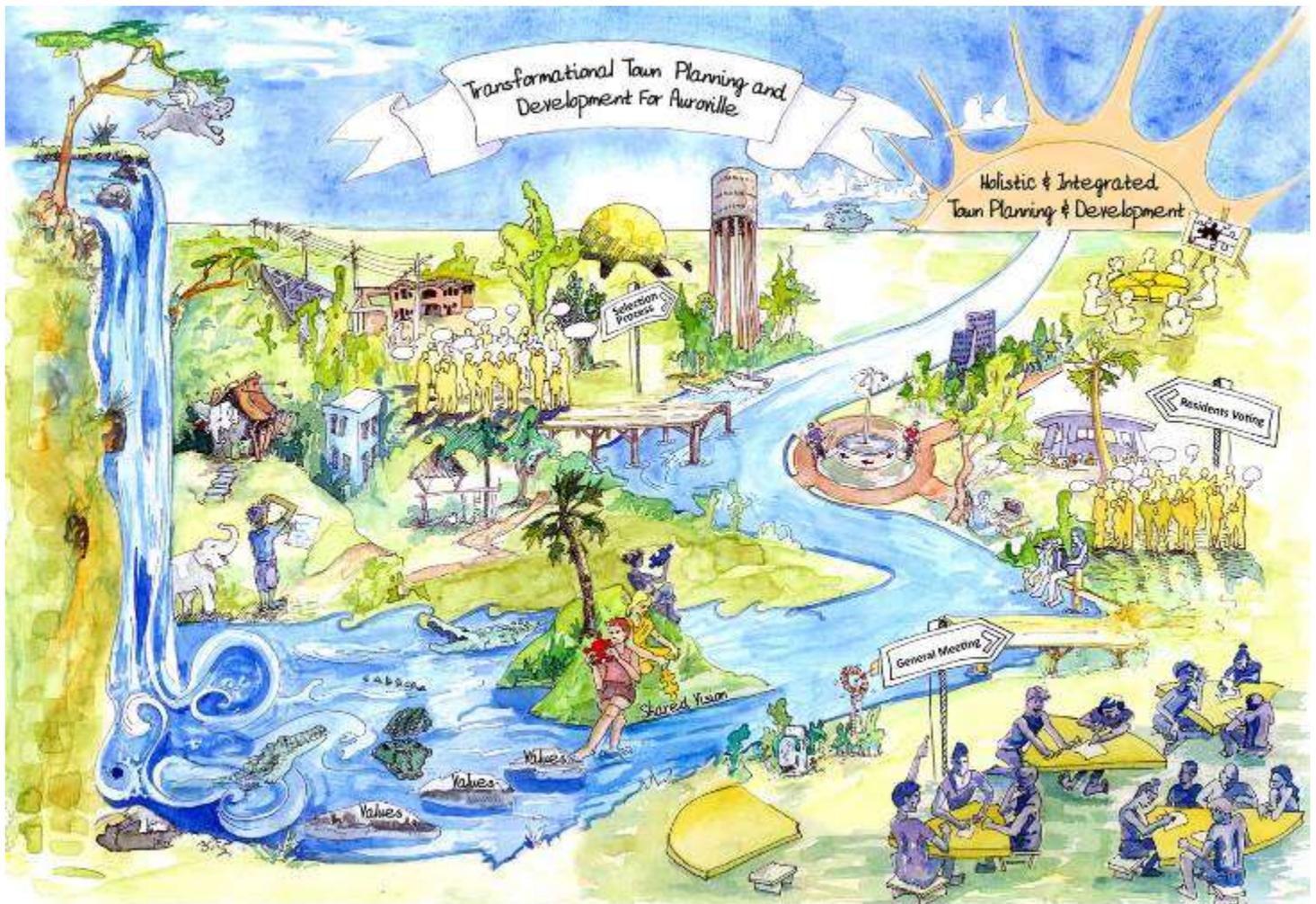


News & Notes

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Thank you for participating

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Sweet Mother, how can we escape from other people's influence?

By concentrating more and more totally and completely on the Divine. If you aspire with all your ardour, if you want to receive only the divine influence, if all the time you pull back towards yourself what is taken, caught by other influences and with your will put it under the divine influence, you succeed in doing it. It's a work that can't be done in a day, in a minute; you must be vigilant for a very long time, for years; but one can succeed.

First of all you must will it.

For all things, first you must understand, will, and then begin to practise - begin by just a very little. When you catch yourself in the act of doing something because someone else wanted it or because you are not very sure of what you want to do and are in the habit of doing what this one or that one or tradition or customs make you do - because, among the influences under which you live, there are collective suggestions, social traditions, many!... Social habits are something terrible; your consciousness is stuffed with them from the time you are quite small; when a baby you are already told: "This should be done, that should not be done, you must do this in this way, you must not do it in that way", and all that; these are ideas which usually parents or teachers have received in the same way when they were very young and to which they are accustomed and submit by habit; these are the most dangerous influences because they are subtle, they are not expressed outwardly by words; your head was stuffed with them and your feelings and reactions, when you were very small, and it is only later, much later, when you begin to reflect and try to know what the truth is... as soon as you understand that there is something which must be put above all the rest, that there is something which can truly teach you to live, which must form your character, rule your movements... when you understand that, you can look at yourself doing, objectivise yourself, laugh a little at all those multiple small bondages of habit, traditions, the education you have received, and then put the light, consciousness, aspiration for surrender to the Divine on these things, and try to receive the divine inspiration to do things as it's necessary, not according to habits, not according to one's vital impulses, not according to all the vital impulses and personal wills which one receives from others and which push him to do things which perhaps he would not have done without all that.

One must observe all these things, look at them attentively and put them one after another in front of the divine Truth as one can receive it - it is progressive, one receives it purer and purer, stronger and stronger, more and more clear-sightedly - put all these things before it and with an absolute sincerity will that this may guide you and nothing else. You do this once, a hundred times, a thousand times, millions of times and after years of sustained effort you can gradually become aware that at last you are a free being - because this is what's remarkable: that when one is perfectly surrendered to the Divine one is perfectly free, and this is the absolute condition for freedom, to belong to the Divine alone; you are free from the whole world because you belong only to Him. And this surrender is the supreme liberation, you are also free from your little personal ego and of all things this is the most difficult - and the happiest too, the only thing that can give you a constant peace, an uninterrupted joy and the feeling of an infinite freedom from all that afflicts you, dwarfs, diminishes, impoverishes you, and from all that can create the least anxiety in you, the least fear. You are no longer afraid of anything, you no longer fear anything, you are the supreme master of your destiny because it is the Divine who wills in you and guides everything. But this does not happen overnight: a little time and a great deal of ardour in the will, not fearing to make any effort and not losing heart when one doesn't succeed, knowing that the victory is certain and that one must last out until it comes. There you are.

Sweet Mother, what is meant by "the Divine gives Himself"?

