 08/12/2007, home schooled.

**Pablo dos Santos GOMEZ** (Italian) - born on 22/01/2007, studying in Deepanam school

#### NEWCOMER CONFIRMATION:

**Marco Tullio PROIETTI** (Italian)

**Giacomo COLOMBA** (Italian)

**Alice Rebecca WATSON** (USA)

**Claude De WARREN** (French)

**Daniela BOBAN-WALTON** (UK)

**Jonathan Andrew WALTON** (UK)

**Palani MUTHUGANAPATHY** (Indian from Pondicherry)

**Radhika SONI** (Indian from Maharashtra)

**Sarojini MOHANTA** (Indian from Orissa)

**Stefan GEBERT** (German)

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

Satyavan BHATT (Indian)  
Antonello GIGLIO (Italian)

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:**

Jacky LI (Canadian)

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)*

## OBITUARY

### Sharanam proceeds...

This is to inform the community that our dear and gentle friend and sister, Aurovilian Sharanam, succumbed in the late evening of Thursday, September 1st, in the ICU of the General Hospital



in Pondy to a heavy infection that had been rapidly spreading through her chest, lungs and brain. She was 69 years old. She had been awake and conscious throughout the 4-days fight for her life in the hospital, aware that her friends were there for her.

Hailing from Spain, Sharanam (Maria Desamparados Aznar Arce) came already in 1975 to Auroville where she lived in Utility. She went back to her country and worked with the

Institute of Evolutionary Research to assist in translating Satprem's books into Spanish. In the early eighties she returned and was one of the first who introduced Auroville to tai chi, subtle energy work and body awareness classes. She also worked in places such as in the old AV Bakery (still in Kottakarai), in the then Entry Group and her 'Essene breads' in L.O.E.'s raw food kitchen were famous at the time. In the later years, with her general health condition being rather weak, she became more reclusive, leading a quiet life in Dana while translating into Spanish texts of Sri Aurobindo, the Mother, Satprem and about Auroville, delivering a stream of important information into the Spanish world.

Thank you, Sharanam, for this gift and for your lovely smile and presence among us.

*Sharanam's remains were taken to the Auroville Farewell Centre where friends could bid goodbye, and were buried in Adventure's burial grounds in the early Monday morning of September 5<sup>th</sup>, Ganesh Chaturthi day.*

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### What Happened on Economy Orientation Day - A Short Summary

Economy Orientation Day was organized by Integral Entrepreneurship Lab as requested by YouthLink on the 27th August at Verite. We had a dialogue on the current Auroville economy in the morning session, and field trip to visit an example of a Service and Unit in the afternoon.

The session was organized to address the questions of youth, and although not all questions were answered, we arrived at a deeper understanding of the economical-landscape of Auroville in relation to the world. Many people who deal with economy are struggling to answer some of the larger questions, so it was a valuable session on coming together to measure our own success and limitations as a community.

We are especially grateful to Torkil for his presentation on how Auroville's economy is structured and functions. Also for Uma, Dhanya, Pashi, Aurelio and Ulrike who helped answer questions and hold space for the interesting discussion groups. In the afternoon we visited PTDC and understood its function on a deeper basis as a Service, then explored Upasana's history, inspiration and emergence as a Unit.

The event was attended by about 16 youth. Based on the feedback of youth, we hope to organize future sessions. A BIG thank you to IEL members & Natasha (our link to IEL) for organizing this!

In gratitude,  
YouthLink Core Team

### AuroOrchard update: The eggs are back and chicken going free-range!

A few weeks back we wrote to explain the temporary shortage of Auroville eggs due to a problem we'd had with the chicken feed. Fortunately this has now been resolved, and our egg supplies to FoodLink have returned to normal - thanks also to our youngest batch of 400 hens that have recently started laying. Their eggs are still smaller, and so you will find alongside the standard eggs those marked with a red dot, which means 'young hen egg', distributed at lower cost corresponding to their smaller size.

The real happy news is that this new batch has now a large outdoor space! This free range allows them to do what chicken are meant to do - scratch the earth, search for puchi, dust-bath, and enjoy natural social interactions... a great improvement at which we had been aiming for a long time.

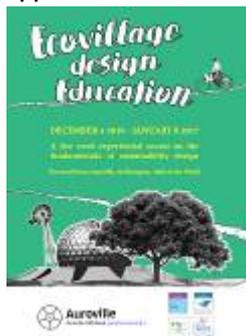
This new set-up however remains still to be finished, and we need the help of a few volunteers to complete the putting in place of the retaining net. This is easy stitching work in a green surrounding; we have found a way that works really well and all that's needed is a bit of patience in maintaining a steady hand movement. A pleasant activity, equally conducive to meditating or chatting in a small team.

If you can offer a few hours (minimum 2 hours in a day, avoiding the hottest day time), please contact *Flore* at: 8098160340 or email: [contact@auroorchard.org](mailto:contact@auroorchard.org).

Our hens will thank you for helping them to lead a chicken life!

## Ecovillage Design Education

Open to Aurovilian, bioregional, Indian, Foreign youth applicants!



We at the Global Ecovillage Network (GEN) desk in Pitchandikulam are in the process of localising the Ecovillage Design Education (EDE) curriculum to be held in Auroville this December 2016. The NextGEN youth-branch of this network is at YouthLink, our Auroville youth service. This course is certified by Gaia Education & recognised by UNESCO.

This 5 weeks program is running between the dates of 3rd December 2016 - 8th January 2016. We are also

in discussions to provide a tentative Training of Trainers in early February 2017.

The EDE is specifically designed to enable people and communities coming together to reclaim responsibility for their living situations - at local and regional levels. Our aim is to use the framework of Worldview, Ecology, Economy and Social dimensions to explore Auroville and its bioregion for the youth to better understand our uniqueness, relevance and role as a community in this locality.

We aim to bring together between 25 - 30 participants, half from Auroville and its bioregion, and the rest from India and abroad.

We are seeking people deeply interested, motivated individuals active or interested in community, sustainable living, holistic education to come engage in a deeper setting created through the EDE.

Contribution from Auroville/bioregion youth is subsidized to Rs 5,000 to Rs. 10,000 (the latter is if you do the Training of Trainers program)

We are also looking for donors to help get youth scholarships and cover any of the basic costs. Please contact us if you are interested.

If you are interested to apply, or want more information please visit: [www.pitchandikulamforest.org/PF/ecovillage-design-education-edc/](http://www.pitchandikulamforest.org/PF/ecovillage-design-education-edc/)  
Contact: [gen@auroville.org.in](mailto:gen@auroville.org.in)

In gratitude,  
Pitchandikulam Forest & YouthLink  
Representing GEN & NextGEN in Auroville  
(Joss, Kavitha, Nikethana, Riccardo, Serena and Anais)

## FDA Bans 19 Antibacterial Chemicals in Soaps.

On August 1st, 2016, it was published worldwide that the USA - FDA bans Antibacterial Chemicals in Soaps.

Companies can no longer market hand soaps containing several common antibacterial compounds, the Food and Drug Administration announced today. The FDA instituted the soap ban, which includes the widely used antibacterial chemicals triclosan and triclocarban, citing questions about the antibacterials' safety for long-term use. In addition, there is no evidence these chemicals add any benefit to people's health beyond those of regular soap. The new ban applies to 19 chemicals, and only applies to soaps that are meant to be lathered and washed off with water. In its ruling, the FDA said this would apply to soaps containing any of the 19 chemicals, including triclosan, found in liquid soaps, and triclocarban, found in soap bars.

Which products containing Triclosan are available in our Auroville outlets and other local markets? Here are some of them: Colgate, Dettol, Savlon, Protex, Crest, Dial, Acelak, Joy, Ajax, Dawn, Lysol, and others.

These are the 19 ingredients banned by FDA:

Cloflucarban, Fluorosalan, Hexachlorophene, Hexylresorcinol, Iodophors (Iodine containing ingredients), o Iodine complex (ammonium ether sulfate and polyoxyethylene sorbitan monolaurate) o Iodine complex (phosphate ester of alkylaryloxy polyethylene glycol) o Nonylphenoxypoly (ethyleneoxy) ethanoliiodine o Poloxamer -- iodine complex o Povidone - iodine 5 to 10 percent o Undecylium chloride iodine complex, Methylbenzethonium chloride, Phenol (greater than 1.5 percent), Phenol (less than 1.5 percent), Secondary amylicresols, Sodium oxychlorosene, Tribromsalan, Triclocarban, Triclosan and Triple dye.

Consumers have the right to ask for the list of ingredients, but not only that, to demand that ingredients are not hidden on the labels.

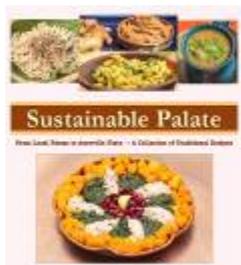
And one more thing is the role of Auroville ammas at the time of to buying cleaning products, as they are not aware what is banned or not, why it is banned, and what can be harmful to them. Normally ammas like strong odour, strong foam, and cheap. Well, we in MGEcoduties, are doing a tremendous effort to promote Natural products that can compete in prices with chemicals, that have a natural odour and that produce a normal foam (hopeful less) to keep the ammas satisfied; however, we all, have to explain them the health risk of ban products in the long run.

