**HOUSE OF MOTHER’S AGENDA**

It’s like this: money (not a penny or two, I mean) has a sort of... I don’t know if it’s an attraction or a need to come [to Mother]... and then, one clearly sees that, everywhere, what prevents it from coming is the hostile force, it’s a force of disorder, a “force of misappropriation,” we might say. As a conflict, it’s interesting to observe. I don’t know if it’s to teach me to find the kind of vibration or power capable of undoing this stranglehold... it’s possible.

But the conflict is between what we might call “opposing proprietors.” And the truth is that money belongs to no one. This idea of “possession” of money is what has perverted everything. Money shouldn’t be a “possession”: it’s a means of action, which is given to you just like a power, but you have to use it according to... what we might call “the Donor’s will,” that is, impersonally and with foresight. If you are a good instrument in the spread and use of money, then it comes to you, and it does so in proportion to your capacity of using it in the right way. That’s the true working.

I see these people [of the jute factory]: no choice needs to be made, the man didn’t say spontaneously (or anyway, with feeling), “This money is at the disposal of divine forces for the action” - not at all, that’s a thousand miles away from his thought. It’s “I quite simply want to take POSSESSION again...” of something he claims to own. So that’s why (Mother shakes her head) it may be this or that, this way or that way - it hardly makes any difference. The true attitude is this: money is a universal force meant to do the work on earth, the work needed to prepare the earth to receive the divine forces and manifest them, and it must come into the hands (the utilizing power, that is) of those who have the clearest vision, the most general and truest vision. The first thing, to begin with (this is elementary), is to have no sense of possession - “It’s mine,” what does that mean? What does it mean?... I can’t really understand it now. Why do people want it to be theirs? - To be able to use it as they wish, do with it what they wish and handle it according to their own idea. That’s how it is. Otherwise, yes, there are people who love to keep it in a pile somewhere... But that’s a disease. To be sure of always having money, they heap it up. But if people understood that one must be like a receiver-transmitter set; that the vaster the set (the contrary of personal), the more impersonal and generous and vast the set is, and the more forces it can contain (“forces,” that is, to translate materially, banknotes or money). And that power to contain is in proportion to the best capacity of utilization - the “best,” that is, from the standpoint of general progress: the broadest vision, the broadest understanding and the most enlightened, exact, true utilization, not according to the ego’s falsified needs, but according to the earth’s general need in its evolution and development. In other words, the broadest vision should have the broadest capacity.

Behind all false movements, there is a true one: there is a joy in being able to direct, utilize, organize things so as to keep wastage to a minimum while having a maximum of results. (That’s a very interesting vision to have.) And that must be the true side in those who want to amass: a capacity of utilization on a very large scale.

As this vision grows clearer... It’s a long, long time, years and years, since the sense of possession went away; that’s childishness, it’s nothing - it’s so silly! Will you tell me what pleasure a man can take in keeping heaps of papers in a box or in his wall! A real pleasure he can’t have. The height of pleasure is that of the miser who goes and opens his box to look at it - that’s not much! Some people love to spend, they love to possess and spend; that’s different, they are generous natures, but unregulated, unorganized.... But the joy of turning an illness into good health, a falsehood into truth, a suffering into joy, it’s the same thing: turning an artificial and stupid need, which doesn’t correspond to anything natural, into a possibility which becomes something quite natural - a need for so much money to do this and that which needs to be done, to set right here, repair there, build here, organize there – and stupid need, which doesn’t correspond to anything natural, into a possibility which becomes something quite natural – a utilization in conformity with universal progress, and a utilization that might be called fanciful. But those are details, because even errors - even, from a certain point of view, wasteful uses - help in the general progress: they are lessons in reverse.

**MOTHER’S AGENDA, 10 April 1968**

**MOTHER**

**The Ponder Corner**

Those who do work for the Mother in all sincerity, are prepared by the work itself for the right consciousness.

*Sri Aurobindo - ref. Letters of Sri Aurobindo on The Mother, p.247*

*Cover drawing by Birgitta Volz “Madhuca longifolia”*
Report of the Working Committee

Main topics dealt with in March 2015

Post-Retreat Follow-up Process:
The Auroville Retreat took place on the 12th and 13th of March. The Governing Board handed the accountability of the facilitation of the retreat outcome to the Working Committee. The Working Committee is waiting for the report of the outcome from the Retreat by the Retreat Organizing Group, expected in the first week of April. The Retreat Organising Group was set up for the specific task of organising and facilitating the Retreat. With the finalisation of their report on the Retreat, that task gets completed and the organising team will be successfully dissolved. The Working Committee will keep the community informed on developments.

Governing Board and IAC meetings:
On the 14th of March, the Working Committee had organized meetings of various Working Groups and individual initiatives with the GB and IAC members. The 46th Governing Board and International Advisory Council meeting took place on the 15th of March. Minutes are published on Auronet and are available at the Working Committee office as well.

Delhi Visit:
Representatives of the Working Committee paid a visit to the HRD Ministry in Delhi. The topics discussed were the Plan Grant from the Government of India, the need to have the Entry and Exit Policy gazetted and notified; the need and importance to have our new Secretary in place; the celebration event for Auroville’s 50th anniversary; to update on the Chennai Festival and invite them to Auroville. The visit was productive. We met with GB member Ameeta Mehr and our Chairman Dr. Karan Singh, GB members and HRD joint Secretaries Mr. Rakesh Ranjan and Mr. Yogendra Tripathi, and we were blessed to meet with Shri L.K Advani as well.

Windarra Conflict:
The Auroville Council and the Working Committee, with the support of the FAMC and the Auroville Foundation, have decided to start the implementation of the arbitration’s decision regarding Windarra Farm. The Farm Group was heard by the arbitrators as well as by the FAMC and their decision to oppose the arbitrators’ decision was found invalid and unacceptable. The FAMC concluded that the Farm Group has no locus stand in this specific matter.
The members of the Implementation Monitoring Group are Daniel and Auroananda from the Auroville Council and Eric from the Working Committee. Elvira from Koodam will facilitate the meetings. As per the arbitrators’ decision, a member of the Farm Group who is in agreement with the arbitrators’ decision has been invited to join this group. If such a member does not come forth before the 8th of April, the Implementation and Monitoring Group will commence their task.
All persons involved have been asked to accept, respect and cooperate with the arbitration implementation process. Anyone living or working in Windarra who does not respect the decision, will be asked to leave Windarra, as decided by the arbitrators. Sanctions can be decided against individual members of the Farm Group or any other individual who hinders the implementation process.

Sharanga Guest House:
The Working Committee and the Funds and Assets Management Committee have had long deliberations on the issues raised with regards to the Sharanga Guest House. The joint conclusion has been that Bernard will step down as executive of Sharanga Guest House with effect from the next financial year, April 1, 2015.
In the end of March, a joint letter by the Working Committee, the FAMC and the Housing Service was sent to Sivaraj of Martuvam Healing Forest, stating that he is unauthorized to use the asset at RayapetEI and that he must ask the volunteer he has allocated the house to, to vacate the asset. Non-compliance with the above order will result in a request to the Auroville Foundation to initiate eviction proceedings.

Closure of Units:
The units Footloose and Atmarati Stores have been closed.

Kottakarai Conflict:
The Working Committee is still actively working on the issue. In addition to several internal meetings, five meetings have taken place with Kottakarai village representatives in order to achieve a peaceful solution. In the last meeting the basis of an agreement has been reached: We are waiting for the confirmation from the village general meeting.

Pending Cases from the Entry Service:
The Entry Service met with the Working Committee to discuss some long pending cases. It was decided that the Working Committee would take these up one by one and bring resolution.

TDC and Resignations:
With the resignation of one further member, the TDC (L’Avenir) needs the nomination of replacement members to reach again the statutory number. In addition there is a recommendation by the Governing Board (ref. to 46th GB meeting minutes) that “the TDC team should be strengthened, particularly in areas of implementation of the planned development and faster execution of infrastructure works”. The Working Committee is studying a process for a replacement and strengthening of TDC with qualified and committed new members.

Data Management Advisory Group:
To ensure a proper and careful handling of Aurovilians’ data, the Working Committee has asked Ulli, Coriolan, Isha, Jürgen, Vikram and Philippe to be part of a Data Management Advisory Group. On behalf of the Working Committee, Elisa attends the meetings.