It means exactly this: that the more you give yourself the more you have the experience - it is not just a feeling or impression or sensation, it is a total experience - that the more you give yourself to the Divine the more He is with you, totally, constantly, at every minute, in all your thoughts, all your needs, and that there's no aspiration which does not receive an immediate answer; and you have the sense of a complete, constant intimacy, of a total nearness. It is as though you carried... as though the Divine were all the time with you; you walk and He walks with you, you sleep and He sleeps with you, you eat and He eats with you, you think and He thinks with you, you love and He is the love you have. But for this one must give himself entirely, totally, exclusively, reserve nothing, keep nothing for himself and not keep back anything, not disperse anything also: the least little thing in your being which is not given to the Divine is a waste; it is the wasting of your joy, something that lessens your happiness by that much, and all that you don't give to the Divine is as though you were holding it in the way of the possibility of the Divine's giving Himself to you. You don't feel Him close to yourself, constantly with you, because you don't belong to Him, because you belong to hundreds of other things and people; in your thought, your action, your feelings, impulses... there are millions of things which you do not give Him, and that is why you don't feel Him always with you, because all these things are so many screens and walls between Him and you. But if you give Him everything, if you keep back nothing, He will be constantly and totally with you in all that you do, in all that you think, all that you feel, always, at each moment. But for this you must give yourself absolutely, keep back nothing; each little thing that you hold back is a stone you put down to build up a wall between the Divine and yourself. And then later you complain: "Oh, I don't feel Him!" What would be surprising is that you could feel Him.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 20 July 1955

MOTHER

The
Ponder
Corner

For me the path of Yoga has always been a battle as well as a journey, a thing of ups and downs, of light followed by darkness followed by a greater light.

Sri Aurobindo

ref. Letters on Himself and the Ashram, p.372

Cover drawing by Shona, following the TDC Restructuring Workshop

TWO-DAY TOWN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP: OUTCOMES, AND PHASE 2 COMING VERY SOON....

Dear Friends,

This is to present you with a progress report on the outcome of the Town Planning and Development Workshop workshop held last month.

Over 90 participants battled two days of presentations, interactions and engaged discussions to work towards a shared vision and approach to Auroville's Town Planning and Development. It was simultaneously inspiring and stressful, fun and difficult.

Despite power cuts, heat and expressed concerns from some participants who felt that the workshop did not tackle key planning-related topics early enough, the energy in the room was open and receptive. A large majority of participants remained for entire weekend.

Participants were drawn from many fields of planning in Auroville and worked individually and in groups over the two days using a series of tools in an attempt to describe a shared vision and/or approach to Town Planning and Development in Auroville.

The workshop invited participants to propose challenges, potential solutions and actions that they felt would contribute to a meaningful collaboration towards planning Auroville.

The result of these sessions was gathered by the workshop facilitation team to inform the next steps in the process, which will include:

- a) a presentation to the community; and
- b) the creating the task groups to take the project forward.

Auroville Council Observations

The Auroville Council's experience during the two days was a sense that many in the community do in fact share a vision and purpose for Town Planning and Development in Auroville, and that the community is not as polarised on approaches planning as some think.

We learnt that we need to continue to grow our facilitation pool from within our community and try out different tools for community processes so that we can fit them to our unique Auroville requirements. Coming together allowed us to appreciate the energy of goodwill, collaboration and fun that exists within Auroville. With thanks to Fif, Jesse, Paul and Jeremy for their well-timed thought and laughter breaks! Even the food for the workshop was a collaborative feast provided by Tanto, Garden Café, Well Café, Dreamers Café and Visitor Center. Many thanks also to the Unity Pavilion Team!

Council is now in preparations for the next phase of the process which will conclude with a General Meeting on Town Planning and Development in July. Another call will go to the community for any further participants who wish to be involved.

Warmly,
AVCouncil

AUROVILLE COUNCIL REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL

Dear friends,

We are happy to give you an update of our work from February to April 2016.

Two AVCouncil members, Veronique and Guy, resigned from the team. Presently they are helping us as resource persons when needed.

If you feel a call to get involved with some of our work, please write to us at: avcoffice@auroville.org.in

Our Topics:

• **Growth**

- The New Entry Policy has been ratified from the Resident Assembly in April. The AVC Entry Subgroup is now working with the present Entry Service Team to implement the new policy step by step. We are in the process of the formation of the mentor pool.

If you want to know more about the new policy please look at <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/55789>

• **Economy**

- The new FAMC Mandate has also been ratified by the Resident Assembly in April. The implementation will start from July onwards.

If you want to know more about the new mandate please look at <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/56338>

- The new Leaving Auroville Allowance has been drafted by the AVC and sent to the FAMC for their input. Soon it will be published for the community feedback.

• **Planning & Development - Infrastructure**

- Restructuring of TDC/l 'Avenir - After the GM on Feb. 2nd about the future of TDC, a subgroup was formed under the AVC who decided for a 4 phases' process with the final aim to have a new functional Town Planning & Development Body & Mandate by November. The objective of the 1st phase was to identify key issues and facilitate a 2 day workshop to synchronize the vision and common values and point out the way forward. The next phase will include the wider community work in task groups around specified topics and come up with concrete proposals presented in a GM in July. Community feedback will be implemented all the way along.

A report about the 2 day workshop is published in this week N&N and a call out for participation within the task groups will follow soon through intranet and RAS mailing system.

- Interim TDC/l 'Avenir - The AVCouncil and the WCom are about to form an interim TDC / l 'Avenir team. The aim is to strengthen the present group till a new functional Town Planning body is selected by November 2016. The call for nomination of candidates is out to the community and we will shortly announce the transitional team.

- Housing Service & Board: The Auroville Council met individually with members of the Housing Board and Housing Service in order to understand and improve the internal functioning and find solutions through differences. Satyakam, Devasmita and Aurovici are not anymore part of the Housing Service and Board. We have requested the community for 3 temporary Housing Board members, until the new Housing policy is finalised and ratified by the community. This will take time because a coordination with the new FAMC and the new TDC groups is needed in order to start a new sub group process on Housing.

• **Education:**

Adult Learning Activity (ALA): an Auroville Council subgroup is working on regulations for Adult Learning Activities, a sector that needs to be developed for the future. The subgroup organized a

meeting with Manuel Thomas concerning service taxes and another meeting with more than 70 stake holders took place. The group recently met the BCC and the overall work is in progress. For a more detailed update another posting is present in this issue of the News&Notes.

• **Peace & Justice**

- **New Appeal Process:** The AVCouncil and the Working Committee along with some resources' persons have introduced the Appeal process doc. Some sub group members have met with FAMC, TDC and Housing to present the Appeal process doc and integrate relevant inputs . The Appeal process procedure will soon be brought to the community for feedback.

As with other policies, we propose to have a trial period of 12 / 18 months before RA ratification.

- **Aspiration Sports ground:** The Auroville Council and Working Committee has come up with a joint proposal which has not been accepted by one side of the concerned parties. The issue is now for arbitration.

- **Windarra arbitration implementation** - Still work In progress

• **Governance / Organization:**

- Selection Process: In July, we will initiate a process for a yearly temporary Feedback Review Committee. The next selection processes are for the new FAMC and the new TDC / L'Avenir, as well as the new replacements for the AVCouncil and the Working committee.

- Auroville Council representatives in other working groups:
- Daniel / Marc for BCC
- Matriprasad for FAMC
- Renuka for Housing Board
- Sundar for AV Safety and Security team
- Sandhya for RAS / ARA

• **Health**

- **Mental Health:** The Auroville Council has a positive exchange / sharing with Friederike and Manfred from Auroville Health Care ; they have been invited to present their ideas around the topic of mental health care. The Council will support any initiative concerning this topic.

• **Integral Animal Care**

IAC subgroup: Sundar and Marc are regularly meeting with IAC team. There have been improvements in fencing the compound, making it safer. AIC team needs a full time coordinator to oversee the daily operations and attending requests. Maintenance of the place is kept well by the staff and a vet is providing sterilization and other treatments on a regular basis. The AVC sub group will continue meeting the IAC team and look forward to find a coordinator. If you are interested in getting involved please write to us : avcoffice@auroville.org.in

• **Pending issue:**

- **Matrimandir:** the topic of renewal of Executives and other related issues is still pending on our table. We are looking for capable resources' persons to form a sub group, if you are concerned and feel motivated, please write to us: avcoffice@auroville.org.in

We have regular collaboration with: Working Committee, Koodam and RAS
Our team spirit aims always at harmonization, facilitation, collaboration and trust.