Thank you for helping us to bring awareness and support to All Natural products.

Guidelma and Margarita (MGEcoduties executives)

## POSTINGS

### Sustainable Palate - From Local Farms to Auroville Plate - A Collection of Traditional Recipes



The new book by *Life Education Centre (LEC)*, published by SAIER, is available for purchase at the Visitor's Center bookstore and at the PTDC counter.

### Jade Beautysalon: Happy To Welcome You Back

Jade Beautysalon is open again with lots of great energy, just contact me. Facials, manicure, pedicure, waxing, Facial treatments, support for any kind of skin problems. Now you can find me in Aurosarjan Complex, next to Rangoli pink door. Beauty the smile of the divine, feel good with yourself! Write a SMS or call for appointment: 809 876 0113, with love, *Julia*.

### From the Language Lab

We will be offering short ten-day language training programs with the Tomatis Method in the last two weeks of Sept. (19-23 and 26-30th Sept). All Listening Tests to be done before 15th Sept. English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Russian, Brazilian Portuguese. The Tomatis Method is a special listening training which exercises the muscles of the middle ear to stimulate the brain. One "assimilates" rather than "learns" the language. It helps the brain "click-in" to the cadences, melody and frequencies of the language one wants to learn. The Listening sessions will be 2 hours a day Mon-Fri. Please contact the Lab 2623661 or 2623088 if interested.

After having put all we have into completing the new building for the Language Lab and Tomatis Research Centre in the International Zone, we are missing the last few lakhs left to enable us to open the building... We also need some basic equipment. We invite donations into our **New Building account 251414**. It is a beautiful building, made with lime mortar and plaster and is an example of sustainable and healthy building-architecture. We'll be happy to share info with whoever is interested. Please contact: 9443631861.

## Library closed on Mondays

Dear Library users, for unfortunate reasons the library will be closed every Monday until the end of September. We are sorry for the inconvenience. *The Auroville Library*

## Haircuts with Mimi

Hi everyone, it's Mimi and I'm doing hair cutting in the afternoons at Arka once again. Do you need a haircut? To get your hair back into shape again, or just a healthy trim to get those dry split ends away, maybe you're in the mood for a totally new look? If so, text/call me (best in the evenings) at 9489694626 to make an appointment. I am also doing eyelash and/or eyebrow dying if you are interested.

Looking forward to hearing from you. *Mimi*

## Nandini Distribution timing

Morning: Tuesday to Saturday 9 am to 12.30 pm / Afternoon: Tuesday and Thursday 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm

*Nandini Team*

## No smartphones at the Ciné Paradiso and be punctual!

My congratulations to the MMC/CP team for their efforts to make the Ciné Paradiso a more convivial place, particularly asking people to refrain from coming in continuously and from using all the time their smartphones during the projection of films...

Why don't we continue closing the doors after the academic quarter or even after 5 minutes... and stick a big signboard like this one with the picture of a smartphone in the middle on both entrance doors and in the display board...



It's quite amazing that Aurovilians and Newcomers (patience with Guests!) can't live without consulting their smartphones every 5 minutes. Why not keep smartphones at home when going to watch a movie?

*Gildo*

## **A V A I L A B L E**



### I am THAT cute a puppy!

Someone dropped me in the Dana area and I need a new home. Super tender, and as cute as you can see!! Call *Isora* 8525961877

## Games and kids cycle

I am selling some of my things to buy a new bicycle: 1) Nintendo DSI XL with 18 games / 2) Sony PSP with 6 games / 3) Rockrider bicycle for kids age 8 to 12 - Please email my mom: [paula@auroville.org.in](mailto:paula@auroville.org.in) if you are interested, or call: 2623294 - Thanks *Mir* (Vikas)

## Small fridge

Nearly new for sale. Ph: 9486623226 - Submitted by *Ricardo*

## Honda Unicorn 160cc

New (150km). Ph: 9486623226 - Submitted by *Ricardo*

## Vibram 5 fingers shoes

I have a pair of Vibram 5 fingers shoes that I don't use anymore, second hand, size 7.5, perfect for running off the main roads. If you are interested contact me 9487340778 - *Giacomo*

## Cane Furniture

Atithi Griha Guest House in Bharat Nivas has the following Cane Furniture for Sale:

1. Table - 7 Nos (Length 4 Feet - Breadth 4 Feet - Height 2.30 Feet)
2. Table - 1 No (Length 4 Feet - Breadth 2.30 Feet - Height 2.30 Feet)
3. Table - 2 Nos (Length 4 Feet - Breadth 2 Feet - Height 2.30 Feet)

All the furniture is in good condition. For further details please feel free to contact *Ms. Raji*. Telephone No. 0413-2622445 / E-Mail: [atithigriha@gmail.com](mailto:atithigriha@gmail.com)

## Laptops / Computer monitor / Frosted Glass

2 MacBook laptops, 1 white, 1 black. Older, both working well with some cosmetic damage / Desktop computer monitor: Benq GL950 19 (47cm). Excellent condition. Frosted glass: round, bevelled edge, 110cm diameter, 11mm thick. Contact *Ashaman*: 9487241975

## 2 kittens

Dear Friends, two cute kittens at Inspiration Community waiting to be picked up by gentle souls, a tiger one and a black and white. They are playing in the grass under the entrance staircase and we cannot keep them. Please come to Inspiration Community - Thank you, *Claudine*

## **L O O K I N G F O R ...**

### Volunteers needed for Nick Klotz

Dear community, as many people of Auroville know that Nick Klotz, who resides in Maitreye II had met with an accident a month ago and he is still admitted in JIPMER, we need a few more volunteers (male only) for a few hours (day & night) in the hospital and also after he comes back to Auroville.

Those who are interested can contact GIRI from Auroville Health Services (Contact Number - 89400 92127) on behalf of Nick.

Thank you, *Auroville Health Services*

### Hindi teacher

"*Reach for the Star*" would like to offer Hindi classes to their students. We are looking for a volunteer who would teach Hindi to a group of students on Sundays for one hour. Please contact *Stephanie* at: 9943106616 or [steph@auroville.org.in](mailto:steph@auroville.org.in) if you are interested to help our project: [www.reach-for-the-stars.org](http://www.reach-for-the-stars.org) - Thank you!

### Looking for extra work hours

*Arumugam* has been part of the *News&Notes* team continuously for over 20 years now, and is doing a great job as you know. He would like to find an additional part-time work in the Auroville area. All options are considered. Own bike, English spoken and written, reliable, good team worker. (We are happy to give reference for him, please contact [newsandnotes@auroville.org.in](mailto:newsandnotes@auroville.org.in)). For any offer, please call *Arumugan* 8940431717, thanks! *News&Notes*

### Treecare Needs Your Chainsaw

We are looking for any Stihl or Husqvarna machine. Contact "[lisanoemie@gmail.com](mailto:lisanoemie@gmail.com)" Thank you and warm regards, *Lisa*

### A medium sized fridge

We are looking for a medium sized fridge, can be old or new, used or not, but it should be of good quality. If you have a fridge to sell, kindly contact *Anne* via cell: 9047024318 or email: [anne.auroville@gmail.com](mailto:anne.auroville@gmail.com) - Thanks a lot!

## LOST & FOUND

**Chappals (Found):** Very sorry, last Friday I took someone else's chappals after the Newcomers Welcome Talk at SAIIR Conference Room. They are in plastic, black, size 7. Please contact me at: 7868075767, *Helena*

## THANK YOU

### From the Project "Building Bridges"

Dear Friends,  
We would like to thank the parents of the children and the school's teachers, Aurosoya, Shardhanjali, MGeco products, Wallpapers, Auroville Bakery, Bendi, Dreamer's Cafe and all of you who have supported us in many ways.

On Wednesday the 7th we have left for a month.  
We wish everyone great days to come!

*Matilde and Kalsang (Building bridges)*

### Aha Kindergarten

The Aha Kindergarten team would like to express its heartfelt thanks to all those who participated and came to celebrate with us on Saturday and helped make the event such a success.