The role of this advisory group is to propose guidelines/policies/agreements on data access and usage applicable within and among the working groups and services of Auroville and between individuals/units and the working groups and services.

Chinese Festival:
After the much criticized organization of the “Chinese Festival”, we met the Aurovilians in some way involved in the event, and made some recommendations, already published on N&N and on Intranet. It is essential that in the future such type of events, related to any country, be supported and endorsed by the local community of the same country, residing in Auroville. It is also essential that a greater attention to security inside and outside the venue, is enhanced in case of great attendances of public.

Auroville Security:
Selection of new Executives
The process for the selection of the new executives for the Security Service has been extended in order to invite more members of our community to come forward. New names have been published for community feedback until Saturday, 11th of April. The feedback will be reviewed by the Working Committee in consultation with the Auroville Council.

Increase of cases of harassment:
In the last weeks there has been an alarming increase of harassments on Auroville roads.
In the discussion with the AV Security it has been evaluated that there is a need of an additional patrolling group. The Working Committee, together with the AV Security, is in the process of forming a group of concerned Aurovilians who will commit to this task.

Martuvam:
Conflict Resolution Policy:
The Working Committee has been involved in drafting a new conflict resolution policy together with representatives of the Auroville Council and Koodam. The draft has subsequently been submitted to senior lawyer Sri Ram Panchu to make sure that its provisions are in accordance with the laws of India. The draft is now ready to be submitted to the Auroville Residents’ Assembly for community approval.

Land Board / Land Matters:
Together with the Land Board, the Working Committee has been consulting a senior lawyer to advise on outstanding court cases involving land issues. The Governing Board has since approved that the Land Board engage a senior counsel.

Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013:
The Governing Board has directed the Working Committee to implement the provisions under this Act at the earliest. The Board emphasised that Auroville must take a lead in implementing these procedures effectively with their expertise. Together with the Auroville Council the Working Committee will make a proposal to the community soon.

UNESCO:
The Working Committee has been informed that the Honourable Prime Minister of India, His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi, will visit UNESCO on April 10 to meet its Director General Ms. Irina Bokova and address the diplomatic community, private sector representatives, UNESCO staff, and leading personalities, including UNESCO’s Paris-based goodwill ambassadors. Mr. Modi will also offer flowers to the statue of Sri Aurobindo.

The Working Committee has suggested to Dr. Karan Singh that he request the Prime Minister to remind the audience that UNESCO’s General Assembly and its Executive Board have passed a number of resolutions in support of Auroville, that Ms. Irina Bokova visited Auroville in 2010 and that the Indian Government would welcome the support of foreign governments for the building of Auroville.

Internal dynamics:
The Working Committee has experienced some difficulties in working together due to some misunderstandings in our internal communication. These difficulties have been resolved after four members jointly went to the Matrimandir and concentrated / meditated on the issues. They later learned that this concentration was joined by one member who concentrated on the problems at home while two members, being out of station, provided in-depth insights on the issues by email. This has been a valuable experience for all of us which we intend to repeat whenever difficulties in our internal dynamics arise.

The Working Committee is also involved in the following topics, which are still ongoing and not yet concluded:
1. Special Guests’ Reception at Matrimandir
2. New trustees and management team for NESS
3. Aurovilians not living in and working for Auroville (jointly with the FAMC)
4. Finding new members for the Resource Mobilization Team
5. Acceptance House of Matej Ukmar
6. Aspiration Sports Ground
7. Revision of the 5 year Visa Extension Process
8. Sludge Disposal
9. Conflict Resolution Policy (jointly with Koodam)

The Working Committee [Angela, Carel, Elisa, Eric, Mandakini, Manohar, Ranjith]

Land Board Report March 2015

The land board members seek out and meet the owners of land in the City Area, while there is also an open office for walk-in sellers on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10 am to 12 noon at 2nd floor of the Foundation Bhavan. The phone number - 0413 262 3699 - is available during working hours 6 days a week to fix an appointment (Anjali is available on the phone) besides the 2 open office days.

Encroachment, Exchange, Purchase, Protection, Mapping and Admin. Issues Covered In March 2015

1. The long standing encroachment problem in which the seller refused to give up possession of the land near Dehashakti has been taken care of by the Land Board. An official survey has been conducted and the stones have been planted to mark the Auroville owned land boundaries. We encourage Dehashakti sports to take full possession of this piece. Dehashakti team, Forest group and Working committee participated in solving this issue, and as we stood together we could resolve this difficult issue.
2. A similar encroachment problem in New Lands was also sorted out based on boundary survey by the official surveyor. This was a long standing issue between the forest and the neighbour which has been marked out. The forest stewards should effectively mark and use the AV side of the property.
3. The land issue in Bommaryapalayam has been resolved amicably and it has reached closure and the land issue problem should not manifest again.
4. Multiple negotiations are underway in the City Area and depending on how it will progress with the land owners; we do hope to close some of them as soon as possible.
5. An area of 3.5 acre of Green belt land has been finalized and more parcels close to it are also under negotiation.
6. Negotiations for further purchase and exchanges are on-going; if any Aurovillian has any contacts and information of neighbors, friends and / or family seeking to sell land in the city area, please facilitate or call the Land Board office (0413 262 3699) and we will pursue the case.
7. Cashew lease which took place on the 6th of April near Townhall between 10am to 12pm was open for public and was a good success.
8. Land board members with the facilitation of the Kupilapalayam cultural association group (Hari / Suryagandhi / Selvara) are having a series of dialogues with elected and traditional village leaders to evaluate the use of the lands within and around settlement area of Kupilapalayam village. This is ongoing.
9. Kottakarai peace meetings are going on and we are actively participating in the meetings to reach a common ground with the villagers.
10. In Brihaspathi farm there was a case of trespassing on Auroville land and 50 palmyra trees and some work trees were cut down by the neighbour (plotting land to sell) .Land board had to intervene and negotiate a settlement in which the erring neighbor agreed to do the fencng work and it has been completed to prevent such trespassing.
11. There is a growing pressure from the sellers, speculators and Aurovilians to buy the lands in the Green belt. A sub-group of FAMC and L’avenir along with the land board is going to work on a strategic proposal to finalize priority criteria to ensure the integrity of the green belt.
12. To be able to do value to value exchange with the outlying lands of Auroville, a prototype exercise of land plotting with roads that is according to the local by-laws has been undertaken. The plots could be officially evaluated to allow the villager who wants an exchange to establish base line values.
13. The Land Board would like to appeal to all Aurovilians to monitor the fences in their settlements, forest and farms to prevent encroachment and contact the land board if there are encroachments and land grabs.
14. The Land Board made a presentation to members of the Governing Board and International Advisory Council and has received support for the work.
15. We continue to meet FAMC regarding encroachment and land purchase issues regularly.
16. The FAMC has now approved sales of wood from the two yard under the clear process of weighing and notation. For all units interested to buy fire wood or timber quality wood may please contact (0413 262 2657) and fix an appointment.

Divya, Gerard, Kannyappan, Prasad, Sandeep, Suhasini
Report on General Meeting to Discuss the Proposed Road through the Pony Farm and Future Infrastructure Development (4.30 - 6.30, Tuesday April 7, 2015)

On Tuesday April 7 this week, the Residents Assembly Service (RAS) called a General Meeting to discuss the proposed new road through the Pony Farm and future infrastructure planning in the community.

The meeting saw record levels of attendance with over 170 participants in the room. Discussion was harmonious, lively and constructive with participants offering much useful input into how we as a community could improve Auroville's infrastructure planning through higher levels of resident participation in the planning process.

The RAS has circulated a draft set of meeting notes to all meeting participants, and invited feedback. The RAS will incorporate all inputs into a final report and that will be published as soon as possible in the Auroville media.

Kind regards,
Your RAS Team

Chennai Festival Wrap-Up with Gratitude

On April 20th the last exhibition will end the Festival in Chennai. It has been an interesting journey for us to reach out to the Chennaiites. And once more, the Aurovilians have responded to the call and made the Festival a great success. We would like to express our deep gratitude to all of you who made it possible and in particular to Mr. Bala Baskar who initiated it.

The Festival was funded by the Auroville Foundation the initiative it. Thirty seven events took place in various locations in Chennai.