Warmly,
The Auroville Council

UPDATE FROM ALA (AVCOUNCIL SUBGROUP)

The Council formed in October 2015 a study group (Daniel - Dhanya - Dominique - Guy - Joster - Lara - Vikram) to work out

guidelines for all Adult Learning Activities (ALA - classes - workshops -courses - trainings - seminars etc)

The task is to create a set of guidelines that are legally sound and logistically doable - promote transparency and collaboration - are inclusive of the different concerns, conditions and needs of all stakeholders - grow the ALA sector in Capacity and Contribution (Monetary and In-kind) to Auroville while supporting the values of Auroville

The ALA study group has so far worked out with input of the relevant working groups and stakeholders the guidelines for:

- Visa requirements for those working in the ALA sector
- Registration requirements for ALA activities taking place at Auroville venues and by Aurovilians, Newcomers or qualified Volunteers
- Service tax requirements applicable to ALA activities

The subsequent topics the study group is working on are:

- Guidelines for contributions based on assessing diverse ground realities of ALA providers

First step: A seminar was conducted with about 70 stakeholders which a questionnaire session for all the providers of ALA's (ALA organizers - ALA venues- ALA venues / organizers - ALA facilitators / presenters etc) and another questionnaire for all the working group members present (FAMC -WC -AV Council -ABC -BCC etc)

Tabulated results of the Questionnaires have been sent to all stakeholders

Second step: do a more detailed sample survey of a spectrum of diverse ALA providers

- Guidelines for Implementation
- Suggest a Framework for a Coordinative platform that represents the needs of the stakeholders, supports the growth of the entire sector to enable it to grow its contributions to Auroville

In this context we have to keep in mind that the Auroville economy is an interdependent matrix in which the ALA sector attracts the right kind of people (wanting to volunteer, learn, get training, do research) to Auroville that in return by their extended stays in Auroville supports the Hospitality and Retail sector of Auroville and become positive ambassadors for Auroville in their places of origin.

Warmly,
AVCouncil

**TDC/L'AVENIR FINANCIAL REPORT
1st April-31st March 2016**

The total expenses incurred by L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC from April 1st 2015 to March 31st 2016 corresponds to 72,53,090/- (72.53 lakhs). The income received in this period is the following: 48.68 lakhs from GOI grant, 7.16 lakhs from City Service, 0.55 lakhs project contribution, 2.68 from Stichting de Zaaier for Solid Waste Management, 0.24 lakhs other donations & 39.69 lakhs is the reserve from the previous years.

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

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

Human resources	50.84
Topographical surveys	0.51
Capital expenses	3.98
ACUR expenses	4.35
Running costs	11.03
Travel & visits	1.82
TOTAL	72.53

Human Resources represent the major share of expenses for an amount of 50.84 lakhs. This category includes Aurovilians on maintenance as per existing guidelines, external staff, consultants and volunteers. There are also Aurovilians who work part-time or full-time in L'avenir without receiving any maintenance and they are not accounted.

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

Table 2: L'avenir d'Auroville Human Resources 2015-16 (cost in Lakhs)

Categories under Human Resources	Cost
Maintenance of Aurovilians (17 full-time and 4 part-time)	21.66
External staff	10.13
AV & External Consultants	17.92
Volunteers	1.13
Total Human Resources	50.84

Consultants represent an important component of the costs incurred under Human Resources. Some of them are working on a retainer basis for infrastructure (roads and electricity) or for providing engineering services on a regular basis. Others are engaged for specific projects. Major project expenses for consultants in this period are related to preparation of the Detailed Development Plan, Waste Water Treatment for Residential Zone, Road engineering, Surface Water Management, Electricity Master Plan, and Land use. Costs under "Consultants" include external professionals (14.98 lakh) as well as Auroville registered units (2.94 lakh). A project on land use and mapping is undertaken by an Auroville unit without professional charges but on honorary/cost basis.

A large part of the Aurovilian staff is engaged in technical services and land use (GIS and mapping). The details of the staff are given in the annexure below.

ANNEXURE: HUMAN RESOURCE L'AVENIR D'AUROVILLE/TDC

Maintenance of Aurovilians

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

b. Auroville Technical Staff:

- o The following members has received a full-time maintenance (Rs 16,230/-) for the following functions:
- **Ms. Deoyani**, GIS and land use (April 15-Mar'16)
- **Mr. Vinayagamurthy**, GIS (April'15-Mar'16)
- **Mr. Anbu**, Survey and Mapping (April'15-Mar'16)
- **Mr. Ramesh**, Water monitoring project (April15-Mar'16)
- **Mr. Boobalan**, Site supervision, land protection, asset survey (April'15-Mar'16)
- **Mr. Anand**, Physical Asset survey (April'15)
- **Mr. Manu G**, Special Housing Project Sacred Grove (April'15-Mar'16)
- **Mr. Paul Vincent**, Land protection (April'15-Mar'16)
- **Mr. Dheena**, Accounting and reporting (April'15-Mar'16)
- **Ms. Lata**, Coordination of Technical Planning Office (April'15-Aug'15)
- **Ms. Anita**, Technical Planning Office (April'15-Aug'15)
- **Mr. Tom**, Planning & implementation of water related projects (April'15-Mar'16)
- **Mr. Subramaniam**, Asset survey and village development (April'15-Oct'15)
- **Mr. Jacques**, Attached to LCC - Land matter (April15)
- **Mrs. Jana**, Regional Planning (April'15-May-July-Sept'15)

- **Ms. Vallideivanai @ Meera**, WAT Consultancy & Engineering (Feb'16-Mar'16)
 - o The following staff has received a part-time maintenance:
 - **Mr. Rik**, GIS and mapping (6000/- Apri'15-Mar'16)
 - **Ms. Divya**, Part-time Secretary (10155/- April'15-Mar'16)
 - **Mrs. Uma**, Part-time Secretary (5825/- Sept'15-Mar'16)
 - **Ms. Gillian**, Part-time coordinator (8115) for Solid Waste Management (Feb'16-Mar'16)

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

External Staff

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

- o **Mrs. Vijayavalli**, part-time secretary and building application, 8,628/- per month including school allowance + social security and social benefits (April'15-Mar'16).
- o **Mr. Karthikeyan**, attached to the Auroville Foundation Office 20,000/- per month from April 2015 to December 2015 and 23,000/- from January 2016 to March 2016 + social security and social benefits.
- o **Mr. Manikandan**, amount paid 32,940/- per month as electrical engineer working on infrastructure (April'15-Mar'16) + social security and social benefits.
- o **Mrs. Priya**, Secretary: amount paid 4,320/- per month from April '15 to June'15 part time and 8,640/- paid per month full time from July'15 -Mar'16 + social security and social benefits.
- o **Mrs. Uma**, Secretary part-time: amount paid 3,920 per month from April'15-Aug'15

Consultants

The following units/consultants have been employed during 2015-2016:

External Consultants:

- o **Mr. Balamurugan** consulting fees amount paid 3.65 for Bommayarpalayam panchayat village development work.
- o **Mr. Govind** amount paid 1.80 lakh retainer fees as a quantity engineer for Work Allocation Team and other projects evaluation.
- o **Mrs. Reha** (technical planning office) amount paid 0.12 lakhs for updating Auroville Master Plan model work between 8th June'15 to 9th July'15.
- o **Mrs. Deepika** (technical planning office) amount paid 0.70 lakhs for updating Auroville Master Plan from April'15 to July'15
- o **Mr. Faraaz** (technical planning office) amount paid 0.48 lakhs for making working models for communication and presentation from April'15-July'15.
- o **Mr. Luis Feduchi team (2 persons, including Ms. Kaja Delezuch)** amount paid 8.00 lakh for Urban Design in the sector 1 and 2 of the Residential Zone and land development unit annex. The payment cover the total and final cost met in this financial year (5.5 lakh) plus an amount pending from the previous years (2.5 lakh).
- o **Mr. David Stein:** (external professional): amount paid 0.23 lakhs for Village development project in Bommayarpalayam and Green Belt Master Plan work

Auroville Units:

- o **Auroville Wind System:** amount paid 2.15 lakhs for road design.
- o **Auroville Road Service** amount paid 0.09 for Solar Kitchen parking maintenance work.
- o **Aqua Engineers** amount paid 0.72 for Residential Zone Waste Water Treatment Plan for draftsman work.

ACUR costs:

The TDC occupies 202 square meters in the Town Hall, one full wing on the second floor and shares part of the other wing and

the library. The cost for the maintenance of this space is 35,000/- per month covers the following:

- Security 24 hrs
- Maintenance, repair and cleaning of the office
- Maintenance of office furniture and equipment, hardware and software
- Electricity & generator (diesel and maintenance) & UPS maintenance.
- Water
- Internet access and hardware/software assistance
- Waste disposal
- Maintenance of Town Hall Garden

In addition, the TDC has contributed to ACUR a one-time amount of 15,000/- for the annual tour of Town Hall staffs & workers.

Miscellaneous Costs

- Travel and visits are mainly cost for :

Travelling to Ahmadabad to meet the Chairman of TDC (various trips 1 member in September 2015; 4 persons in October 2015; (1,82,324 Rs); 2 persons in January 2016. Local trips especially to Chennai, Vanur and Villupuram to meet government officers, Taxis for WAT meeting and other allowances etc. amount to Rs 1,77,618/-

- Other major office expenses are:

- Computer maintenance & stationeries (2,51,179/-)
- Telephone & internet (1,17,086/- x 4 lines).
- Capital expenses: are related to computer systems, Scanner and software with high configuration and Internal HDD Backup Disk (1,65,366/-), GIS data collector equipment (54,945/-), water monitoring related equipment's, rain gauge etc. (50,595/-), CSEB construction equipment (1,27,252/-)

For further information concerning this report, please contact avenir@auroville.org.in

FOREST GROUP MEETING: 6TH MAY 2016 IN NEW LANDS

Chair: Dominik

Note-taker: Malvika (Fertile)

Present: Diego, Krishan, G. Venkatesh, Shivaraj, Malvika, Guy, Iyanar, Hans, Clapton, Iraguha, Mani, Aurore, Philipp, Quentin, Georg, Jean Marc, Aravinda, Jasmin, Satyaaji, Theirry, Madhu, David, Jeremy, Tine, Sandeep, Christoph, Dominik, Kannyappan, Rita, D. Segar, P. Elumani, Bee, Sri, Jana, Regina

1. Kaniyappan informed FG about 2 plots of land acquired in the Greenbelt, 0.65 cents near Revelation (donated by Aravinda and Jasmin), and 1.6 acres adjacent to Fertile Field.
2. Kannyappan: The Forest Group has received and approved a building application from the stewards of Pitchandikulam Forest for a temporary, wooden structure to serve as simple accommodation for visitors from Findhorn and other GEN (Global Ecovillage Network) guests visiting Auroville. Details will be submitted in the usual format to the TDC by the Pitchandikulam team.
3. Christoph: Housing Service emailed the FG in regard to clearing a plot behind Victory which is to be developed. In the light of the Kalpana tree felling, Housing Service asked FG if there was a softer option to clearing the land than with a JCB. FG appreciates being consulted on this and hopes this to become a regular process. The plot is in the city area and any concern with trees can be handled by FG. Christoph offers to

be the contact person for Housing Service and TDC for clearing this plot.

Decision: Christoph to be the contact person for HS and TDC for clearing this plot.

4. Tine raised the following concerns about protecting the Green Belt:

"FG should be aware that in general energy and funds will be channelled automatically towards city development often to the detrimental of the greenbelt. Already the greenbelt suffers and will suffer more if this trend will not be reversed. It is a natural development because more and more people will live in the residential sector I and II and they will greatly outnumber the green workers. So in groups and voting the green workers will see themselves in the minority. The green workers have to make their own green plan for Auroville and make sure that they are sufficiently represented in the relevant groups. FG needs to take a broader look. It is important that neighbours work together especially in issues of access for outside constructions.

Problem with construction lorries accessing privately owned land through AV land via Nilatangam/ Aurogreen/ 2 Banyans. In order to help the stewards FAMC could be involved."

Decision: Tine as new Forest Group secretary, to take notes, to attend meetings regularly; to support David in FAMC and to follow up developments.

5. Clapton requested wood donations for caretaker round house in the African Pavilion. They will design the building according to the materials that are donated. They will email Landboard specifying what kind and how much, some discount may be available and/or various foresters may be able to donate what they can.
 6. Satyaaji/ Thierry: Meadow: proposal for access. A stretch of road will be open at the north of Gaia for big lorries, so they don't pass too close to the Gaia's bore well. The gate will be shifted behind the Didier's house. Proposal accepted. Satyaaji will build a house in the trees. Thierry and Madhu will build a yurt. Jean Marc will oversee building work; only clearing and making level; no JCB; removable foundation, no cement.
 7. Aravind and Jasmin will build a demountable in the forest part of Aurogreen. Thanks to all for their efforts in helping them!
 8. Jana and Jan request to become the stewards for the cashew tope land purchased behind Fertile Field. They will send a mail to FAMC and David with their request, Diego will also send a supporting mail.
 9. Guy and Malvika discussed their building application for a demountable family house in north Fertile. They will email the application details to FG. They can submit site and building application at the same time as it's for a demountable house.
 10. Rita: wishes to join interim group of TDC.
 11. Iyanar inquired about his application for stewardship for 3 plots that was agreed at last FG meeting. He will ask Rishi to forward his email to L'Avenir and FAMC to FG, Tine will follow it up.
- Request to be added to mailing list: Jana, Malvika, Guy, Tine. Thank you Philipp and Georg for hosting us!
- Next meeting in Samriddhi Friday 3rd June 3pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the News team

The News and Notes team will take a two-week break from Monday the 16th of May until Sunday the 29th of May; therefore there will be no News issued on Saturday the 21stst of May and 28th of May. Next issue will come out on the 4th of June. Please send your announcements accordingly, thanks.

TO ALL AUROVILLE FOREIGN RESIDENTS AND NEWCOMERS

We have been asked if foreign nationals can live and work outside Auroville while holding a visa issued for Auroville.

The answer is 'no'. This is a violation of the Auroville visa policy, which states that visas are issued to people to live in and work for Auroville. Doing otherwise will result in the withdrawal of the visa, eviction from India and, possibly, blacklisting of the individual, which means that the person cannot come back into India.

Foreign nationals who have an Auroville visa can only work outside Auroville while working for an Auroville unit or project. In such a case, the agreement is entered into between the Auroville unit or project and the outside company, and all payments are made by the outside company to the Auroville unit, not to the individual.