A special thanks is to be said to Mandala Pottery, Baraka, Naturellement and Tamar for the cakes, Jo for the face painting, Shakti for the spiral dance, Sonia for the chanting, Pavan for the Ayurvedic/Astrological consultation, Krishna and Shanks for the music, African Pavilion for the drumming, Orly for the dinner and friends for the donations. Lakshay, Marcella, Pranshula, Ohad and Priscila - we thank you for your tireless energy. You made it all come together!  
*Aha Kindergarten team*

## ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

### Discounted accommodation for long term guests and volunteers

We would like to remind that we offer special discounts for long term guests and long term volunteers. Specifically, 20 % discount for long-term guests who don't offer any service to Auroville, 40 % discount for long-term guests offering any service to Auroville, 60 % discount for SAVI registered volunteers. We also offer special arrangements for new comers and pre new comers who need accommodation for a short period of time. For more information please email us at: [joycommunity@auroville.org.in](mailto:joycommunity@auroville.org.in) or pass by during office hours (8.30 am to 12.30 am and 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm); we are located in Center Field after Nandanam School.  
Love, *Joy Community Team :-)*

### House-sitting.1

Dear Aurovilians, we are a family of four, 2 adults and 2 kids (3.5 and 5 years old) who are coming to stay and experience Auroville for at least 7 months from 1st of October 2015. For the last decade our little family has been coming yearly to visit in Auroville and the Ashram with many friendships developing over the years. Robin has been connected with the Ashram and

Auroville since childhood. Now we want to deepen our experience and we would love to do house-sitting for you! We will take well care of your flat or house, garden and animals as needed. We will do all we can for you to feel that it is really a win-win situation for you to let us do house-sitting in your place. Contact us at: [cjlanken@gmail.com](mailto:cjlanken@gmail.com). For reference call: Jaya no: 2622074 or Aster Patel: 2622194. Looking forward to hearing from you, *Robin and Cecillie*.

### House-sitting.2

Hello, I'm Shanks, the bald guitar player on the White Bullet. I'm a volunteer and my girlfriend and I are looking for a place we can house-sit for 8-10 months. Please contact *Shanks* on: [chungates@gmail.com](mailto:chungates@gmail.com).

### House-sitting.3

We are a Newcomer family (Juan, Ally and Nalia). Before we find our home in Auroville, we are looking for some long-term house-sitting, preferably 1-3 years. We could start from December or early 2017. Please contact *Ally* ([ally@auroville.org.in](mailto:ally@auroville.org.in)).

## TAXI SHARING

**September 11th:** My cousin will leave from Quiet community at 4 am, going to Chennai airport. If you want to share the ride, please, contact *Helena* at: 7868075767.

**September 13th:** On the 13th of September a taxi will leave at 11 pm to go to Chennai Airport. There is space both ways. If you are interested, please send me an email at: [tineke@auroville.org.in](mailto:tineke@auroville.org.in), phone me: 2622.216 or send an SMS on 944.34.60.330 - *Tineke*

**September 13th:** My friend Raja leaves for Chennai airport around 2 am from Maitreye-1 on the 13th of September. If you need to go there on that day around the same time or if you need a ride back at around 4:30 am the same morning and would like to share please contact me. *Harishini*: [harshidee.90@gmail.com](mailto:harshidee.90@gmail.com) or SMS/Call +91 94421 92536-

**September 14th:** Leaving Auroville at 6:00 pm to go to Chennai airport. Kindly call *Amanda*: 7339154026 or email: [avi.taiwan@gmail.com](mailto:avi.taiwan@gmail.com)

**September 14th or 15th:** If you have to travel to Chennai next week (Wednesday 14th or Thursday 15th Sept.) I am happy to pay for part of the taxi cost. I am organising the delivery of a bread order from the bakery to Chennai and I can pay towards the taxi. This will be between 25% and 50% of the taxi cost depending on the final bread order. However, taxi will need to leave between 1 and 3 pm on that day. I only need space for the bread in the taxi, usually 2 large bags which can fit in the front seat of the car, and I won't be travelling in the taxi itself. The taxi will need to stop at the entrance of Chennai on the ECR to unload the bread. Please contact *Aurovrata* on 9043028221 if you wish to avail of this offer.

**September 16th:** I'm arriving at Chennai airport with Emirates EK 544 at 8.25 am on September 16. Looking for sharing a taxi either to the airport or from it. Thanks in advance.  
*Galina*: [svetgalina@list.ru](mailto:svetgalina@list.ru)

**Bioresonance at Quiet**

Afsaneh offers again Bioresonance treatments, allergy tests and chiro at the Quiet Healing Center from Wednesday 7 September onwards. For bookings, please contact the reception (2622329 / 9488084966)

**SANTÉ**

**SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE**

Auroville Institute for Integral Health; Location: Crown Road (next to Arka)  
Clinic Phone: (0413)-2622803 • email: [sante@auroville.org.in](mailto:sante@auroville.org.in)

**Open: 8:45-12:30 & 2:00-4:30 Monday-Saturday**  
Closed every Tuesday afternoons for internal work/meetings  
For Aurovillians, Newcomers and registered Guests/Volunteers

**Auroville Ambulance, Tel: 9442224680 (24x7):**

Acute emergencies can come directly to Santé during working hours or call ambulance if condition is severe. Call to inform about details of the case, for staff to prepare.

**Government Ambulance, Tel: 108 (24x7)**

**Home care service for acutely ill and bedridden patients: phone 9488726184 from 9-5pm only.**

**Telephone Consultation Service (TCS): 9:00am-9:30am Monday - Saturday**  
**Phone: 0413-2623937**

If you are acutely sick (severe and urgent e.g. high fever, strong unusual pain, etc.) & would like to speak to a healthcare provider that same morning about what to do and how to manage it, we offer telephone consultations with trained members of Santé staff from 9:00 - 9:30am every morning Monday to Saturday.

Please call (0413) 2622937 from 9 - 9:30am for those who require immediate, professional medical advice or to schedule an emergency appointment by phone.

**Acute Care, the integral way, begins again!**

- If you have fallen sick or have an acute need that requires medical attention on the same day, we encourage you to use our Telephone Consultation Service (TCS). If TCS schedules an emergency appointment or you happened to drop in, Santé welcomes you to try our **morning Acute Care service** to accommodate the urgent medical needs of the community and to develop the practice of integral health within our multidisciplinary team. With this service, you will be able to quickly see a therapist or doctor assigned to meet the patients with acute needs on that same day; but you will need to remain flexible about whom you consult with. And we, on our side, will ensure you a consultation with a skilled healthcare professional from our team on the same morning.

**IN GENERAL, THERAPISTS & DOCTORS SEEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

Doctor/Therapist Consultation Dr. Ruslan and Dr. Igor	Monday to Saturday mornings Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday afternoon
Dr. Berengere (Bee) Ayurveda (bring sheet for treatments!)	Monday afternoon Wednesday & Friday mornings
Andres Lokuta (bring sheet!) Acupuncture & Chinese medicine	Wednesday morning Monday & Thursday afternoons
Michael Z. Homeopathy	Monday & Wednesday afternoons
Ingo (9489325085) Homeopathy	Tuesday and Friday morning
Linda Grace Medical Shiatsu, Meridian Psychotherapy	Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday morning Thursday afternoon
Moghan (9751110486) Psychotherapy	Please contact him directly for an appointment
Natacha (8940221071) Therapeutic Shiatsu	Please contact her directly for an appointment.

**Nurses Services by Archana, Nisha, Thilagam , Viji**

Nurses services - First Aid, Wound care and Dressings	Monday to Saturday (except Tuesday afternoon)
Lab Sample collection	Monday to Friday mornings only

## EATING OUT

### Veg & Non-Veg Barbecue Evening



Venue: Joy Guesthouse garden  
Date & Time: Friday 16th of September at 7 pm

We are happy to announce a beautiful night in great accompany, reminding special family holiday. Chicken, hamburger, and lots of vegetables fresh from the grill, a great salad and even watermelon and lemongrass to refresh from the heat. A feast for those with a light heart. Advance reservation required, please either call (04132622584 or 9442328120) or email ([joycommunity@auroville.org.in](mailto:joycommunity@auroville.org.in)) or pass by. Fixed

contribution, 33 % discount for Aurovilians, Newcomers and SAVI registered volunteers (please bring your card).  
Joy Community Team :-)

### Tibetan Dinner - Wednesdays only:

Dear all, please note that for the rest of the month of September, there will be no Tibetan dinner on Saturdays, as part of the team is gone... "Building Bridges"! Good news still: **the Wednesday evening dinners do continue**, with momos, soup, and healthy salad served as usual from 6:45pm to 8pm. A film related to Tibetan Culture is shown after dinner. Required pre-booking before 10 am on the day. To book call (0413) 2622401 or 8489067332. Venue: Pavilion of Tibetan Culture.

## AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear listeners!  
Unfortunately our web page was down for some days but all is back in order thanks to dedicated AV Radio Team members Andrea and Yahalom.

Our team is enlarged by internship student Apoorva, and three volunteers

Karthick, Pierre, Stephen from different parts of the planet, and soon you will be able to listen to their contribution.

Here are the programs done by AV Radio in the past week: [\(click on the blue titles to listen\)](#)

- Pierre has done his first coverage with the recording of the [Update of AV Council](#)
- Marlenka has started to read the [Synthesis of Yoga](#) by Sri Aurobindo -, and look up for the continuation in the following weeks.