We would like to thank the following for presentations, lectures, debates and workshops:

- Aviram and Yorit (Sadhana Forest), Kathy and team (Eco Femme), Ribhu and Chandra (Wastelass), Amir (ATB), Uma (Upasana), Bernard (Pebble Garden), Elvira and Jörg (workshop on Identity and Conflict), Gijs (Unitd Tamil Nadu), Fif and Marco S
- The great performers of the Choir along with Nuria, Carel and Matthew,
- The great performers of the Yoga along with Ursula, Thilai for the excellent translation of all the press releases from English to Tamil.
- The volunteers who helped us keep our sanity and lightened our work load: Floorje, Kaeridwyn, Mariana, Olivier and Marco S
- Christoph from Brain Fever for his creative presentation material for the Press Conference and the Inauguration and making each event technically possible.
- Quentin (StarCode) and Aurrima, (Aurrima Graphic Design) for the last minute rescue to give shape to the website and to Satish (150dpi) for taking over.
- Claudine, Basile, Sasi, Claire and RV for documenting the festival by filming and taking pictures.
- Inge-Marie for keeping the Facebook page so entertaining.
- Aurrima (Aurrima Graphic Design) for the all the design work in preparing the programs, art catalogues, invitations, logo…etc. and adapting to all the changes with patience and humour.
- Thillai for the excellent translation of all the press releases from English to Tamil.
- Auroville Press, Auroville Papers and Maroma for their great work, generosity and dealing with our delays with a smile.
- Tasnim for monitoring and managing the account and expenses.
- Mr. Srinivasamurti for his support, encouragement and suggestions.

We hope we haven’t missed anyone but if we have our sincere apologies because without your help and participation this month long festival would never have come to fruition.

Currently we are going through a series of evaluations lead by Mamata and Elvira. The end result will be a report, handbook and a database. Once we have completed the review, it will be made available to the Residents Assembly. A copy will be submitted to the Auroville Foundation and the Governing Board.

The media coverage includes:
- Total Print coverage: 110 clips
- Total Online coverage: 136 clips
- Total Electronic coverage: 1 clip
- Total: 247 clips

For those of you that would like the details please contact OutreachMedia.

Thank you all,
From the Chennai Festival Team: Divya, Elaine, Fabienne, Krishna, Marco, Mariana

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAIIER - Call for Proposals

Each year we receive a small grant from the Government of India (GOI) for carrying out innovative programs in the field of education and / or culture.

We invite those with proposals for such innovative programs, both from those who are part of SAIIER as well as from those not directly linked to SAIIER, to submit an application for the financial year 2015-16, by 30th of June 2015.

Please write to: saier@auroville.org.in to request a proposal form, specifying 'Research project' or 'Publication, Music Cd, Educational materials'.

SAIIER
Note from BCC to the Community

Dear Aurovilians and Newcomers,

BCC, through this note - would like to remind all residents about the Auroville Health Fund.

In case you are not aware, there is a Health Fund scheme in Auroville “to help oneself and others” by signing up for the scheme against a monthly contribution of Rs.400 per adult and Rs. 200 per child.

Most of us feel that it will not happen to us - but accidents and health issues can happen to anybody, needing immediate attention. Once you have signed up for this Health Fund, it will cover most of your medical needs that may occur. Don't you think it is better to be on the safe side and join the Scheme rather than having to depend on the support that you may seek/receive via N&N if anything happens?

As part of the Health Fund you have a choice of medical /preventive option both mainstream and alternative. You can read about how the Auroville Health Fund works, its scope, what medical expenses are covered, who are the doctors/practitioners recognized by the Health Fund, etc. on Auronet: https://www.auroville.org.in/page/auroville-health-fund-2013.

So, with deep concern for all residents, we request you to please read/ seek necessary information regarding the Scheme, eat healthy, take care of your health, and be part of the AV Health Fund, even if you have an insurance from outside. We would encourage you to be part of this collective effort and be on the safe side!

With Good Wishes,

BCC

Call for Feedback on Matrimandir Gardens Proposals

Following a five weeks long exhibition of the gardens models and panels at the Matrimandir office, and then the presentation to the community on March 31st in Cinema Paradise, the Matrimandir team now requests feedback on these proposals for the completion of the remaining nine garden segments at Matrimandir.

Response/Info from BCC

Dear Community,

In the News & Notes dated 28 March 2015 in the “For Your Information” section ACT had provided some information that included a statement: “But the financial powers to be in Auroville, have estimated wiser to provide Matrimandir and Visitor center with funds to purchase new buses rather than to continue using the available community resources (ACT)”. This statement is factually incorrect - prompting the City Services to highlight the following in response:

- The BCC did not provide funds to Matrimandir and Visitors’ Centre to purchase new buses.
- Matrimandir purchased one bus from its own funds to take care of bringing visitors in the morning for concentration and first visit. Visitors’ Centre Parking - whose income is dedicated to Access to Matrimandir - financed one bus to carry visitors’ back from the Viewing Point for 7 days a week.
- What BCC had agreed to - was to use part of the income from the parking to cover the running expenses of these 2 buses. BCC has been informed that presently this running cost comes to Rs.1,200/day/bus. [Incidentally, BCC was paying @Rs.5,000/day to ACT for the weekend service between Matrimandir and the Visitors Center].

Thanking you for your consideration, With Best Wishes,

The Budget Coordination Committee (BCC)

Youth for Action!

Dear Community,

The Youth group is growing beautifully and we would like to share a few updates. On the 28th March we had invited all Youth and willing Mentors to come for a presentation at SAIER, to share our work done so far. This reviewed an overwhelming amount of support. We have about 20 Youth who have signed up to join our team of 15 members. So now our Youth Team is about 35 members! We also had about 30 older ‘Mentors’ who have signed up to offer their skills and various forms of support. A big THANK YOU to all for being open to this Youth initiative. Anyone interested to join/support us are welcome to contact us anytime.

The Youth team has moved into Action. We have various Projects which we are working on, and we would like to call on the community to continue to be open to this new energy. Some Youth will be visiting your Unit/Service/activity in Auroville to collect data or suggest collaborations. Please take this as a positive opportunity to support the younger generations in empowering themselves.

We have many plans, and we need your support. We are setting up our Youth Desk to support our team’s functioning (accounting/creating website/communications etc.) - this needs equipment such as a computer, printer, and stationary. Simultaneously we will be dividing to take up tasks within the

Feedback may be sent during the next two weeks either to Matrimandir at: matrimandirgarden@auroville.org.in or, to the Auroville Council at: avcoffice@auroville.org.in

Information regarding the proposals and photos of the models may be viewed on line at: http://goo.gl/grD6mD

We would like to proceed with the detailed planning for the execution of this work, with the aim of having the gardens, in their broad outlines at least, ready by Auroville’s 50th birthday in 2018.

Working together towards this goal, we are sure that it can be achieved.

Matrimandir Team

TDC - L’avenir d’Auroville - 11th April 2015

The following Site and Building applications are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks. The announcement is made for feed-back only and does not mean that the project has final approval.

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

Individual Project

1. Nandini Dugresh, Aspiration, House
2. Ishta (Serge De Hildebrandt), Auromodele, House
3. Guez Kalou, Miracle, House Extension (1st Floor)

TDC asks for feedback from the residents of Auroville within two weeks from the date of publication. If anyone wishes to have detailed information, feel free to contact TDC - L’avenir d’Auroville office: 262-3568 or come personally to the Building Application section.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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community, which includes research and data gathering to create lists of Internships/Vocational Training/Jobs/Study Opportunities in Auroville and abroad. We will also be initiating some projects, for example a regular ‘Seva’ Service-oriented activity where everyone will be invited to physically work on building Auroville together. To get started we need any form of support that you can offer us, and we assure you that we will put in our whole hearts!

Thank you, Most warmly, The Youth Team

Youth in Action: Roshan, Noe, Mirrabelle, Mara, Leela, Milla, Amar, Om, Vinay, Priyamvada, Bhavya, Margaux, Tina, Aditya, Margaux, Priyamvada, Chandana…. and everyone else who has been a part of our progress!