The Working Committee

TAMIL ELECTION DAY: 16 MAY. ALL UNITS ARE TO CLOSE FOR THE DAY

Dear Friends,

The Legislative assembly election of Tamil Nadu will be held on Monday, 16th May 2016. It is mandatory that all units and services of Auroville are closed as per government rules.

The Working Committee

OFFICIAL PROCEDURE TO REACH OUT AVF

Dear community,

We wish to remind residents that any requests to the Auroville Foundation office must go through the relevant working groups of Auroville before they are submitted. The Auroville Foundation does not process requests unless they have gone through the official procedure.

For matters of visas and passports, the relevant working groups are the Entry and the Residents' Service. For matters of certificates of special endorsements (non-Aurovilian spouse, income, maintenance, etc), the relevant working group is the Working Committee

Thank you for your attention,

The Working Committee

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL AUROVILIANS WHO HAVE GUESTS

For legal reasons, it is essential that ALL guests who stay in Auroville are properly registered (YES, even if they only stay one night! YES, even during the empty summer months! YES, even if they stay in a private residence! YES, even if they are Indian nationals!)

Please note that the **Visitors Centre** Accommodation and Registration Office is open Monday to Saturday from 9:30 am-12:30 pm and 2:00-5:00 pm and on Sunday from 9:30 am-12:30 pm.

The **Town Hall** registration desk will be closed until mid-June, we will announce the reopening.

We also want to remind Aurovilians, when they make **house sitting** arrangements with guests, to please inform them about the contribution of Rs 150 per person, per day towards Auroville's collective infrastructure and services, which they should take care of at Financial Services.

Wishing everyone a happy summer,
Guest Facilities Coordination Group

POLICE ARREST

Dear community,

With regards to our previous note concerning French national Dimitri Guyard, we announce that he has been arrested by the police. We thank everyone who has stepped forward to assist and want to emphasise that this matter is not being dealt with by Auroville but by the French and Indian authorities.

Sincerely,

The Working Committee

REMINDER FOR NOMINATION OF 7 CANDIDATES MAX FOR THE INTERIM TDC

The Auroville Council and the Working Committee have decided to strengthen the existing TDC with an additional 5-7 interim members.

Interim members will be a mix of part time and full time, representing skills of administration, organisation, management, communication, finance, architecture/ planning and bioregional work.

New or any present member should not have any conflict of interest in the decisions to be taken by l'Avenir d'Auroville - TDC.

The Auroville Council invites all Aurovilians to propose 7 names maximum. The deadline for nomination is May 18th, 2016.

The interim members will be chosen by the Auroville Council and the Working Committee through consensus from the list of names received from the community.

Please send your nominations to avcoffice@auroville.org.in with a short description of the reasoning for your choices.

Thanks for your participation,

The AVCouncil and the Working Committee

NEW SOLAR KITCHEN RATES

Dear Community, following a discussion with the solar kitchen team - to keep up with the increasing food cost new rates have been decided for the Solar Kitchen which will be implemented from 1 June 2016. Kindly find below the table showing the old and the new rates.

Solar Kitchen Rates		Old Rates	New Rates
Lunch	Individuals - Monthly	₹ 1,430.00	₹ 1,570.00
	Students	₹ 1,320.00	₹ 1,450.00
	Individuals -Daily	₹ 90.00	₹ 95.00
	Children - Daily	₹ 50.00	₹ 55.00
	Guests - Daily	₹ 200.00	₹ 200.00
	Sunday Lunch	₹ 130.00	₹ 145.00
	Sunday Lunch - Children	₹ 75.00	₹ 80.00
	Sunday Lunch Guest	₹ 210.00	₹ 210.00
Dinner	Individuals - Monthly	₹ 1,430.00	₹ 1,570.00
	Individuals - Daily	₹ 90.00	₹ 95.00
	Guests	₹ 165.00	₹ 180.00
Sports	Children	₹ 20,000.00	₹ 22,000.00

Thanking you.

Sincerely,

BCC



G E R M A N Y = The annual meeting of AVI Germany, just now held in Christianopolis near Bonn/Cologne, finished on Sunday 8 May and Friederike found the time to send this short report:

This year the meeting saw an exceptionally high number of participants - 95 people gathered from all parts of Germany. Among them was the new group of Weltwaerts volunteers ready to start their service in Auroville in August, as well as quite a large group of ex-volunteers who like to remain in contact with Auroville and AVI. The meeting programme focused on Auroville's 50th anniversary and the AVI contribution towards it. A lot of creative ideas were developed, along with offers to help in the preparation and organisation of events. Aurovilian Gij's presentation on [UnLtd Tamil Nadu](#) was very well received and also inspired the audience to develop ideas on how to support this great initiative. The 'Report from Auroville', a yearly recurring topic at these meetings, this time highlighted, among other things, recent developments in the International Zone, activities of 'YouthLink' and of the Campus Initiative with its 'Joy of Learning' programme, as well as the various undertakings of the Auroville Consulting team. Altogether it mirrored the impression, which was brought back from this year's international AVI meeting, that there is a fresh, 'young' wind energising groups and structures of Auroville.

L U X E M B O U R G = Sonny Benoit, our AVI representative in the country, continues to maintain contact with [Mr Claude Turmes](#), member of the European Parliament for Luxembourg's Green Party. Mr Turmes is interested in following up on a preliminary European House in Auroville's International Zone; contact has been made between him and the International Zone team, and funding and other details are being discussed.

F R A N C E = The AVI France team will hold another **Café Auroville** session in Atelier Fil Rouge on Saturday 21st of this month, this time under the theme of 'What kind of economy for Auroville?' Also here, a special guest will be Aurovilian Gij's Spoor, who'll present his [UnLtd Tamil Nadu](#) and its development in and around Auroville. On 28 May the Centre will conduct its **day-long General Assembly**, also in Fil Rouge. After a film on Auroville and general updates regarding the work of AVI France in the morning and a potluck lunch in the Atelier itself, an 'Emergence Café' will be held in the afternoon focusing on the fifty years of Auroville. At the end of the afternoon, [Ms Bang Hai Ja](#), the renowned Korean painter who also visited Auroville in January this year, will present her work through her 'Song of Light' film. The day will end in style with a Hindustani concert by [Indrani Mukherjee \(vocals\)](#) and [Apurba Mukherjee \(tabla\)](#) who happen to be in Paris at the time while touring France. For registration and/or further information, contact aurovilleinternationalfr@gmail.com/

U S A = Although it isn't a specific AVI USA event, the team invites us all to the annual **All USA Meeting (AUM)** that takes this year place in Lodi, California from 30 June 30 - 4 July. A keynote speaker will be **Francis Rothluebber**, who produced the extraordinary documentary '[Auroville: City of the Dawn](#)' some 6 years ago. IAC & AVIUSA Board member **Julian Lines** will highlight the '[Acres for Auroville](#)' programmes and speak on the history of the Integral Yoga in USA, while **Aurelio** and **Aviram** will present Auroville. Some work scholarships are available on a first-come basis. See the [AUM website](#) for more details. For all AVI matters, contact vani@auroville.org.in. This column is maintained by mauna@auroville.org.in

Matrimandir Closed For Maintenance

This is to inform all that the Matrimandir will remain closed to visitors from Monday 16th to Saturday 21st May for urgent repair and maintenance work.

Please note that Matrimandir will also remain closed on Children's Day, Tuesday 17th.