- Loretta continues with [Mother's O & A 25/1/56](#); and her [reading of Savitri, B. II, C, V, Part 1](#)
- Gangalkshmi's past week's [selections par Gangalakshmi 92](#)
- The past week's musical programs were more in the new age spirit with a contemporary flavor and in the feeling of [Grace](#) and [Gratitude](#)
- And as usual, Thursday's - [AHA KG Fair, Art, PondyPHOTO](#), and Monday's news: [Happy Ganesh Chaturthi](#)

And of course you are very much welcome to pass by with any questions, suggestions, thoughts, or if you might like to share something with us, and with the audience. You are welcome if you would like to participate, volunteer, co-create in any way..... or if you might simply like to take some of your favorite programs on your USB stick. We are located on the ground floor of Town Hall opposite of Financial Service.... Yours, AV Radio Team ([www.aurovillradio.org](http://www.aurovillradio.org))

## SPORTS

### Invitation to All - Dehashakti School of Physical Education

This year's Winter Athletics Aurolympics will begin in a few days at the School Sports Complex in Dana (timing: daily 2.20 pm to 5:25 pm.)

#### Athletics Aurolympics 2016

06 Sept. to 14th Sept. -for Seniors  
(Perfection, Courage & Knowledge)

12th-20th Sept for Juniors  
(Joy, Bliss, Beauty, Harmony, Force)

These competitions provide the opportunity for participants to perform in a range of physical activities with increasing competence and confidence within the context of athletics. They promote physical skills and development while encouraging positive attitudes towards personal fitness and health.

We need volunteers for score-taking, you do not need to have any special qualifications or training, only GOODWILL! So come and help the children 2.20 - 3.30pm for juniors and 3.50- 5.15 pm older ones Mon - Fri!

### Events of the Athletics Aurolympics

JUNIORS	INTERMEDIATES
<b>Races:</b> Shuttle run, 30m race	<b>Races:</b> 100m race, 5 min race, 800m fast walk
<b>Jumps:</b> 5 bounding strides, Standing triple jump	<b>Jumps:</b> High jump, Long jump, Standing triple jump, 5 bounding strides
<b>Combinations:</b> Hop-step-jump,	<b>Throws:</b> 1kg Shot put, Seated football throw, Tennis ball throw.
<b>Throws:</b> Big Ball throw, Tennis ball throw	
SENIORS	
<b>Races:</b> 100m, 800m, 1500m, 800m walk & 3000m race	
<b>Jumps:</b> Long jump, Triple jump.	
<b>Throws:</b> Cricket ball throw and Shot put.	

Thank you for your support,  
Dehashakti Sports Team

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

### Work Available at YouthLink

YouthLink has a few jobs available - particularly for anyone with skills in those areas:

**Website Maintenance and Media:** We are looking for someone with a creative eye, computer skills and practical experience to make Posters/ Basic video and photo editing/Simple Website Maintenance/ Taking Photos at YL Events.

**Communications:** Work involves emailing, good written/spoken English, project writing, Auronet/ Facebook/ radio/ News&Notes/ creating newsletters and maintaining progress reports.

**Project Management:** We are looking for anyone with prior experience in leading a dynamic project.

Priority of placement given to Aurovillian/Newcomer, but is also open to Bioregional Youth and Long Term Volunteers. Stipend and hours negotiable. Apply now by emailing your motivation to work at YouthLink, with a summary of your skills to: [youth@auroville.org.in](mailto:youth@auroville.org.in)

## Secretary for International Zone Coordination Team

Dear community, the IZCT is offering a secretarial position for anyone with the skills for this dynamic, yet demanding, work. The skills required include good written and spoken English, with an ability to prepare agendas, take meeting notes and facilitate a meeting if needed. Additional work includes presence in office to maintain records for International Zone activities and projects, while at times drafting emails on behalf of the team and liaising with the relevant working groups. This job includes a wide scope to explore creatively visualising International Zone activities and Auroville's relationships with the world. It is a

great opportunity for learning about how this zone aspires to develop and contribute towards Auroville 'as a city of dawn' that the world is waiting for. Several members of the IZCT are currently in process of setting up office and are ready to mentor and support this new secretary in integrating into the work.

If interested, please contact: [izcoordination@auroville.org.in](mailto:izcoordination@auroville.org.in) with an introduction of your background, skills and motivation for serving in the community in this way.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

*IZ Coordination Team*

## **T R A V E L**

### 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:**

Oman has special economy & business class offers to Europe.

Qatar & Etihad Airways all have special fares to Europe.

Jet Airways has promotional offers to Europe.

Lufthansa has special fares to Europe & USA.

**Hotels:** International and Domestic Hotel bookings can also be done at

discounted rates through us.

**Insurance:** We highly recommend to avail of a Travel Insurance for all foreign travels.

Better to 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](mailto:travelshop@auroville.org.in),

Domestic Flight Tickets / Trains / Bus / Travel Insurance - 0413 - 2623030, [domestic@inside-india.com](mailto:domestic@inside-india.com),

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

## **G R E E N M A T T E R S**



### **Geologists announce a new Epoch: the Anthropocene**

*The Green Column is back after the summer break, resuming its bi-weekly reports and discussions on environmental and green topics. The ever-increasing amount of such news - local, regional and global - is frankly overwhelming, and the choice of subjects so vast that it leaves us in a constant dilemma what to select... And so we chose to start with the surprising findings of geology, the science that takes the longest view, for whom the human species has only just appeared on the Earth.*

Recent publications by the world's geologists announce the dawn of a new epoch called the *Anthropocene*. They provide a comprehensive view of the enormous and exceptional changes our planet has recently undergone, man-made changes so significant that they will leave a permanent geological record. While most of us are aware that in our own short lifetime humanity's impact on the Earth has been profound, geologists and climate scientists, seeing the scale and permanence of this change, are now recommending to the International Geological Congress presently meeting in Cape Town, South Africa, to declare a new geological Epoch, the Anthropocene.

A geological Epoch usually spans tens of millions of years, and the changes we see on Earth today are very recent in geological time. To define a new Epoch, a signal must be found that occurs globally and will be incorporated into deposits of the future geological record. For instance, the extinction of the dinosaur 66 million years ago, at the end of the Cretaceous period, is defined by a 'spike' in sediments of the metal iridium, which was dispersed around the world from the meteorite that collided with Earth.

The current Epoch, the Holocene, is the 12,000 years of stable climate since the last Ice Age during which all known human civilisation developed.

The unprecedented acceleration of carbon dioxide, the rise of sea levels, the mass extinction of species globally, and the transformation of land by deforestation and development, mark the end of that slice of geological time.

Geological divisions are not defined by dates but by a specific boundary between layers of rock or ice, ocean and lake sediments, stalagmites and stalagmites, corals, tree rings, and even layers of rubbish in landfill sites.

#### *What are the signs of the Anthropocene Epoch?*

- Radioactive elements from nuclear bomb tests settling down on Earth
- Aluminium and concrete particles deposits
- Even the domestic chicken is a serious contender to be a fossil that defines the Anthropocene, as since the mid-20th century it has become the world's most common bird, fossilised in thousands of landfill sites.
- Extinction rates of animals and plants are pushed by human activity far above the long-term average. If current trends continue, 75 % of species might be extinct in the next few centuries.
- The unburned airborne black carbon emitted by power stations has left a permanent layer of particulates in sediment and glacial ice.
- Increasing levels of climate-warming CO<sup>2</sup> in the atmosphere increased at the fastest rate for 66 million years due to fossil fuels burning, from 280 ppm before the industrial revolution, to 400 ppm and still rising today.
- We have put so much plastic in the waterways and oceans that plastic micro-particles are ubiquitous, and plastics will likely leave identifiable fossil records for future generations to discover.
- Nitrogen and phosphorous have doubled in our soils over the past century, chemical fertilisers leaving the largest impact on the nitrogen cycle in 2.5 billion (!) years.

From the point of view of the human species, the planet is our life support system, and we can collectively be seen as the crew of a large spaceship, dangerously interfering and tampering with the very systems that provide us with air, water, food, and climate regulation. Our responsibility to future generations cannot be exaggerated.

While all this make for alarming reading, and easily overwhelms us with the feeling that individually we are powerless to tackle the problems, Awareness remains absolutely crucial. Social media, NGOs, magazines like the Indian *Down to Earth*, documentaries, photos and films, all these are important agents of change.

This last week was World Water Week, with the theme 'Water for Sustainable Growth'. Thirty percent of the world's water resources are over-exploited, while half of the world's cities and three quarters of irrigated farm lands have experienced water scarcity. Pondicherry's *PondyPhoto exhibition and festival* has its spotlight on Water (ending on Sept 11).

The Paris Climate Change Agreement, worked out in December last year, is about to be ratified by China and the USA, the largest polluters, and hopefully by all other 180 nations. It sets ambitious but crucially necessary goals for capping global warming - aiming at limiting planetary temperature increases

to 2°C - and funneling trillions of dollars to poor countries facing climate catastrophe. And while we watch, pray and hope, each one of us can bring a significant contribution to change through conscious choices in our day-to-day life!

*Sources:* Down to Earth, The Hindu, The Guardian, NASA, Google (on the Anthropocene).

*We like to hear from you on any green, environmental topic! Write to us at [avgreencenter@auroville.org.in](mailto:avgreencenter@auroville.org.in). For AV Green Center, Lisbeth & Jasmin*



## A Grateful Farewell to you, dear Sharanam

Oh Sharanam, dear Sharanam, what a shock, this sudden departure of yours!