Core Team: Angeli, Auroananda, Bhuvan, Luca, Chandra, Usha, Kavitha.
All other Youth who have signed up - please read your emails and attend the next project planning meeting, we look forward to working together 😊

Youth Desk: SAIIER Building Tuesday & Thursdays 9:00 - 12:00 noon
Contact: youth@auroville.org.in, 8940568266
FS Account Number for contributions: 251048
Facebook: Youth can join ‘AVY - Auroville’ Group
Website: http://ras.auroville.org.in/retreat2015/auroville-youth/

Nature Camp: 2015 Kavunji - 1st Group
Leaves Auroville on May 2nd in the evening (Transport Service) / Leaves Kavunji on May 11th in the afternoon.
The children will be back in Auroville on May 12th early morning.

Name Duty
Arumugham Caretaker
Suresh Group Leader
Danny Medics
Vadivel Treks
Suganya Sports
Sudha Cooking
Thenmorori Cooking
Radha Cooking
Aditya Yg Adult
Zara Transition girl
Soledad Transition girl
Jangchup Transition girl
Yael Transition boy
Mukesh Transition boy
Aishra Transition girl
Harsh Transition boy
Tina NESS girl
Deveselyan Transition boy
Kabilan Udavi boy

Sang
Richard
Ohad
Kalsang
Nasim

Name School
Jinghao Transition boy
Noe Transition boy
Barath Transition boy
Yuvaganesh Transition boy
Sauman Transition boy
Sudarsana Transition boy
Mir Transition boy

Name School
Nasir Transition boy
Zara Transition girl

Performing Artists
Dear Auroville Performing Artists, if you plan a performance for the financial year 2015-16 and you need financial support please send a mail to: av.artistgroup@gmail.com - With love, Rolf

Auroville Bakery and Bakery Cafe closed
Auroville Bakery and Bakery Cafe will be closed on Tuesday (14.04.2015). Please pick your Tuesday order on Monday (13.04.2015).
Happy Tamil New Year - Bakery team.

POSTINGS
New born
Dear Community members, we are very happy to share the news of the birth of our grand-daughter A. V. Saveetha d/o Vadivel & Ramya on 27th of March 2015. Dharuman & Anjalai

Solar Kitchen and La Terrace are closed for Tamil New Year!
On Tuesday 14.04.2015 Solar Kitchen and La Terrace are closed for Tamil New Year Celebration. Happy new year for all! - Solar Kitchen and La Terrace Team
Music for young children
I would like to organize a regular activity where babies, small children and their parents can enjoy and benefit from live music, made by Aurovilians or guests. If you would like to contribute to this activity in terms of organising, having a suitable place or are motivated to play for this young public, please contact me. Many thanks! Marieke: mariekevt@yahoo.fr or 9843838142

Security alert
We would like to inform the community that in the last few weeks there has been a significant increase in harassments and physical aggressions in different areas of Auroville. We urge all residents, guests and volunteers to remain vigilant, to avoid travelling alone especially at night, and to call AV Security Service immediately in case of an incident. AV Security Service guards can accompany you, if you call us in advance at: 9443090107/9443362691.
Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!
AV Security Service

Available

A Labrador
A former employee of us wants to sell his 2-year old female labrador, white color. He says that the dog eats so much that it is difficult for him to maintain her properly. He bought her in Pondi. If somebody is interested to get this dog, please call Tine 9843984181;

Hero Honda Glamour 2007
With electric start, 47,000 Km, Pondy registration, life long road tax for Tamil Nadu paid, color silver grey. The bike is in excellent condition. Asking price 25,000 Rupees. Call Robert H. on 9840568305 or email: robert@auroville.org.in

TV-screen
Model is PLANO (DNIEJR tm), Size: 4.5 cm by 5.5 cm - SVC Model:CS29M16MLEXTL, in good condition, Rs 2,500 negotiable. Contact Unity Pavilion, Eric or Shivaya: 2623576, unitypavilion@auroville.org.in

Plumbing
This is to inform the community that AuroCreation is expanding its wings into plumbing. We carry out following works for house production units and garden: 1) Repair, 2) Maintenance, 3) New installation

Please call ph: 7639393200 / email:aurocreation@auroville.org.in - Prasad

Electric piano, Honda Splendor and Macbook Pro
Leaving AV soon after a fruitful and promising long stay, I would like to find new owners for these objects. The piano is a Yamaha P80, used but in good condition. I intend to bring my other piano on my next (permanent?) visit. I prefer to sell it, but am open to propositions about taking (good) care of it until I come back. The motorbike is a 2003 model, TN plate, great engine. Papers ok. The Macbook is for sale because I want to repair my old white Macbook I still have in Belgium, that suits better to my needs. Late 2013 model, mint condition, warranty till Jan 2015. 2.5 GHz intel core i5, 8GB ram. Please contact Jurriaan on: 8098 162 463. Thanks, and see you soon!"

Organic cotton Towels available
Upasana has hand-woven organic cotton Madurai towels in stock and available at a special price. They are light weight South Indian towels with texture for good rubbing. They are available in two sizes. It is a great offer for the Guest houses, public places and homes as a year stock. Please write at: office@upasana.in / or call us at: 04132622957 / SMS us at: 9442982957

Honda CB twister
2011 model, electric start, disc brakes and only 11000km done. Tamil Nadu Registered. Contact Vikrant ph. 9940072682, email: viekie012@gmail.com. Kindly call after 5 pm, Mon-Fri or leave a message.

E-Bike (Ampere Adya)
Looking for a quieter and more eco-friendly alternative to a petrol bike? I have a relatively new e-bike (less than 1 year old). It is an AMPERE Adya moped (with large wheels), silver color and in good condition. 60V (5 battery) model. Batteries working fine and charger included. Also have a new white helmet with visor for sale, which can added on for free if you buy the bike. Don't have a charging station where I live now so can't really use the bike. Am open to renting (per day or per km), or selling if I get a suitable price. Thanks! G (sattvig@gmail.com, 0840 799 7970)

Looking for ...

House stuff
Dear community, we, Poonam and Rabindra (Newcomers House stuff)

Joke
OK. I know English and can drive a car / motorcycle. If anyone is interested to get this dog, please call Tine 9843984181;

Hi, I am Satheesh from Auroville…I have completed my +2…so I am looking for work to join college…Day-work or night-work is OK. I know English and can drive a car / motorcycle. If anyone would like to contact me please do so at: 9578548128. - Thanks.

Tennis rackets
Request: Murthi's Tennis-classes have a great number of aspiring players and need more rackets. If you have some in your cupboard please bring them to Certitude. Frederick for Murthi

Hero Honda Splendor
I am looking for a second-hand Hero Honda Splendor. Please contact Joke: jovanhove@auroville.org.in or tel 2622613

A small fridge
At the kindergarten we often need ice when a child falls and gets hurt. We have to run to the next house for that. So we will be very grateful if someone could donate a small second-hand fridge to our school. Thank you, Kindergarten Team - Contact:0413-2622374 / Email: kindergarten@auroville.org.in

A babysitter
Looking for a babysitter for a 3 year old girl. Mornings between 9-1 and occasional afternoons. Experience with children preferred. If interested please call Daniel on 7708745368.
Dear friends,

As a child of Auroville, many of you know me as Chandra (half Italian, half Indian, Samriddhi).

A dream has come true: I have been offered a place to study modern languages at King’s College, Cambridge, starting in September this year. I am receiving a partial scholarship, a loan, support from friends and family and I will be working, but I still need to raise 7 lakhs to be able to pay the tuition fees. You can help this once in a life time opportunity and dream come true, your contribution will really make a difference. I will be immensely grateful.

I will be happy to tell you the full story, answer any questions and provide further details.

Thanking you warmly,
Chandra

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**LOST & FOUND**

**A pair of reading glasses (Found):** On the Banyan bench on Sunday. Please contact Frederick: 9486475457

**An Italian magazine “OLTRE-CONFINE” (lost):** On Monday & 6th between PTDC and Invocation. It has a plastic transparent cover and the Laboratory of Evolution stamping. Please, if you have found it, call me soon: 2622138 or 9486422138, Paola.