The Booking Services:

1. by phone (0413 2622204, daily 10 to 11.30 am except Tuesdays) and
2. the Booking Office at the Visitors Centre (daily 10 to 11 am and 2 to 3 pm except Tuesdays)

remain closed from **Sunday 15.5.2016 to Friday 20.5.2016.**

Both booking services re-open on Saturday 21st and the Matrimandir from Sunday 22nd. The Viewing Point remains open as usual for visitors and tourists.

Aurovilians may access the Inner Chamber for concentration from 6 to 8 am and from 4.30 to 8 pm, provided they do not mind sitting amongst scaffolding, pipes, covers etc.

We regret very much the inconvenience.

The Matrimandir Team

Summer Program For Children

The teachers of Auroville Kindergartens invite all children, **age 4 to 7** (but not Yellow and Jallam groups) three times a week for games, crafts, blocks and swimming pool (bring a swimsuit in synthetic material)

- on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 12
- at Kindergarten (Center Field) from Wednesday 18th of May until the 27th of May
- at Nandanam Kindergarten from the 30th of May until the 10th of June.

There will be no school bus and no lunch. The teachers will not be responsible for the children after 12 o'clock, so please pick up your child on time.

No Accessible Public Bus on 16th and 19th May

Accessible Auroville Public Bus will not function, 2 days on next week due to Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry States public elections.

16.05.2016 - Election day

19.05.2016 - Election Result day

Sorry for the Inconveniences.

Thank you

Raju for Accessible Auroville Public Bus

PY Dump Issue- It's Over! Case Closed.

(see full article on Auronet:

<https://www.auroville.org.in/article/57298>)

For several years the Pondicherry Municipal Dump site (located South of Forecomers/ Botanical gardens) was burning during these summer months! As over 30+ tons of unsegregated waste and plastic smoke drenched our air. This unfortunately is the situation the citizens around Kurumbapet (Govt Vet Hospital, Ousteri side) are now suffering as the waste has been shifted to this planned site however rules and regulations are not being applied at the new (2013?) SWM site

Background:

An adhoc group formed over the urge for action and took up the prior work done by others on the same issue earlier in 09 (Regina, Clementina etc). We had meetings with the officials to

encourage better SWM practices (with the enthusiastic help, support and facilitation by our dear Ajit K of INTACH). Our main aim was to stem the actual burning and smoke. After trying several efforts in partnership with the Local Administrative Dept.(LAD) of Pondy to help reduce the waste on site, introduction to a company (Murugappam Indstry.) with minor success who was to bio-mine the site and sift it for its compost (as specified by GOI Rules).

Finally a partnered petition from the residents of the surrounding areas (Morattandi to Sanjeevinagar etc), resulted in a PIL (Public Interest Litigation), based on 'the right to clean air' filed with the National Green Tribunal (NGT) in Chennai.

We prepared for the upcoming and constantly delayed, court dates with reports by experts as well as soil and water analysis of heavy metals- (we thank each and every one of you for your financial and energy to support and helped us pay for the many expenses involved throughout! - Thank ALL you very much!

April 5th 2016

To Frederick, Renu, Angad, Bindu, Ribhu, Navroz

Dear all,

Am happy to report that the Application No. 13 of 2012 has been disposed off with directions by the NGT bench.

A report was filed today before the NGT by the Pondicherry authorities citing that the site had been cleared and water test results showing that Water was clean and all results were within "prescribed parameters except for Total Dissolved Solids." The report actually showed the presence of higher TDS and also water hardness clearing making the water non-potable. I also mentioned that no soil sample was sent for testing.

The report also contained two pictures of a cleared portion of the site.

I objected to the report that there were inherent inconsistencies and that the presence of plastic materials and other inert materials including glass and ceramics voids the claim that the site has been cleared. I also showed our photographs showing mounds of garbage at the site.

On my urging the Court has passed an order directing complete clearance of the site within a period of 8 weeks and also carrying out of suitable afforestation at the site.

The petition relating to the Kurumbapet site filed by PEPA will continue before the NGT.

I will hand over copy of the order as soon as I receive it.

Regards,

Suchindran B.N.(Advocate)

PS: We began this process with long time AV friend and advocate, Mr. Mohan but later we were advised by him to change council,

so we selected Mr. Suchin (Mr. N. Balabaskar's son), who successfully carried out his duties to our satisfaction and our communities relief in one of the longest standing cases at the NGT!

We would like to once again thank each one of you that has supported us financially either with recurring transfers and donations large and small to the **Pondy Garbage Control 251089** account.

Your contributions paid for lab tests, consultants' fees, and misc. travel and printing costs. So far we have been successful in covering all these costs and we continue to rely on your generosity and support. We are equally grateful to all the members that have helped spontaneously in so many different ways us over the many long years since we started in 2012. Accounts will be published and updated shortly.

Thank you, Merci and Nandri!

For Pondy Garbage Control; Angad, Renu, Fred, Bindu, Navroz, Gunasekaran, Sathiya Seelan, Sathyamurthi, Ribhu, with the invaluable help of ; (Ajit K, RIP), INTACH, PondyCAN etc, and each and every one of you that cared, cares and will continue to care about municipal waste!

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/groups/107380212009/ continues to share information related to SWM and recycling and littering.

Eco Service, Garbology, Auralice, Akash K, Gillian, Garbage Task Force, LFA and others have all in some way contributed in our joined efforts on waste. *Thanks!*

Safety and Night Swim at La Piscine

There have been numerous incidences at La Piscine, at night when the pool is closed, where people jump over the compound wall to swim, sometimes vandalizing the place and often leaving beer bottles, cigarette butts, food wrappers and clothing on the deck or in the water.

The garbage is annoying but this is ultimately a problem of SAFETY!!! Unsupervised mixture of alcohol and pool water is a risky combination.

In response to these potentially dangerous intrusions, La Piscine Team will announce and ban any child, teenager or adult from using the pool for one month as a consequence of entering the compound outside of opening hours.

We are also considering keeping the pool open until 8pm every evening from March till August if there are enough regular swimmers who would take advantage of the extra hour at night.

Please sign the sheet at the reception or send us an email to lapiscine@auroville.org.in if you would like to see this happen:

We are in the process of installing surveillance cameras which will run day and night....hopefully with a webcam so that everyone can at anytime see the status of the pool, crowded or quiet, or to watch your children during their school swim classes....

Swim safe and enjoy!

La Piscine Team

POSTINGS

A personal message from Cristo:

Dear Friends, Those people who take care of my physical needs informed me that they met many who are wondering how I am doing and if I can be visited. The illness is yet stabilized and the kidneys seems not to degrade further for the time being. A friend has lent me a second hand car and since a week I can once a week go out and do some purchases. Also I work again from home for TDC/Avenir on Regional Development. This keeps me busy. I still need to wear a protection mask and I must avoid crowded places, etc. Of course, no one who is suffering from a

transmittable disease should come to visit. Otherwise all are welcomed to meet me by calling in advance at 2622356 or sending a mail to cjm@auroville.org.in. My best wishes to everybody. Take care, -Cristo-

Aurosoya closed for summer break May 15th to June 1st

Hello Everyone, This is to inform you that Aurosoya will be closed from the 15 th of May to 1st of June for our yearly summer holidays. Please call us to place your orders before.

Wishing you all a happy summer
from the Aurosoya team.

AVAILABLE

Refrigerator

Frost-free double-door refrigerator Whirlpool Neo FR258 Roy, color wine adonis, 8 month old. Perfect condition with warranty. For sale due to converting to solar power. Contact: *Daniel* 9843318884 da@auroville.org.in

Organic Vegan Products

Dear Friends

Our last production of Cashew cheeses, Hummus and Choco Mousse will be available in Farm Fresh, Hers and PTPS till May the 23rd. Throughout the Summer, you'll still find our 100% organic Basil and Arrabbiata Pasta sauces as well as a spicy Tex-Mex Salsa in Farm Fresh, Food Link and Hers Supermarket.