You, the gentle but daring soul who had been the first to join me at the new-born Laboratory of Evolution, in 1985 already, to start together this Raw Food Kitchen that has been, to my knowledge, the first experimental Kitchen in Auroville for the food of the Future! You, the quiet and unassuming biologist and chemist who did this work with also all your heart, you had a few years later to finally stop doing it - although our little 'Raw Kitchen' had become rather successful. Not only was it the end of the 'Raw Kitchen', but I lost in that way the daily pleasure of working with you, this rare person capable of true, egoless collaboration with someone else.

Even after you left we kept in touch over the years, and you kept appreciating my research work, even more so since in 2011 I started my blog: you followed it with a kind of awe that as always expressed your genuine, amazing humility and childlike sense of wonderment.

The name that you had chosen for yourself, which means 'Refuge', I among others can attest was fully deserved: I had again the occasion to experience that fact a year ago when the deterioration of my health was found to be caused by a dangerous illness, news that brought you instantly to Djaima at my bedside as soon as I called you for help. And help me you did in many incredible ways along the following months, while by applying the inspired advice of last century's extraordinary trance-seer in the USA, Edgar Cayce, I managed to reverse the course of the disease... It all became possible only thanks to your faithful and loving daily supply of the unusual diet and other means of treatment he had recommended for such cases. Both you, with your scientific background as a pharmacist, and I as a researcher, plus some others in Auroville, had all independently studied for many years Edgar Cayce's 'Readings' and had already tested his advice with success, so we knew that the treatment he had outlined would definitely help - and it did, to our shared great joy. When later on I was able again to take care of myself on my own, I had to force you to accept my reimbursement of the many expenses you had also incurred for me without hesitation, although you were as short of personal funds for your own life as I was...

And just recently we had rejoiced together again when finding a new, good and reliable source of certain food items both of our bodies needed... a source we shared the use of without even knowing it at first: a very special Tamil woman, Latha, who has taken up that job in complete seriousness and dedication about six months ago, and has soon become so appreciative of you, gentle and kind Sharanam, that she was already very worried when she alerted me yesterday: not well for fifteen days, you had been taken to that ICU in Pondy!... Seeing my alarm, she promised to phone me whatever news about you she could gather from your neighbours in Dana. I wished I was myself well enough to attend to you in Pondy if needed, but this morning (Friday the 2nd) on the phone Latha was sobbing, telling me the terrible, stunning news, and then there was nothing more we could do but sob together. When later I opened my email, the usual mass bulletin announcement only confirmed it, alas, dearest Sharanam: you were gone... except that I kept seeing your face smiling as if to comfort me... During her lunch-time break Latha took me along to the Farewell place and together we honored your body with flowers... I'm already missing you so much, and so do your other friends too, I'm sure... Please, after an enjoyable rest in the Light, do come back soon with a good new body, but the same so generous, cheerful and compassionate heart!

*Bhaga*

## 40 years, sister-soul, of walking the Path together

The 70's - Pondicherry: we have just met discovering the Path.

London: The meeting with Master Liu, discovering Tai-Chi Chuan, and sharing a small flat translating the Agenda.

The 80's: Coming back to Auroville, starting the first Tai-Chi classes here. Once a week at Last School, very early looking at the sun coming up from the sea (yes, it was possible!). And once a week, outside Central Guest House, at sunset, looking at the sun setting among the Palm trees...

After Champaklal had given me Anandi, we were feeling that Amparo was not very nice for you, and we thought at the closest meaning in Sanskrit, and Sharanam came. We were not any more Amparo and Elba, we became Sharanam and Anandi.

A few weeks ago we went to the sea, walking and enjoying as always...

Now you have to go, and we went to our dearest banyan, and we were doing Tai-Chi as in the old times. Suddenly you start going up free of your little body, flying and laughing ...all over the branches, light, light ...happy, so happy... See you! When? Where? There? Here? We do not know, but for sure, we will be walking on the same path with Them.

Te Amo. Gracias

*To leave the shell to become One  
One with the sea  
One with the wave  
One in each limitless pore*

In Her Love, Anandi (Realization)

*and the whole flesh .  
To become One  
Eternity  
Ocean.*

## Sharanam: psychic being to the forefront

Sharanam had been a member of the Laboratory of Evolution/Centre of Human Unity, founded by Kireet Joshi and initiated by Bhaga. In the eighties our task was the diffusion of Integral Yoga, as Laboratory of Evolution - and as Centre of Human Unity, to make known to the community at large the undiluted vision of Mother's town, Matrimandir, guidelines and all that concerned life in Auroville. Sponsored by the GOI, our archive compilations were distributed free along with the News; we also displayed exhibitions with the original photographs, sometimes exceedingly large, of the layouts the Mother did approve for the town. Ours was a pioneering work and there were ignited discussions, on this as on the Integral Yoga; but Sharanam was a kind of anchor, a sort of angel spirit who by her suave countenance and subtle humour kept our spirits up, in spite of the tremendous obstacles such a task forcefully encountered.

Sadhana in Auroville concerns fitness of the body as well and the raw food kitchen was another experiment. Sharanam's contribution, besides discussing all together our varied initiatives, was to experiment with healthy food and drinks we offered downstairs, including her delicious 'Essenian' bread. In character with Sharanam's special aura the Essenians practiced piety, celibacy, benevolence, the absence of personal property and of money, the belief in communality, forbade anger, studied the books of the elders... She was the Essenian; but among the Auroville residents, in those years still highly idealistic, some were 'Cathars', 'Rosicrucians', 'reincarnations' of other early movements or simply mystics striving for a higher society advocating simplicity of life and sharing of material goods. Ours was an altogether different micro-society, a transposition of the 1968 élan lived from within.

Always encouraging us to unflinchingly pursue our task in spite of titanic resistances on all fronts, always having a good word for each and all, Sharanam was a source of calm strength and courage, true embodiment of the psychic being taking the lead - as if the Mother had put her there to transform strife into harmony, doubt and despondency into the certainty of victory by the luminous example of her humility, unfaltering resilience and boundless dedication to the Ideal she fully lived in utmost simplicity. She was made of the same stuff of certain early sadhaks of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, silently serving the Masters in their corner; the more unassuming, the greater; she had the same holistic charisma.

*...We shared a treasure, that Vision...*

"Sharanam was pure love", an early neighbour commented. A true, rare child of the Mother has dissolved into her. The age of the Great Quest is gone, they are dropping the body one by one. Alone, the road will be harsher and drier; all that opposes Her vision got one more victory but Victory will be, because it is decreed. "The Avatar's model town", for which we stood and fought together, is the one answer to the suicidal race of the planet engulfing men and nations.

Thanks Sharanam, warrior of the Divine. The Path is clearer than ever, the torchbearer you have been for many of us forever lives. Behind all that I document on Sri Aurobindo's town and the Mother's guidelines I see your smile ineffable, your grace and strength in gentleness, bestowing courage and hope in a radiant future - now, as in our apprentice-years to Auroville, when still we believed the goal was behind the corner.

*"Et reprenons le Chemin, certains de la Victoire"*. You did not live in vain. Even if it takes one thousand years her Auroville will be, because it is decreed.

*Paulette*

## Farewell to Sharanam

One day in July 1991, when I walked in to the Entry office I was warmly received by a woman called Sharanam whom I had never met before. Next minute she gave me a form and asked to me fill it up. It took two minutes for me to fill it up. She glanced at it and was awestruck to read my reply to a question. The question was "How many books of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother have you read?" My reply was "Not a single book I could complete, only some lines which I determined to practice that would take my whole lifetime and after" She smiled at me saying a couple of words affirmatively, welcoming me to Auroville. I felt truly welcomed as though she represented The Mother's invitation.

My next meeting was after 2 years in Dana at her house where she invited me to receive polarity massage. I was amazed to find her healing many Aurovilians with her massage, Bach remedy and her ever all giving energy. I became drawn towards this magnetic energy leading us to meet for many years to come strengthening our friendship.

In 1996 she asked me if I could come up with interesting recipes using varagu and millets mix as she wanted to promote these so that Aurovilians could eat healthily. Once I was ready with the recipes she connected me with Giuseppe who was the chief chef, manager of our community kitchen which was at the Bharat Nivas at that time. I went to the kitchen twice a week and cooked several varied dishes for 6 months. Subsequently she introduced me to Bhavana and to Auroville Village Action. She was the founder of present HERS. Vinodh began to manage it while Sharanam along with Bhavana conceived the idea of creating an organic food processing unit under AVAG.

Sharanam played an active role in constructing the present Kofpu building and it was her idea to make spaghetti using local millets. She developed 3 more products, shortly after she invited me to take over Kofpu as she wanted to teach in school.

She told me that I was more suitable to run Kofpu for linguistic reasons as it would attract many local women to work. I was deeply touched by her understanding of me and she said that I would be an excellent creative person for Kofpu. As we both shared the same qualities to run Auroville's organic Food Processing Unit she felt at peace with handing over Kofpu to me. I have been running it now for 19 years. She appreciated my work at Kofpu and was quite happy to discover my unique creative expression when I opened Satchitananda Raw Vegan Restaurant.