**Quechua Diosaz 22 Air backpack (Lost):** I have misplaced a Quechua Diosaz 22 Air backpack. It contains a MacBook pro 13” laptop (with a Taiwanese Chinese keyboard), a magsafe adapter, a few notebooks and a planner. I believe I have left it in Solar Kitchen on Friday after lunch but am not 100% sure. If found, please call Eric +91 94-88-483479 or through email ericav auroville.org.in - Thanks, Eric

**Left behind at Unity Pavilion:** after events/meetings - 3 scarfs: one pink, one white and one dark red/black - A blue lady cycle, with front basket, got left in front of Unity Pavilion/parking area 2 months ago. After some days we moved it into compound next to gate and recently we put it in the back as no one came to pick it up.

Please contact Kasthuri for scarfs, Eric (care taker)

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**THANK YOU**

**Aikido - Note of Thanks and News...**

Dear Friends,

We have finished a very rich 3 week and more of our “Aikido Workshop 2015” with our Aikido master André Palméri - 6th Dan, Makoto Dojo, France. André, and his wife Alexandra (3rd Dan) have brought lots of light and insight in our practice and both, adults and youngsters, could benefit so much from them. We thank them deeply. We are also very thankful to PCG and S.A.I.I.E.R. and to Pitanga. We would also like to thank Kripa, Bernard & Sharanga GH.

In the meantime, our new Dojo in Deha Shakti is moving towards finishing. We have decided to call it the “Auroville Budokan” (House of the Budo/Martial Arts). We will keep the community informed about the developments and future opening (We hope to start the school year there in July).

Meanwhile our regular practice is going on in April and May in Pitanga. Welcome to join us! - 6 to 7.30 am every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday (beginners on Sat.) You can write to our new address: budokan@auroville.org.in

Cristo, N. Murugan and Surya for the Auroville Budokan

**AV Children Songs**

We are very grateful for the generous contributions that came into the ‘AV Children Songs’ account after our last appeal via the News and Notes. This is enabling us to complete the production of our album ‘One day we’ll sing like birds’. Thank you once again.

Jivatman, Jay, Swaha and others.

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**APPEAL**

**Offer from King’s College, University of Cambridge**

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Financial service Account number 252140 - Funds for Cambridge.

You can contact me here: chandradedionigi@yahoo.fr / 2623 024, 7639781711

I will be happy to tell you the full story, answer any questions and provide further details.

Thanking you warmly, Chandra

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**ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED**

**House-sitting 1**

We are a professional, responsible and conscientious couple with a 4 year old son. We are coming to Auroville to volunteer for 6 to 9 months, arriving the last week of June 2015, and we are looking for a house sitting opportunity. Ideally we would like to look after your home for as long as we stay at Auroville but we understand if it is available for a shorter duration only. Please contact us at pollykirby@yahoo.com or by phone on +91 962 901 7518 if you can help. Polly, Paul and Theo

**House-sitting 2**

We are looking for accommodation (house sitting together /different places) for 7 students, (5 girls & 2 boys) from France that will be coming to Auroville on the 6th of June for an internship at our social enterprise support unit “Unlimited Tamil Nadu”, lasting 6 weeks. We will orchestrate all the necessary arrangements and Gijs (our steward) will take on responsibility for these students. Please call Reva on 9047520702.

**House-sitting 3**

Dear AV Community, I have been a volunteer and pre-newcomer and would like to figure out a housing situation before I commit to starting the Newcomer process. My interests are in eco-friendly living / Ayurveda. I practice meditation in every moment so end up putting a lot of love and care into my living space :) I am looking for something approximately between July-September and January onwards. Would be grateful for something relatively new, clean, and quiet. Thanks! ‘G’ (sattvig@gmail.com, 0840 799 7970)

**House-sitter 1**

Seeking Aurovillian, Newcomer or long-term volunteer to house-sit L’aura’s house (Joy Guest House campus, Centre Field). Big house, big garden, cats and dogs. Looking for super clean, caring, responsible person. Early May to early June. Contact L’aura: 9442788016, laura.joyful@gmail.com
House-sitter 2

Family duties are calling ‘back home’. So …You are a happy Single / Couple / small Family (2 adults + 1 child max.)? You will be in Auroville in May, June, July and August? You are a Newcomer, Volunteer, registered Guest? You would like to spend the summer in a house on the beach? Then you might be the right person(s) to occupy my home for these 4 months. If you are interested please send some information about yourself and your status in Auroville. Further details will be discussed face-to-face. Raphael / Srina (Tanto Farbeach): raphael@auroville.org.in, ph. 936 216 97 98

TAXI SHARING

April 15th: Hello, I am leaving Auroville on Wednesday around 5 am to Chennai Airport. Would be happy to share a taxi and split the costs. (Taxi can be shared both ways) Please send me a text: 99 95 95 24 06 or email: missacattani@gmail.com

April 15th: Leaving Auroville at 11 pm to Chennai Airport - Contact Ambre: 948 932 5088

April 20th: Taxi leaving Auroville at 9 am to Chennai airport on Monday, April 20. Returning empty from airport at noon. Share either way. Please contact: Ing-Marie, +91-9442300518 or ingmarie@auroville.org.in

April 20th: To Chennai Airport on April 20th. Leaving no later than 2 pm - E-mail Alain Belkaious: belkaious@gmail.com

April 20th: To Chennai airport, leaving Auroville between Midnight and 2 am, April 20. My plane takes off at 7.40 am on Monday 20. Please SMS +91 7094 205 149 or email: antoine.colombani.33@free.fr - Antoine C.

April 21st: Leaving Auroville at 1600 for Chennai airport. Taxi returning empty at 1900 so could be shared both ways. If you are interested please drop me an email: ynotsvets@hotmail.com - Thanks, Tony S.

April 27th: Leaving Auroville at 1600 for Chennai airport. Taxi returning empty at 1900 so could be shared both ways. If you are interested please drop me an email: paola: 9486422138 or 2622138.

HEALTH

AVHC Message

Dear Community,
Dr Geeta Auropremi will conduct a free Ayurvedic Diagnostic Camp at Auroville Health Centre, on 13 April 2015 from 9.30 am to 12 noon. If interested, please register at the Health Centre Reception, ph: 2622123 and 2622018, before 11 April 2015.
Dr Uma

TRAVEL

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

For the convenient of our clients we are open now from 09:00 to 13:00 and again from 13:30 to 19:00 For ticketing - International and Domestic Flights, Trains, Buses and Tours. International and Domestic hotel bookings with discounted rates.
Trains we can book now maximum 120 days advance.
New offers:
Oman Airways have promotional offers to Europe / Qatar Airways have interesting offers to Europe and USA / Srilankan Airlines continues their special offers to Europe and USA / Ethad have offers to all their destinations / Air France has promotional offers to France and beyond.
Please check with us in advance if flight schedules have changed. Insurance: We strongly recommend that you avail of a Travel Insurance.
Tel: 2622078, 2622604, 2623030, travelshop@auroville.org.in, domestic@inside-india.com, doulat@inside-india.com

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a volunteer to help with a waste campaign

I am looking for a volunteer to help me with an online waste campaign, starting now till May 28/June 8. Sorry, this is pro-bono work, but I’d be grateful if you could give just 1-2 hrs/day. Will definitely put your personal/professional profile on the campaign website.

Skills/values you need to have:
• Familiarity with google docs & google handours
• Social media savvy (at least twitter/fb)
• Competency in writing reports (preferred but not essential)
• Graphic design and/or web design with wordpress skills (hugely appreciated but not essential)
• Passion and commitment: Ability to take responsibility and deliver on time

Resources: If you have your own computer and access to reliable internet, that’s great. If not we will work something out.

Interested? Read about the campaign on the homepage of: earthandus.org

Check out the movie Masika posted on that site and drop me a line letting me know of your skills, and why you feel committed to the issue. No calls pls. Just email: bindu@earthandus.org - Bindu

Join our social change making team!

We are looking for people passionate about social change and the ability to guide others in fulfilling their social entrepreneurial dreams! At UnLtd Tamil Nadu we find innovative change makers and support them to change the face of India for good. After the successful start-ups of EcoFemme, Wasteless, Amirtha and many more we are now welcoming our third batch of ten investees including Auroville based Upcycling and others across Tamil Nadu such as Sristi Farm Academy and CareSociety. However, we need YOUR help to give them all the support they need. That is why we are currently looking for Tamil speaking coaches and buddies to help them realize their full potential!
1. As a COACH we need your help for at least half a day a week for the period of twelve months. In which you provide personal coaching and ongoing advisory support on key aspects of the investee’s venture. We are looking for English and (preferably) Tamil speaking coaches with any experience in personal coaching that exceeds the conventional coaching of the corporate world. We wish to support our investees to make them extraordinary social entrepreneurs.