Happy Summer!

The Vegan Essence Team

HP Printer

Second hand, hardly used, HP 1020 Plus laser printer available. Not used by second owner due to incompatibility with laptop. If interested, please contact *Tineke* (2622.216) or by email: tineke@auroville.org.in

Apple Mac Book Air

MJVE2HN/A (Core i5 /4GB / 128GB. 13 inch Laptop. OS X Yosemite / Intel HD 6000). Brand New!! Please contact nihongochiekita@gmail.com . *Chieko*

A complete set of Restaurant used products

FOR SALE: Stainless steel Gas woven with registered 2 commercial cylinder, bottles, teakwood bench and marble top tables, Fridge, and all used and non-used vessels Contact: *Jainto* 7639311656 or *Jayamoorthi* 9047015812

LOOKING FOR ...

Green Sour Mangoes

Dear community, mango season is coming up and it is the perfect time for us to start with our mango pickle. We are looking for green sour mangoes. If you happen to have a lot, feel free to bring us a sample to Naturellement, so that we can see if they are good for our need and hopefully get them from you.

Naturellement team

Colour Newspapers

Dear All,

as the holidays started and we are still here with my small daughters, we are looking for some old colour newspapers to manage an art workshop together. If you have them in your home and can share for our fun, please call or write email: +91 9786401213, dorotavolkov@gmail.com THANK YOU! *Dorota*

LOST & FOUND

Reading Glasses (Found)

Small size view glasses (female or children) found in the road between Matrimandir and Gaia, Friday night 6th of May. Collect them from Town Hall Reception Desk. *Marie*

THANK YOU

Thanks From Cristo

To All,

In the last 6 months many people have come forward to help me in this difficult time.

I hope I'll not forget anyone here...

Girvani, Samata & Aurore who took care of food & medical supplies. Jan from Sabaki workshop for the bedside table he made so I can work despite all odds and for which he would not accept payment. Aquadyn who offered to supply dynamized water for free and send every week new supplies. All the personal at Santé Health Center, for sending nurses at home when necessary. Pierre Satsanga for lending a car as I cannot drive 2 wheelers anymore. Jacques V. for the home dental care. Claude VL for bringing in movies. Ganesh Bakery, for backing a specially unsalted bread every week. Those friends & colleagues who visited at the hospital and then at home. My neighbor Nathalie for arranging the domestic help. Natacha & Margaud for the Shiatsu treatment at home. Rita for the treatment at Quiet. Surya and the team for taking care of the Aikido Dojo. And to everybody who cared in one way or another.

With Love,
Cristo-

A Big Heartfelt Thanks!!!



Kulappalayam Cultural Centre - Summer camp 2016, was successfully completed!

Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude go to Maroma, Aquadyn, PTPS, Omega, Aurelec, Naturellement, Auro Amirtham, Auro cabs, Mason & co, Natraj Sweets, Tanto, Roma's Kitchen, Roma's Bistro, La Ferme Cheese, Pitchandikkulam Forest, Dawn - Arya, Solid waste management team, and to all our friends, teachers, German Weltwaurts volunteers and whoever supported us in kind through materials and supplies. Thank you so much for making it possible and successful for this year.

Selva and Hari for the KCC

A P P E A L

SOLAR PANELS FOR ELUCIOLE CIRCUS

Looking urgently for 1 to 3 used yet functional solar panels!
If you have standing around some unused solar panels, we would be very happy to pick them up.
We REALLY need to support our existing system for our home and Eluciole Circus
(www.facebook.com/eluciole.circus).

Thanks you for letting us know.
With love and Gratitude
Kalou for Eluciole Circus
9787332791

A C C O M M O D A T I O N S A V A I L A B L E A N D N E E D E D

House Sitter..1

I am looking for someone for my house in Quiet and animals from 26th May to 4th July. If you are interested please SMS 9488483286 or write to shahnandi@gmail.com
Nandita

House Sitter..2

We are looking for a single person or couple for our beautiful house with pets (one old dog, 2 cats and five chicken) and garden from end of Mai until September. The house is in Arya Community which is near to New Creation field. Please call Rita: 8940878665.
Warmly
Rita

T A X I S H A R I N G

May 19th: Arrival in Chennai Airport Thursday, the 19th. at 8:50am : If you want to share a taxi, pay one way, please contact Magali magali.adalios@orange.fr or call Lieve 9159281631

May 20th: from Auroville to Chennai airport, starting at 4pm. (can start before 3-4 hours). Please write to vsganesh777@gmail.com or call me at 0413 2623 089, 9344639707. Thank you, Svetlana

May 21th: from Auroville to Chennai airport, starting at 11.30 pm (can start 3-4 hours earlier). Please write to vsganesh777@gmail.com or call me at 0413 2623 089, 9843188258. Thank you, Vladimir

May 24th: Leaving Auroville on Tuesday 24th at 3pm to Chennai Airport. Happy to share, either way. Please call or SMS +919487913904, thank you. Monique

May 25th: Taxi to share from Auroville to Chennai airport 25th May around 5am. Either share to airport or share the entire taxi for return trip after 9am from Airport. Contact: ibrahim13@gmail.com. Ibrahim

May 26th: I leave for Chennai airport on the 26th May at around 10 am. If you are going around the same time or would like a share back that afternoon or evening with the same taxi, please do get in touch. shahnandi@gmail.com or SMS 9488483286
Nandita, Quiet

June 4th: A cab will leave AV at 6.30am in the morning to reach Chennai airport by 10am. We will take this car at Chennai airport at 10.30am to come to AV. For sharing the taxi (way from AV to Chennai airport only, it could also leave earlier) please call Stefan 9650826622 or email stefangebert@gmail.com

W O R K O P P O R T U N I T I E S

JOB for Gardener @ House in Auromodele.

Half day work for all afternoons. Contact: Anand 9944904845

Half/Part Time Amma

to do house work, preferably 3 or 4 full days. Please contact Srimoyi 2622307 or 9626915199. Thank you, Srimoyi

H E A L T H

SANTÉ WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, 16TH OF MAY, 2016 FOR GENERAL TAMIL NADU ELECTIONS

and ON MONDAY 23RD OF MAY FOR TOUR

We also would like to inform you that for the next two weeks, beginning from Thursday, 12th of May, 2016, Santé will be without a General Practitioner (Dr. Igor or Dr. Ruslan).

The nurses will be available for nursing duties and lab samples every morning as usual, except MONDAY, 23rd May 2016, when Santé will stay closed for their annual outing. ☺

SPORTS

LIGHT GYMNASTIC CLASS (change of timing)

"Let's come together sharing the joy of movements"
Especially for seniors but all are welcomed.

- stretching and joint mobilisation (chairs are available)to increase flexibility and vitality
 - brain gym for better concentration and memory
 - exercises to strengthen balance
 - pranayama to harmonize our energy flow, calm our mind, leading to self-connection
- Place: **Arka**. Wheel chair accessible (elevator started operating)

Time: every Wednesday 10 am to 11 am (please note the change of timing)

Free transport service available which can be booked with Friederike: 99 43 24 73 26

DEHASHAKTI GYM CLOSED FOR CLEAN-UP:

Please note that for a total clean-up we will keep the Gym closed from 16th May to 20th May. There will be NO CLASSES for Body Building nor Mixed Martial Arts for these days.