Sharanam has always been healthy; I had hardly known her to be sick. She was very active, generously sharing her time and energy with fellow Aurovilians and I saw her making friends with many other people from Thiruvannamalai, Erode, Chennai, Bangalore etc. She used every moment of her being here spreading love and connectivity.

The point of sharing the above with you is to portrait a glimpse of Sharanam from a single person's experience, that too very briefly as I have not written down all the innumerable rich moments we shared. You can guess how much I will miss her and how much I valued her. One should be lucky to be invited by Sharanam and to enjoy her guiding force for such a long time.

Her contributions to Auroville and to this planet are larger than what I have written about.

I along with countless loving hearts send a lot of Love and Light for her further journey.

Thank you Sharanam and Farewell.

*Anandi from Kofpu*

## Why the galaxy plan?

Even if Mother didn't specifically 'Bless' the galaxy plan, she was fully aware of it, and if she had foreseen any problems would have sought changes. Yet, as Anu mentions, some Aurovillians challenge it and would like to see it substantially modified; even abandoned.

Why? Do they no longer have faith in Mother? Do they think that despite her Divine foresight she was wrong? That 50 years later we know better? Or that what she accepted then can no longer be relevant? Or do they still think that it is impractical, and won't work according to established rules of town planning? Whatever, I feel there are important points to be made.

Firstly, there can be no doubt that the galaxy excites the imagination. It is beautiful, inspiring, futuristic, and different to any town layout on earth. It can even be said that it was one of the first things about Auroville that attracted most of us and excited us about this city for the third millennium. Compare it to the layout of any existing town, such as Pondy, and there simply isn't the same beauty or feeling of something new and exciting. Other town layouts may look practical at first glance, but they are not inspiring like the galaxy.

Is this important? Yes, I think it is, because I suspect that the spiral shape is an embodiment of power - like a mandala or chakra. In fact I believe the galaxy plan is much, much more than a mere town layout, and has the ability (like the MM Inner Chamber) to attract forces beneficial to Auroville, while also radiating out similar positive forces to the surrounding world.

My second point is that the galaxy plan will greatly facilitate Auroville's interaction with nature. The spiral layout makes it much easier to create wildlife corridors crossing the heart of the township from almost any point on the perimeter than it would be, for example, with a layout like Pondy's. With the latter, and most town layouts, nature corridors would constantly come up against awkward changes in direction or even have to make 90-degree turns around corners. The galaxy's spiral shape facilitates complete crossings with minimal deviation.

My third point follows closely the previous one, namely that just as the galaxy plan allows free movement of species across and within the township, so also it will permit good airflow. This means that a constant flow of fresh air from the surrounding Green Belt will be able to permeate the inner township and four zones.

My fourth point is perhaps the most important of all. I referred above to the "impracticality" of the galaxy, as claimed by some critics: it simply won't work according to them. To this I can only say GOOD!! Because what they are unconsciously saying is that with such a layout we will be unable to create a township like other townships on Earth. We won't be able to create another Pondicherry, Chandigarh, Paris, London, Beijing or New York. Well, that's wonderful news, because we are not here to make just another township. To make the galaxy plan work we will have to set aside all existing rules, concepts and formations built up over centuries, and open ourselves to something new seeking to manifest. In other words, we can only make the galaxy plan work by going beyond all established criteria for existing townships. The galaxy, in all its power and beauty, will force us to find a new way to make a township work. And in that new way we will be able to break our established moulds, move into a new state of being, and live a collective life in a totally new way. One could even surmise that a major step towards human unity will become a necessity to live harmoniously in such a township. In other words, the galaxy is a safeguard that we won't be able to repeat what humanity has always done before.

That, I believe, is one of the reasons why Mother accepted the galaxy plan. I don't believe she did so for practical reasons, but because she foresaw that Auroville would be obliged to find a new way, live a new life, and not just repeat what had already been done with unsatisfactory consequences elsewhere.

There is also one more point. If we were ever to abandon or modify the galaxy plan, what would we replace it with, or how would we change it? It is at such a point that we would descend into a nightmare of petty squabbling and ego-driven preferences. Better that we don't all believe in the galaxy but retain it in its purest possible form, than that we try to find agreement on anything else.

Those are my intellectual reasons and feelings on the matter. But above all I feel we should not abandon anything that Mother has gone along with. When divine sanction has been given to something one should not disregard it, because one can be sure that the divine's guidance and protection will be with it at every step.

Someone said to me within an hour of my first arriving in Auroville in 1973, "It's not so much that we are building Auroville, but rather that Auroville is building us." I really believe that the galaxy plan has the power to do that - if we will trust Mother, accept it in its entirety, and let it do its work upon us for humanity as a whole.

*Tim (Certitude)*

# For your calendar



## AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

**Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music**  
Every THURSDAY at sunset - 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.

**Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 to 6.30 pm.**

Please try to be seated by 5.55 pm. Thank you.

*Amphitheatre Team*

## INVITATIONS



### Aikido Open Class

Dear Community, We are happy to invite you on:

Sunday morning 11th, from 10.00 to 11.30 am  
at the Auroville Budokan (Dehashakti)

to watch our **mixed levels' Aikido class (teenagers and adults)**.

You may know that we practice in different groups according to levels and other factors.  
So, from time to time we have to create an occasion for the students to get to know each other,  
and learn from each other!

So, the so-called "Beginners", the "Women", the young "Intermediates" and the so-called "Advanced" will gather  
for this class led by N. Murugan.

We wish to open the class to all interested to watch it (family, friends, Aurovilians, non Aurovilians...),  
eventually to maybe have some of you on board soon with us... or just for your curiosity!  
The parents of our children students are especially invited -with the youngest students!

Warm regards, *Surya, N. Murugan and Cristo*  
([budokan.auroville.org/](http://budokan.auroville.org/))

CIRHU presents:

### Aurovilian Conversations - "Every True Aurovilian should be an educator"

On Thursday 15th September: Youth Link on "Auroville Youth"

Timing: 3:30 pm - Venue: Auroservice Office: Town Hall, Second Floor, Left side

Since the middle of June, spontaneously, CIRHU started "Aurovilian Conversations", a series of weekly reflections (not lectures) between students, volunteers, Newcomers and interested people with Aurovilians and friends of Auroville with experience in specific fields of knowledge. Considering the interest and the enthusiasm this initiative has awakened, we plan to continue it on a weekly basis and to extend the invitation to the entire Auroville Community. All are welcome.

Contact: [cirhu@auroville.org.in](mailto:cirhu@auroville.org.in)

### International Peace Day Celebrations At Unity Pavilion

In connection with International Day of Peace (September 21) Unity Pavilion in collaboration with YouthLink, Anandi and volunteers plans a series of events spread over one month.

For September 21 between 8 and 9 am we propose a special Peace Meditation at the Matrimandir Amphitheater involving schoolchildren, parents, teachers and the community in general.

At 12 noon at the Tibetan Pavilion the Russian Peace Bells will be played. We invite the entire community to tune into this world wide call for peace and hold a few moments of silences at their workplace or homes at 12, noon time. Units and services could have a collective concentration if they choose to.

#### The schedule of events in the afternoon at Unity Pavilion will be as follows:

3 pm: Opening ceremony of the month-long programme at the Hall of Peace. This will include handing over the Peace flag and the "Embassy of Peace" certificate to the Hall of Peace team.

3.30 to 5 pm: Activities for Children and Adults

All are invited to participate and learn the Japanese art of Origami with Tomoko where Peace Pelicans will be made. Also there will be an opportunity to make flower and seed mandalas and post your thoughts on Peace.

5 to 5.30 pm: Special Peace Meditation in the Hall of Peace guided by Noel

5.30 to 6.30 pm: Sound meditation facilitated by Svaram in the Hall of Peace

ALL ARE WELCOME

## TALKS, SEMINARS

### THE FRENCH PAVILION

presents

"Toward an alternative complementary economy for Auroville and its surroundings"

A Conference in French by Yves Laborde (Udumbu community)

Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 5 pm - Cinema Paradiso (Town Hall)

Yves will develop on new happening economies such as local currencies and time banks.  
A proposal respecting the founding principles of Auroville will also be presented.

Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research organises

**"Living Within" Study Camp No. 19"**  
**September 2016 (22nd-25th)**

Yogasanas and Meditation (Practical lessons for a Healthy Body and Mind)

Camp fees Rs. 4000 (including food and stay at SACAR) - Non-residents: Rs. 2800 (including food)

Venue: SACAR, 39, Vanniar Street, Puducherry

For Registration please contact: [sacarstudycamps@gmail.com](mailto:sacarstudycamps@gmail.com) / 9994190403, 9824092685

For details visit our website: [www.sacar.in](http://www.sacar.in)

Fee is non-refundable - Participants may choose to come on selected days of the camp also

All are Welcome

Submitted by Anandi (Progress)

## EXHIBITIONS

Kala Kendra - Centre for Arts in Bharat Nivas - The Pavilion of India Presents

### TOWARDS

An exhibition of Paintings

By V5



Painters

Danasegar. S - Ezhilarasan. E - Sridar. K - Vengatesan. B

From Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September, 2016 till Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of September, 2016  
Inauguration on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September, 2016 at 5:30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

Gallery Timings: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm (Closed on Sundays and Public Holidays)

## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

### Family constellations with Moghan..

Saturday 10th of September - 9 am to 6 pm.