2. As a BUDDY we need your help for a time period of at least six months to guide our investees through the incubation process with UnLtd Tamil Nadu. This includes providing your investee with the best resources and connections possible to meet the development needs for their start-up and themselves! We are looking for English and (preferably) Tamil speaking buddies who have exceptional inter-personal & communication skills and the ability to listen carefully.

Those who are interested or have any questions please contact: hr@unltdtamilnadu.org or Gerry 8940230984

Are you looking for a dynamic, inspiring job opportunity in Communications?

Are you passionate about work for Environmental & Social Wellbeing?

SEDAB – Sustainable Enterprise Development in the Auroville Bio-Region is a project that is empowering village women around Auroville to create community-based, eco-friendly enterprises. The project is implemented by Auroville Village Action Group (AVAG) and Pitchandikulam Forest Team, who provide support for these enterprises to grow and thrive. The project is in its third year and has already created several teams of women entrepreneurs who own their enterprise and who produce eco-friendly products and services to improve the wellbeing of their environment and community.

This project needs a ‘Documentation & Communication’ person with the following qualifications:
- A deep desire to support Sustainable Development initiatives.
- Capacity to listen, observe and write in Tamil & English.
- Manage offline and online tools for creating, editing, presenting the project.
- Coordinate / communicate among several organisations & units within Auroville and in the Bioregion.
- Organize meetings and attend, managing communication regarding the same.

Of course, it would be great to have a cheerful, young person, who can work well in a team. Compensation / Maintenance is available for a deserving candidate.

If the above sounds exciting for you, write to: sedab.comm@auroville.org.in or call Partha: 9443114307 or Kavitha: 8940568266.

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**GREEN MATTERS**

**Sunday Walk Farms & Forests**

The Sunday walks to Auro orchard with Christian of the 22nd of March with a talk and walk around the orchard and poultry site and a fine potluck was enjoyed by about 25 participants (see FB page Auroorchard) The walk in the Botanical Gardens, 29th of March led by Naim & Marie brought also 25 walkers who enjoyed the beauty of gardens, the cacti and orchid houses, the mazes and all there is to see and experience in this amazing place.

Every Saturday afternoon is open day, so be sure you see the Garden in its summer splendor

On the 5th and 12th of April there were no walks

**Sunday 19th of April Buddha Garden with Priya 8-10 am (Bring a breakfast snack)**

**Sunday 26th of April Aranya with Kundhavi & Saravanan**

Since this is our last walk of the season the Green Center, organizing these walks, would like to invite all for an early Aranya walk with a bus to get you there and brunch (departure 7 am , from SK return 11 am)

If you’d like to come on this walk please write an email to: avgreencenter@auroville.org.in

More regarding these last 2 walks in the next News and Notes

AV Green Center - Lisbeth, Bridget & Jasmin

**News from Foodlink: The papaya season is here!**

Dear Community,

With the summer approaching, the papayas are ripening in abundance. We have 300kgs of papayas in stock at Foodlink. Come, buy, and enjoy this delicious fruit!

For papaya suppliers: As we did last year, just for the summer till June, Foodlink will be buying papayas at Rs. 25/kg. The price reduction is to encourage a greater consumption of papayas in the community.

To all producers: As usual, for procuring produce, Foodlink gives first priority to the AV Farms, then to AV Forests, and third to households. If you are growing food and not an AV Farm then please call FoodLink one day in advance letting us know what produce you will be bringing in and approximately in what quantity. Foodlink No. 94861-44072

In community,

The Foodlink Team

**AUROVILLE RADIO**

Dear Listeners,

The end of the financial year coincides with the beginning of the summer which is also the time where the radio can reflect and prepare for the coming year, checking our results and looking back we can see how far we have come since last year when the radio closed. The team is in place and dedicated to pursue the many projects we have as well as content production, fund raising effort and last but not least the work with re-visioning the aim of the Auroville Radio.

If you are passionate about any kind of music that you would like to share and/or introduce, the Auroville Radio will provide you with a slot of time for culturally valuable music from anywhere and any period of time to be broadcast.
The Art Media Lab and Communication school project is slowly shaping itself, at present Ruben is providing basic introduction on live sound production in Kalabhumi from 4-5 every Saturday and further exploring a partnership with the an existing educational institution AIAT, to provide certified courses in Sound Engineering. We will be meeting this week regarding the FM license.

Overall the progress has been very positive; we are grateful to the many volunteers, supporters and donors and Aurovilians. We are always looking for interested persons who would like to be trained in the field of journalism and sound production to join the team and help us deepen and widen the Auroville Radio Work and Team. We are also looking for a photographer to share images of Auroville life daily on our social media network.

A software developer familiar with apps for mobile would be very welcome. There are many fun and exciting projects to carry forward and develop that are waiting for you!

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

Off the Cuff-22 (Performing Arts 03/04/2015)
An off the cuff discussions on random subjects; this week removing asbestos, and our funding priorities. -[English, 18 Minutes]

Matrimandir Gardens Presentation (Infrastructure 02/04/2015)
Plans for three of the remaining nine petal gardens were presented to the public on March 31 at Cafe Paradiso. -[English, 91 Minutes]

Fresh Poetry Jam at Sacred Groves (Literature 02/04/2015)
Poetry Jam at Auroville on March 28. Ten readers and ten winners; -[English, 64 Minutes]

Music, Pony Farm Road (News from Auroville 02/04/2015)
Melodies and Words on 4th at 8 pm at Unity Pavilion. Tuesday 7th General Meeting at 4. -[English, 8 Minutes]

The Co-Creator 1st meeting (Evolution 01/04/2015)
The essence of co-creation is working from the inside out -[English, 64 Minutes]

Selections par Gangalakshmi-33 (Performing Arts 01/04/2015)
Gangalakshmi reads Sri Aurobindo, Savitri - Satyavan and Savitri, Book 5 canto 3 -[French, 12 Minutes]

Des reves pour changer notre vie (Evolution 31/03/2015)

New FoodLink Opening Ceremonies (Organic Farming 31/03/2015)
Opening Ceremonies for the new FoodLink Complex were held in Auroville on March 22. -[English, 46 Minutes]

Barkha: Songs of the Rains (Performing Arts 31/03/2015)
Students of Nandita Di sang traditional songs of the Monsoons based on traditional ragas in Auroville. -[English, 66 Minutes]

Hungarian Caravan (International Programs 31/03/2015)
Bogi talks about her relation to the International Zone, and why they made a Hungarian Caravan. -[English, 20 Minutes]

Interview Janaka (Literature 30/03/2015)
Janaka livre ici quelques cles de sa quete -[French, 17 Minutes]

Live Sound, Matrimandir Gardens (News from Auroville 30/03/2015)
FEaturing Ruben inviting us to Sound Production Lab at Kalabhumi studio on Saturdays at 4pm. MM Gardens proposal 31st -[English, 17 Minutes]

Youth Initiative (Governance 29/03/2015)
Youth Representative Team invites all concerned youth and “youth” to participate in the development of our city. -[English, 38 Minutes]

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

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Poems of Axixic

The birds a flutter in my eyes
The wind’s a murmur behind
Only the echo of the soul
Bouncing back

Dancing bells
Naked of those other days
This today grows me
Silently Waiting
Aware of some new sound
Giving me birth
Surprising
Without this time

Anandi (Realisation - From Axixic (Mexico))

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A Poem for Alex and Ecoservice

Consciousness

What I throw out, What I take in
Being a recycled heap
And I - the larval heart of a butterfly - crawl
the interface
Am the interface

Garbage

Vishal Prabhu (long-time Auroville friend and associate)
AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri - read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every Thursday at sunset
From March onward: 6.00 to 6.30 pm (weather permitting)
Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

Reminder to all: The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such. We request everyone: please do not to use cameras, i-pads, cell phones, etc.
Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos there.
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm
Please be seated by 5.55 pm, no late entry. Thank you.

Amphitheatre Team

INVITATIONS

FARMER'S MARKET AND COMMUNITY FESTIVAL - SATURDAYS AT THE YOUTH CENTER (10:30 am - 2:30 pm)

Farmers, cooks, eco-warriors, handicraft artists, singers, musicians, and volunteers are all welcome!
Come to eat local organic snacks and lunch, buy local organic produce, explore local handicrafts, and join in the music, games, and community fun) - The Market will be cancelled in case of rain.
To participate or volunteer, please email: localiciousav@gmail.com
Love and light, The Localicious Auroville Team

Open House at Transition School

Dear Parents and Friends,
Everyone is warmly invited to an Open House at Transition School.
Please come on Thursday morning, April 16, between 11:00 and 12:30.
You will be able to meet the children and see some of the work that they have been doing this year.
The Art Center and all of the classrooms will be open to all.
We all look forward to seeing you then.
Love, The Students and Teachers of Transition School

NIRMITI project

LAND-ART in Botanical Gardens - Auroville
Invites you to see a slideshow
About last year's work done by students of Aikiyam, Deepam, Oli School, Udavi
At the Botanical Gardens on Saturday April 18th - 2 pm to 4 pm
**TALKS, SEMINARS**

**Bharatanatyam**

An introduction to the art form by Neela Bhaskar
A lecture demonstration with dance, music and interactive discussions

**Date:** 12.04.2015
**Time:** 5 pm
**Venue:** Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

**CULTURAL EVENTS**

**Tamil New Year Event**

Dear Friends,
You are cordially invited for the cultural programme
On Monday, 13th of April 2015, at 7.45pm
At the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas

PS: For further programme detail refer to the posters which will be put at the following places at Solar Kitchen, Town Hall, PTDC, Visitor Center, Pour Tous, and AV Bakery.
All are Welcome!!!

**LIVE MUSIC**

Solitude Farm Presents

Live Music, bringing together community, local food and music.

2 dates for your calendar!
Friday, 10th of April
Nathalie John Quartet
and Organic Fusion dinner
Starts at 7 pm

Girls’ band! These cats are top musicians from Mexico, Columbia, USA and India, teaching Jazz in the prestigious Swarnabhoomi music academy, playing original songs and a few standards.

Wednesday, 15th of April
Thaallavatham Organic Grooves
Collaborating with Ra’uf and Fire Freaks
This guy, Montry, is an awesome percussionist performing in European festivals working with recycled PVC, creating groovy dance music collaborating with synths and fire artists! Not to missed!
And Organic Fusion dinner
Starts at 7 pm

There is a contribution asked to run these events.
'The White Elephant'

We are pleased to invite you for the performance of the play “The White Elephant”
By students of Deepanam School

The Play is about the unusual problem, which the children must solve, of saving a Baby elephant.

Venue: Deepanam School / Date: 11th April
Time: 7.30 to 8.00 pm

Following Sounds

Heart warming songs with Clémentine (voice) and Jurriaan (piano)
And Matthew (tenor saxophone) as special guest.

After an initial and mostly improvised performance at the Visitors’ Centre, these two long term volunteers decided to sit down together and really work on some new songs. The idea was to take on a challenge: choose songs we hadn’t played before, avoid the beaten tracks, try to find the best way to approach a song without losing the essence of it, shaping and polishing it until it becomes like our own... Be it pop, jazz, chanson française, bossa nova... all that mattered was whether we both felt good about doing something with it!

The goal was to learn, to open our ears and hearts. Very happy with this process, we’d like to see if they can now do the same to you.

Most welcome to join us for this concert in Pitanga on Thursday April 16th at 8 pm
**Vocal-colours**

Presents a concert of
Jazz, Bossa Nova, French chansons, Soul and Pop

Saturday 11 April at 8 pm
At Sri Aurobindo Auditorium

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**SCHEDULES**

**Verite message:** Please note: Raja Vinyasa Yoga Class with Andres on Saturday from 5 - 6.30 pm is cancelled from 18th April 2015.

**PITANGA NEWS**

**Yoga in Pitanga for April**

- **Yoga Therapy**
  - Yoga Therapy - all levels (Max. 8 people) Mon, Wed, Fri: 08.30 - 10.00 - Gala

**Vinyasa Yoga**

- Vinyasa Flow beginners Tues 09.00 - 10.30 Bebe
- Vinyasa Flow intermediate Weds 16.30 - 18.00 Bebe
- Vinyasa Flow beginners Fri 17.15 - 18.45 Bebe

**Dharma Vinyasa Flow**

- Dharma Vinyasa Flow all levels Tues 17.30 - 19.00 Andres
- Dharma Vinyasa Flow all levels Thurs 07.30 - 08.30 Andres

**Hatha Yoga**

- Prana Vidya Hatha Yoga all levels Mon, Fri 17.00 - 18.30 Sabrina
- Prana Vidya Hatha Yoga all levels Weds 18.30 - 20.00 Sabrina

Iyengar practice groups have been established while Tatiana and Angela are out, please contact reception for full details of days and times of practice sessions.

**EXHIBITION**

Deepanam Children’s Art and Craft Exhibition - Each day until April 12th

**CONCERT**

“Following Sounds” with Clémentine (voice) and Jurriaan (piano) nd Matthew (tenor saxophone) as special guest. Thursday 16th at 8 pm, see details in the concert section.

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Pitanga is closed for Tuesday 14th for Tamil New Year / Pitanga, Samasti, Auroville, (0413) - 2622403, email pitanga@auroville.org.in

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**CLASSES, WORKSHOPS**

**Tai Chi Hall @ Sharnga**

Marco will conduct an advanced Chi workshop from April 20 - 25, from 7.30 am to 8.30 am. It is open to all who have completed a three-work beginners’ workshop. The chi class will be followed by a one-hour form practice for anyone who wants to join.

There is a fee for guests. For further information, please email: taichi@auroville.org.in
**Hormonal yoga workshop**

By Dina Rodriguez, Yoga Therapist from Brazil

*Dinah Rodrigues*, graduated in Philosophy and Psychology in the Faculdade de Filosofia Ciências e Letras of the São Paulo University, Brazil

Specialised in Yoga Therapy with Swami Sarvananda, Integral member of IYTA International Yoga Teachers Association. Since 1993 she is presenting seminars and workshops in Brazil and since 2002 in Germany. She has written a book about Yoga Hormonal Therapy translated in English, French, German; [http://www.dinahrodrigues.com.br](http://www.dinahrodrigues.com.br)

**Hormonal Yoga Therapy** is a natural treatment, combining postures, movements and breathing techniques from different yoga, which reactivates hormone production in a natural way and eliminates most symptoms of hormone problems (menopause and diabetes). As it increases estradiol level, it also helps in the prevention of cardio-vascular diseases and osteoporosis.

1st workshop on Anti-stress - Hormone - Menopause

2nd workshop on Diabetes

**Saturday 18th of April 2015 and Saturday 25th of April, 9.00 to 5.00 pm**
Arka Wellness Center - Multipurpose Hall - 1st Floor / Phone: 0413 2623799

As the number of participants will be limited, kindly send an email to: mariaselvig@gmail.com and Brigitte@auroville.org.in before Wednesday 15th or contact Arati: 9585628106, Brigitte: 9443283980 or Arka for further information.

All are welcome (young and less young women and men for the 2nd session).

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**FILMS**

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**Cinema Paradiso**

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

**Film programme 13 April 2015 to 19 April 2015**

**Indian - Monday 13 April, 8.00 pm:**

- **LUV SHUV TET CHICKEN KHURANA** (Love etc. and Chicken Khurana)
  
  India, 2012, Diri. Sameer Sharma w/ Kunal Kapoor, Huma Qureshi, Vinod Nagpal and others, Comedy, 140mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

  Omi Khurana’s London dream has just ended. On the run from a dangerous UK gangster who he owes money to, Omi returns to his native village in Punjab, pretending to be a well-heeled London lawyer. Much has changed since Omi ran away from home a decade back after stealing money from his doting grandfather, Darji. The old man has since become senile and most importantly, forgotten the secret recipe of “Chicken Khurana” a dish that made the Khurana dhaba (restaurant) famous. It seems the recipe to success in many aspects depend on that chicken recipe, and it is up to Omi to make the transforming journey to regain it.