Hall of light, Creativity.

Limited number of motivated participants.

Contact: 9751110486 / [moghan@auroville.org.in](mailto:moghan@auroville.org.in)

### Workshop on bees and the work of beekeeping and bee-caring in Auroville

Conducted by Erik Jansegers / EcoPro / AuroOrchard

Saturday, Sept. 10th, 2 - 5 pm

at AuroOrchard and Auroshilpam

In continuation of a well-attended and appreciated beekeeping seminar last year, Erik will conduct another short workshop on Saturday, Sept 10th, in the afternoon.

Start at 2 pm sharp at AuroOrchard for some field observations and demonstration of beehives.

Then meet at 3 pm at EcoPro seminar hall (Aurosarjan Complex, Auroshilpam) for the screening of a short movie on rock bees, with comments from Snehalatha of Keystone Foundation, Nilgiris.

Followed by a short talk on the ongoing natural beekeeping project in Auroville.

Everybody interested in bees is welcome. *Erik & EcoPro team*

### Inner-Work-Workshop

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

13th September (Tuesday). 'Practice - the Sunlit Path'

- 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: 8:50 am to 12 Noon.

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](http://www.integralyoga-auroville.com)

### Contact Improvisation Workshop & Jam

Saturdays 10, 17, 24 September from 5 to 7 pm in Cripa

Through the contact in between 2 people (more or less), we will explore how to move together, sharing weight, playing with gravity, falling, lifting, flooring, spiralling... in relation with the ground and space.

The 1st hour is a facilitated practice to discover the main principles of CI and the 2nd hour is a free practice.

Please come on time!

*Contribution to cover the rental of Cripa Space.*

For more info contact *John*: 8525988518

## Raising Children Compassionately - As parents and as teachers

*Hosted by Joy Living Learning*

With Kirsten Kristensen (NVC trainer from Denmark)

**Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>: 9.00 am - 4.45 pm at Vérité,**  
lunch break 12.15 pm - 1.45 pm

This workshop offers parents as well as teachers the possibilities and practice of having connecting and nurturing relationships with the children that we serve.

Through this workshop, you will enhance your understanding of:

- How to create connection and meet the needs of everyone involved
- How to hear the 'yes' behind the 'no'
- How to enjoy that my child is independent and autonomous, and, at the same time, responsible for our relationship?
- How to move from punishments and rewards to co-operation when raising children
- How to have self-compassion when my actions are not in harmony with my values
- How to handle differences in priorities and strategies with my partner and my children

**About the facilitator:** Kirsten is a family therapist and mediator with a passion to contribute to the personal development and healing that enables people to move closer to conflicts and to grow relational competencies. Kirsten spent more than 100 days learning with Marshall Rosenberg, who developed Nonviolent Communication (NVC). She publishes books on NVC in Danish and films about "Culture of Peace in Schools with NVC" (youtube).

Fixed contribution for visitors, Aurovilians/Newcomers free, donations welcome. For more info on and to register, contact *Stefan*: [stefangebert@gmail.com](mailto:stefangebert@gmail.com), 9442 041 433

## WOGA (Yoga in Water) 1. & 2 with Petra

**Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 September 2016**

Timings: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm (6 hours per day / 12 in total)

**Bookings:** Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

Woga is the union of two words: water and yoga. It is based on yoga poses and stretches modified for warm water. Thanks to the decrease of gravity, the water gives ease to the movements, unblocks the articulations, lengthens and melts muscles, removes the negative tensions, prevents stress, insomnia and anxiety. Classes include breathing, warm-up exercises, a series of poses, and a relaxation period.

Focus of Woga 1 is Asanas in water (standing, at the wall, floating and under water); besides asanas, the program of Woga 2 is pranayama and meditation.

No previous experience required (and also no need to know how to swim!).

## Treehouse Construction Workshop:

**Monday 19th of September - Friday 23rd of September 2016 (Auroville, India, Exact location to be confirmed)**

5 day treehouse construction workshop using traditional and local techniques.

**DAY 1** - Tree Identification, planning & designing, familiarisation with tools and Tree Pooja.

**DAY 2** - Prepping & processing Materials, ropes & Knots, basic tree climbing, mounting floor structure, staircase construction.

**DAY 3** - Roof Structure.

**DAY 4** - Construction of Walls & Windows, installing keeth roofing.

**DAY 5** - Finish Roof Structure, Celebrations, discussion & Treehouse Inauguration Pooja.

Contact: *Treehouse Community* [filip\\_av@yahoo.com](mailto:filip_av@yahoo.com) ,  
(+91)9655933321

## Couples in Flow with Dariya & Daniel

**Friday 23 - Saturday 24 September 2016 (2 days)**

Timings: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm (15 hours)

**Bookings:** Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)  
Welcome, couples, on this 2-day journey of relaxation, connection and celebration on land and in warm water. We offer you a safe space and simple explorations where you can rediscover one another in new ways of intimacy. You will learn easy, applicable skills to hold space for each other, fun ways to be together, and connect with others in the group.

This workshop is inspired by aquatic bodywork (Watsu, Liquid Flow etc.), Tantsu (simple ways of holding and massaging on land), free dance, deep listening... and our innate longing to play, connect and simply be.

Space is limited to 6 couples. No previous experience required (and also no need to know how to swim!)

## YEPweek for kids

YEPweek is a program for children aged 4 to 14 years old. The goal of YEPweek is to introduce the children to Auroville through various activities over a 5-day period (Monday to Friday). We do accept children for even just one day!

For more information contact us: E-Mail: [yep@auroville.org.in](mailto:yep@auroville.org.in) or phone: 9626565134 - Facebook: [www.facebook.com/YEPAV](http://www.facebook.com/YEPAV)  
Joyfully, *Yep Team*

## Want to Learn Tibetan?

If you are interested and want to learn Tibetan at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture in International Zone, call 0413 2622401 or 8489067332

The classes will be held on **Wednesday mornings**.

*Pavilion of Tibetan Culture*  
(International Zone. Auroville)

## Training Course at the Auroville Earth Institute

The Auroville Earth Institute is conducting a course on the Compressed Stabilized Earth Blocks (CSEB Masonry) from the 12th to 17th September and Arches, Vaults and Domes (AVD Theory & Masonry) from September 19th to 24th and 26th to 1st October.

To register, please contact us by mail: [training@earth-auroville.com](mailto:training@earth-auroville.com)

Otherwise you can come to our office at Auroshilpam to register for the course.

Welcome to our courses,

Sincerely yours, *Saravanan*

## Bioclimatic Earth: Design Workshop

Conducted by *Omar K. Rabie* - Organized by the Earth Institute  
**31 Oct - 12 Nov 2016**

The immemorial tradition of building with earth proves the capacity of versatile earth construction techniques to adapt to varied bioclimatic regions. This two-week design workshop will reinvestigate earth architecture predominantly through environmental reasoning.

During the first week, students will: 1-be introduced to the characteristics of the different climatic zones. 2-establish an understanding of the principles of bioclimatic architecture. 3-study examples of vernacular earth architecture acclimated for environmental comfort. 4-practice methods and use tools of weather analysis, establishing initial design guidelines for different environmental conditions. 5-gain a basic understanding of a few environmental design simulation tools. Then, through the second week of the workshop, students will apply the gained theoretical knowledge and practical skills in a design project; a challenge to design examples of innovative earth architecture adapted to the environmental conditions of different regions. The intensive design workshop aims at providing designers with the knowledge needed to evoke their sensibility to simultaneously design with earth and with climate.