**Italian - Tuesday 14 April, 8.00 pm:**

- **CATERINA VA IN CITTA** (Caterina in the Big City)
  
  Italy, 2003, Dir. Paolo Virzi, w/ Alice Teghil, Sergio Castellitto, Margherita Buy, and others, Comedy-Drama, 105 mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

  Caterina, a 12 yrs old who loves music, moves to Rome with her parents. A new city, new school, new friends, the onset of puberty and two parents who are profoundly unhappy. It is a complex story of a family’s struggle, set amid the tumult of big-city society and class consciousness. It is an exciting and funny film that is also a deep and painful portrayal of our present society.

**Interesting - Wednesday 15 April, 8.00 pm:**

- **THE WORLD BEFORE HER**
  
  Canada, 2012, Writer-Dir Nisha Pahuja w/ Pooja Chopra, Marc Robinson, Ankita Shorey, and others, Documentary, 90mins, Hindi-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

  This highly acclaimed film highlights the dichotomy - which India personifies. Here, a small town girl Ruhi Singh dreams big. She aims for the title of Miss India - where a win will set her apart. Just hours from the Miss India beauty boot camp is another training ground, that of the Durga Vahini, a Hindu nationalist group for women. Here we meet Prachi Trivedi, a young, fearsome drill sergeant dedicated to training Indian girls to fight against Western culture, Islam and Christianity by any means necessary including violence. Gliding back and forth between the actions of the two camps, the dreams and conflicts of India and young Indian women are laid bare. But then, are the two opposing worlds really that far from each other as they seem? It is a film - you cannot miss!

**Thursday 16 to Sunday 19 April, 8.00 pm:**

- **PI SEE Eco-Film Fest (16-22 April)**
  
  ANNOUNCEMENT - next week

  Film Scheduled includes:

  - Thursday 16 April: THE RISE OF ECOLOGY
  - Friday 17 April: GASLAND II
  - Saturday 18 April: African Cats
  - Sunday 19 April: The Lorax (Childrens Matinee @ 4:30)
  - Sunday 19 April: YERT: YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL ROAD TRIP

  **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.

  **PLEASE no food, drinks, snacks, munchies or your pets into the auditorium. Also, as a courtesy to the fellow viewers please be sweet and stop chatting after the film starts.**

  For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in.

  Thanking You, MMC/CP Group - Account# 105106, mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in
“The Eco Film Club
SADHANA FOREST, APRIL 17TH, FRIDAY
AT 7 PM

1) GIANT LEAP - 2) WHAT ABOUT ME?
2008 - 118 min. (To be shown in two parts) - Directed by Jamie Catto and Duncan Bridgeman

1) “Giant Leap” is a collaborative project, which fuses music, words, sounds, rhythms and images from over 4 years, from 50 global locations to celebrate diversity of musicians, storytellers, authors, filmmakers, artists, entrepreneurs, artists, and thinkers from many different cultures. It is the embodiment of the unity in human diversity and a cross-cultural exploration of universal truth that is a global journey unto itself.

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!!

Schedule of Events:
16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour / 16:40 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
The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at 2677682 or 2677683 or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in.

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW
16th of April Thursday and 17th of April
NO SHOW
Sorry for the inconvenience,
Suresh
Housing Service, Town Hall: Public hours are Monday & Friday 2:30 to 4:30 pm, and Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:00 to 11:30 am. No public hours on Wednesday.

Integral Health: Classical homeopathy, hypnotherapy, midwifery, counselling, Shiatsu, energy work / integralhealth@auroville.org.in - 2623669 / Mon-Sat 9 am - 5 pm, preferably on appointment.

Kailash Clinic, Kailash: Call 2622803 for an appointment during morning hours from 8.30am to 12.30pm

LOE, Lab. Of Evolution, Bharat Nivas: Mon to Sat 9am-12 noon and Monday to Friday 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

Matrimandir: The Inner Chamber is open for Aurovilians daily 06.00am to 08.45am.11.30 am to 12.30pm (02.00 pm on Sunday) 04.30 pm to 08.00pm Please keep the Chamber neat and tidy. Straighten your mat and put back all extra cushions neatly by the door. Please refrain from rearranging the cushions which are laid out for you.

To bring family members and personal friends please book by calling 2622579 from 9.30 to 11.30 am any day except Tuesday. Be at the office gate of Matrimandir by 8.45am on the day of the visit. Please remain with your guests throughout the visit. Matrimandir is closed to visitors on Tuesday.

Aurovilians wanting to bring their children to the Matrimandir are recommended to do so on Tuesdays between 9 am and 11.15am.

Music library, Town Hall: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 9 to 12.30 and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 2 to 5:30pm.

Nandini Tailor section (Auroshilpam): tel: 2622527
Open to public on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday full day: from 9am to 12.30pm and 3pm to 5pm
No new order taken last week of the month. Don’t forget to bring your bag

Nandini Distribution: (ptdc, solar kitchen) tel: 2622033

Open to public from Tuesday to Saturday morning from 9am to 12.30pm and Tuesday, Thursday afternoon 2.30pm to 4.30pm
Don’t forget to bring your bag

OutreachMedia Services: The services provided by OutreachMedia include: dealing with all media that come to Auroville for filming, writing, photographing - reporters, journalist and writers. 2622-098 or 9443602194 or 9952463904

Multi-Media Centre. Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoons and Saturdays by appointment.

Puncture service, service area: next to gas bottle service, opposite road service; Monday to Saturday 9am to 4:30pm; phone 2622741, cell 9442891235.

Auroville Residents Service timings: Please note that the Auroville Residents Service office will be open from Monday to Friday morning's from 9:00 am to 12.00 pm and afternoon Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 4:30.

Thank you, Residents Service Team

Savi: Services for Volunteers and Hosting Units/Services of Auroville

We are a link between Auroville Projects and long-term Volunteers (minimum 2 months).

We offer welcome informations, placements opportunities, support with visa procedure and follow-up throughout the volunteers stay.

Come and visit us at Unity Pavilion, Monday to Friday 10am-12pm. Phone: 0143-262-2121. Email: study@auroville.org.in

Skyworks: Tree pruning, removal of hazardous trees and branches over fragile structures, power line cleaning. SatYaaji 958 516 58 82

Vehicle Service, Town Hall: Monday - Friday : 09.00am - 12.30 pm, 02.00pm - 4.30pm. Saturday: 09.00am - 12.30pm

Video library, Town Hall: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 10 am to 1 pm and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 3 to 6pm.

Women's Helpline - For women needing assistance after an incident of violence on Auroville roads. Please call 262 2425 (mornings) or email avhs@auroville.org.in

ACT NEWS TIMETABLE

EARLY TRIP (daily except Tuesday). This service is conditional to MM being open to visitors. Usually not running on rainy days (enquiries: 2622235)

7:45 AM from Transport Service near Certitude Corner, opposite to Gas Service
12:00 Noon from Pondy rue St Louis (beach end of J.N. Street) opposite Ashram playground

SHOPPING TRIP

Tuesday and Saturday
8:50 AM from Vérité
12:00 Noon from Pondy Manakula Vinayagar Street (Ganesh Temple Street)

AFTERNOON TRIP

Monday
2:50 PM from Vérité
6:00 PM from Pondy Manakula Vinayagar Street (Ganesh Temple Street)

Wednesday and Friday
4:30 PM from Vérité
8:00 PM from Pondy Manakula Vinayagar Street (Ganesh Temple Street)

Please Note: In case the ACT bus is not available as per the time table please be on the lookout for a replacement by Auroville Jeep or Van, we will ensure that a small white and orange sign is visible on the replacement vehicle.

All trips are paying trips and ACT welcomes your contribution everyday on every trip. ACT maintains its voluntary contribution policy aligned with Auroville’s utopia, ideals and aims. At present it is YOUR contribution ALONE which keeps the service afloat. Travel passes are available from Financial Service (Town Hall & Aspiration) and Guest Service (above the Solar Kitchen).

For more information contact ACT (0413) 2622962 or act@auroville.org.in

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

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

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

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

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

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

Disclaimer: The views expressed on these pages are those of their respective authors or work groups and do not represent the position of the editors or of the community as a whole. The News & Notes serves as a channel for the publication of material coming from trusted sources within Auroville. The editors cannot be held accountable for any alleged misinformation given or offence caused. In case of any dispute, the Auroville Council may be consulted and publishing of disputed material suspended.