For more information, please see:

[www.earth-auroville.com/bioclimatic\\_earth\\_en.php](http://www.earth-auroville.com/bioclimatic_earth_en.php)

or contact [training@earth-auroville.com](mailto:training@earth-auroville.com)

Submitted by *Earth Institute*

## SCHEDULES

### Changes in Joy Community's Schedule



Dear friends, we would like to let you know that Helena has been out for a week and she is ready to start again her sessions on Monday 12th of September. Also, we would

like to let everyone know some schedule rectifications: Acro Yoga is on Thursdays at 4.30 pm (drop in ok) and Thai massage is on Wednesday and Friday at 2.30 pm (by appointment only), "Prana Vashya" Asana Yoga will be as usual on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4.30 pm. Love, Joy Community  
Joy Community Guesthouse Ph: +91(0)413 2622584

## FILMS



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

- Reminder: Friday 9 September "LA MAISON DE LA RADIO" by Nicolas PHILIBERT - France, 2013
- FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER- 7:45 pm (Sharp!)  
"EL ABRAZO DE LA SERPIENTE" - "Embrace of the Serpent"  
Directed by **Ciro GUERRA**  
- Colombia, Venezuela, Argentina, 2015  
*Synopsis:* Karamakate, a powerful Amazonian shaman, the last survivor of his people, lives alone in the depths of the jungle. Dozens of years of loneliness made him a chullachaqui, a human devoid of memories and emotions. His life is turned upside down when Evans, an American ethno-botanist in search of yakruna, a very powerful sacred plant, possessing the virtue of learning to dream, arrives. They undertake a journey together to the heart of the Amazon forest in which past, present and future merge, and will allow Karamakate to recover gradually his lost memories... The film was inspired by the real-life journals of two explorers: Theodor Koch-Grünberg and Richard Evans Schultes who traveled through the Colombian Amazon during the last century in search of the sacred and difficult-to-find healing Yakruna plant. Filmed in stunning black-and-white - winner of the Best Film at the International Film Festival of India, Goa, 2015, and many other awards.  
*Original Spanish version and Indigenes Languages with English subtitles - Duration 2h.05'*

## AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 at 6:30 pm

"THE YOGA AFTER SRI AUROBINDO AND MOTHER'S PASSING"

In this Interview Dr. Alok Pandey reflects widely and with wit the questions: What is the situation of the Integral Yoga as they are not incarnate and the status of the supramental?

First we must understand that Yoga, the mystic union and communion with the Divine, is always an inner event and the changes that take place in the process, are not dependent on the physical nearness. We may not be able to see the Mother, but she is able to see us. Yoga primarily depends on the Divine, rather than the human. Sri Aurobindo says in "The Synthesis of Yoga": "Who chooses the infinite, is chosen by the infinite." And to transform matter is the purpose of the incarnation of the Divine.

Also the Mother and Sri Aurobindo themselves foresaw that there will be a time that comes when there are more aspirants. And Sri Aurobindo gave many ways and possibilities to approach the Divine for different kinds of humanity.

1. He installed the Mother in the heart or as a seed in the Indian soul through Bande Mataram and his Bhavani Bharati.
2. Then he installed the Mother as The Mother of the Sri Aurobindo's Ashram and as the Universal Divine Mother, also with the publication "The Mother".
3. And Sri Aurobindo knew that not everyone was so fortunate and privileged to receive the Mother's consciousness directly turning to her with devotion and faith - so he manifested "Savitri".

The Mother herself put her seal when she said "Savitri" alone can take you to the highest stages of transformational yoga without the help of a living Guru.  
And in 1974 The Mother appeared and communicated: "I am no more confined only to my room, I am everywhere".  
Duration: 30 min

## THE ECO FILM CLUB



Sadhana Forest, September 10th, 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!!

**WHAT THE ANCIENTS KNEW: JAPAN**

50mins, 2007 Produced by Edgework Media

Japan an island group roughly 120 million people strong, is one of the largest economic powers in the world today. In the eyes of history, Japan's economic success happened overnight and yet it didn't come out of the blue. Cultivating an ancient legacy, modern Japan continues to hold on to its past. And while today many of the ancient crafts are struggling to survive, they provide the foundation for modern Japan's technological success. What the Ancient Japanese knew helps explain the industrial marvel of one of the largest economic powers in the world.

-Reminder: Friday 9<sup>th</sup>: Bitcoin: The End Of Money As We Know It

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

## VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

15th September, Thursday 8 pm

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLE II (2016)

*Genre:* Action/Adventure/Comedy / *Rated:* PG 13 / *Dur:* 1:52 mins / *Language:* English/Subtitle: English

*Dir:* [Dave Green](#) / *Cast:* [Megan Fox](#), [Will Arnett](#), [Tyler Perry](#)

*Storyline:* After facing Shredder, who has joined forces with mad scientist Baxter Stockman and henchmen Bebop and Rocksteady to take over the world, the Turtles must confront an even greater nemesis: the notorious Krang.

16th September, Friday 8 pm

CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR (2016)

*Genre:* Action/Adventure / *Rated:* PG 13 / *Dur:* 2:27 mins / *Language:* English/Subtitle: English

*Dir:* [Anthony Russo](#), [Joe Russo](#) / *Cast:* [Chris Evans](#), [Robert Downey Jr.](#), [Scarlett Johansson](#)

*Storyline:* Political interference in the Avengers' activities causes a rift between former allies Captain America and Iron Man.



# Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 12 September 2016 to 18 September 2016

Indian - Monday 12 September, 8:00 pm:

- **PARCHED**

India-UK-USA, 2016, Writer-Dir. Leena Yadav w/ Tannishtha Chatterjee, Radhika Apte, Sayani Gupta, and others, 116mins, Drama, Hindi-English w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR (R)

This is a story about women. Set in the heart of parched rural landscape of Rajasthan, India - the film traces the bittersweet tale of four ordinary women Rani, Lajjo, Bijli and Janaki. We see them unapologetically talk about men, sex and life as they struggle with their individual boundaries to face their demons and stage their own personal wars.

German - Tuesday 13 September, 8:00 pm:

- **ELTERN (Parents)**

Germany, 2012/13, Dir. Robert Thalheim w/Alex Brendemuehl, Paraschiva Dragus, Maren Eggert, and others. Drama, 96 mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

For years, their roles were simply reversed. Theatre director Konrad took care of the household and upbringing of their two children, while Christine tried to work her way up as an anesthetist at a clinic. But that's about to come to an end now. Konrad has a chance of directing a re-adaptation of Hebbel's "Nibelungen", and an au pair from Argentina is to take care of the kids. But nothing goes as planned, because the old roles have remained in place and only the line-up has changed.

Cultural - Wednesday 14 September, 8:00 pm:

- **IMPROVISATION : jazz documentary**

USA, 1944-1950-1977, Dir. Gjon Milli and Norman Granz w/ Charlie Parker, Hank Jones, Lester Young, and many more, Documentary, 70 mins, English w/ French subtitles, Rated: NR  
"Improvisation", the famous unfinished 1950 sequel to 1944 "Jammin' the Blues" is shown here in all its glory. It's priceless to see Hawkins and Parker enjoying each other's inventions, Lester Young joining Buddy Rich, Hank Jones, Bill Harris, The 1966 Duke Ellington trio session, the guitarist Joe Pass and singer Ella Fitzgerald, and 1977 Montreux Jazz Festival sessions featuring Oscar Peterson, Count Basie, Benny Carter, Dizzy Gillespie and other Jazz' stars. The genius of Norman Granz lives on the pure essence of improvisation and provides a real gem.

French - Thursday 15 September, 8:00 pm:

- **TROIS SOUVENIRS DE MA JEUNESSE (My Golden Days)**

France, 2015, Dir. Arnaud Desplechin w/ Quentin Dolmaire, Lou Roy-Lecollinet, Mathieu Amalric, and others, Drama, 123 mins, French WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES. Rated PG.

Paul Dédalus is about to leave Tajikistan. He remembers his childhood in Roubaix... His mother's madness crises... His teenage... This trip in USSR... His studies in Paris and mostly Esther, the love of his life. *This film won several awards in several categories including best direction!*

International - Saturday 17 September, 8:00 pm:

- **BORN TO BE BLUE**

Canada-UK, 2015, Writer-Dir. Robert Budreau w/Ethan Hawke, Carmen Ejogo, Callum Rennie, and others, Biography-Music, 97mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

This film represents re-imagining of jazz trumpeter Chet Baker's life in the 60's. When Chet stars in a film about himself, a romance heats up with his co-star, the enigmatic Jane. Production is shelved when Chet's past comes back to haunt him and it appears he may never play music again but Jane challenges him to mount a musical comeback against all the odds.

Children's Film - Sunday 18 September, 4:30 pm:

- **PA RYMMEN MED PIPPI LANGSTRUMP (Pippi On theRun)**

Sweden, 1970, Dir. Olle Hellbom w/Inger Nilsson, Maria Persson, Par Sundberg and others, Adventure, 96mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G

Fed up with their strict parents, Tommy and Annika run away from home, with their friend Pippi Longstocking to look after them in their long trek.

JEAN-JACQUES ANNAUD Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 18 September, 8:00 pm:

- **L'AMANT (The Lover)**

France-Vietnam-UK, 1992, Dir. Jean-Jacques Annaud w/Jane March, Tony Ka Fai Leung, and others, Biography-Romance, 115mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R

In 1929 French Indochina, a French teenage girl embarks on a reckless and forbidden romance with a wealthy, older Chinese man, each knowing that knowledge of their affair will bring drastic consequences to each other. Based on the semi-autobiographical novel by Marguerite Duras.

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/have food, drinks, snacks, munchies or your pets in the auditorium.*

*As a courtesy to the fellow viewers please be sweet and stop chatting after the film starts and if you really want to do social networking while the movie is on, kindly step outside - it disturbs others. We request no cell phone use while the film is running.*

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at [mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:avsecurity@auroville.org.in))
- Ambulance: Auroville: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271
- Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246. This phone is reachable 24/7.

### Important information about News & Notes (Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm)

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).

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

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

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