Thank you,
Dehashakti Gym Team

EATING OUT



LE MORGAN CAFÉ WILL BE CLOSED FOR A SUMMER BREAK

For 2 weeks, from the 8th of May, until the 23rd of May.



NATURELLEMENT & *The Garden Café*

CLOSED FOR ELECTION DAY

We would like to inform the community that both Naturellement and the Garden Café will be closed on Monday the 16th due to election.

We apologise for the inconvenience.

We hope to see you in the following days!

Naturellement team

<http://www.naturellement.in/>

SOLAR KITCHEN AND LA TERRACE **CLOSED ON ELECTION DAY**

On Tamil Nadu Election Day, Monday 16.05.2016 Solar Kitchen and La Terrace remain closed.

Notes

Best wishes for Shanti in Pims

We wish you all a prompt recovery and are sending lots of love and care for fast healing.

Shanti Shanti,

Your Auroville Sisters and Brothers

For all Aurovilians

I want to offer the following poem to you, written by *Meenakshi* from Auroville: "Auroville the Ganga" (Translated from the original Tamil)
With lots of Love for everybody,
GangaLakshmi (Savitri Bhavan - House of Mother's Agenda)

AUROVILLE THE GANGA

(Among the peaks of the Himalayas in a small remote corner, source of the river Ganges)

Yes
Once before
You were born in Manasarover:
Once again
You were born in the heart
of Sri Aurobindo
and brought up at the lap
of the Mother
who stands high as Himalayas,
fragrant with dew of white
flowers.

Auroville The Ganga!

Bhagiratha
desiring your presence on
earth
O Ganga,
performed a mighty tapasya.

Yes
We are all Bhagirathas:
We are a new Bhagiratha.
Do you understand
the severe tapasya
We perform to bring you
to earth, Auroville Ganga?

Auroville the TRIVENI!

The fountain of this soil
mingles three waters:
Ground Stream of the Land,
Salt-sweat of all humanity's
hard labouring bodies
and showers from above.
The gods who watch
mingle their waters
ever fresh in you,
Ever-living and growing river.

Auroville the GANGA
You are the first
among rivers leading
and among poems
a new poem, universal.
Beginning in a small corner
you will spread widening
like the sound of AUM.

Auroville The GANGA!

Everything is there
existing in you,
what else is there?
Upon your banks
the fertile soil
of many lands new-greening,
air-roots of the Banyan.
On the surface of your waters
floating flowers honeyed.

Eagerly the birds
from everywhere come flying
to see your dear face.

Auroville the GANGA!

The great souls
chanting and diving deep
in you
dissolve their separation.

O. Mahamukthi
from where did you learn
this art of elements
that cleanse our lives?

SATYA GANGA!
Purifying
let me breathe you always.
let me put this burning
self in you.

Let me be Thee
Let me be Thee

Meenakshi

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

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

From 6.00 to 6.30 pm (weather permitting)

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

Reminder to all:

The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such.

We request everyone: please do not to use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos there.

Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 to 6.30 pm.

Please be seated by 5.55 pm

Amphitheatre Team

TALKS, SEMINARS

Talk and Question & Answer Session on Women's and Children's Health and Well-being

Women and children have unique health needs. Along with routine health of women of all ages, there are situations requiring special attention such as reproductive, pre-menopausal, menopausal and age related health needs. Children have complex health needs and vary from one child to another. These two sections of the society are in need of better health education and need opportunities for having their questions answered.

Dr. Narmada Ashok will deliver a lecture and answer questions on women's and children's health and well-being.

Date: 21.5.2016 - Time: 10:00 am at Life Education Centre (LEC) located opposite Isaiambalam School in Kotakkarai

Dr. Narmada Ashok is currently the director and consultant Pediatrician of Nalam Medical Centre and Hospital in Vellore.

She has worked in Apollo KH Hospital as a consultant Pediatrician and faculty in Christian Medical College in Vellore in the past.

Her specialties include allergy and asthma, new-born care, pediatric critical care, vaccinology and life support systems.

All are welcome!

LEC team

INVITATIONS

World Café

on Monday, 16th May 2016 at 7pm at Joy Guest House

** please note change of venue to Joy Guest House **

"Restoring Connection" - regaining our voice and finding purpose in what otherwise seems senseless...

What can we do as a community to respond constructively to pain, broken connection and loss of trust?
Join us as we explore some of the reconciliation processes being used in different parts of the world.

We are hosting a series of monthly conversations in the co-creative World Café format throughout the year 2016.
This month our focus is on the story of Shannon Moroney from Toronto, Canada.

*One day in 2005, out of the blue, Shannon opened up her hotel door to the police,
to find out that the man she loved, her husband, had committed horrendous crimes while she was away on a professional training.
What followed was a downward spiral for Shannon - she was made guilty by association, and she lost everything
- her friends, her job, her salary, her place of belonging...*

We will read excerpts from the touching story of how Shannon does her best to stay self-connected and open as the gruelling days and months and years unfold after this shocking incident.
We'll listen to how Shannon, despite the lack of support from the justice system and society around her, finds her voice, a new sense of purpose, and even restoration and healing.
After the reading, we will share our thoughts and insights, inspired by what we've heard.
At our breakout tables, we will also develop ideas of how we could restore connection in Auroville.

A program of "Restorative Auroville"

(L'aura, Janet, Shanti, Hélène and Kati)

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Chess enthusiasts!

Challenging chess evenings are reopened in Acceptance! Anyone who is interested in playing chess or only learning is warmly invited to join us playing chess every Thursday from 6 to 8 pm in Acceptance (enter white gate on the right side).

Tea and cookies will be served.

More information: matej@auroville.org.in, 8098830169. *Matej*

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother 17th May (Tuesday) • Overview with multimedia presentation

- Questions and Answers
- Practice in Daily Life
- Complimentary Concentration Exercises
- Creative Arts, Interactive Games
- Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
- Introduction to the Reference Books

Focus this week on: 'The Vision and the Way'

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

Place: Savitri Bhavan

Time: 9 am to 12 Noon

(please be present by 8.50 am for preliminary study)

Led by Ashesh Joshi (Contact: 9489147202, 04132622922)

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

English Practise and Learning about Auroville.

To understand more about Auroville and to practise English, Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers are invited to come to sessions with Patricia, Creativity.

The basic text is the orange book AUROVILLE AIMS AND IDEALS, available at AV book shops. Bring your own text, if possible.

We will organize next Tuesday 17th at Creativity Community Library 4:00 p.m. to 5:30. Look for the big tables in the open area near kitchen.

There will be a series of classes which will be according to the needs of the group. You are Welcome at anytime.

Patricia (pat@auroville.org.in)

Special classes in the warm-waterpool at Quiet Healing Center:

- Water Session for Pregnant Couples:

Tuesday, 17 May, 9-10:30 am with Appie and Ally

Enjoy a quality time of bonding in water with your partner and baby before your baby's arrival. Gift yourself and your partner an opportunity to feel nurtured, relaxed while being floated.

Please contact Ally to register, 7639318959, ally@auroville.org.in

For more info,

visit <http://quiethealingcenter.info/index.php/classes-and-events/131-water-sessions-for-pregnant-couples>.

- Babyswim and watsu-class

Wednesday 18 May, 9-10 am with Appie.

For all babies from 2-14 months with at least one parent. Bring a swim-nappy (available in la Piscine), your swimsuit and a big towel, and please be on time: I would like to start together. Welcome appie@auroville.org.in

SCHEDULES



Hatha yoga classes at Arka with Olesya

Monday & Thursday Morning 6.45am to 8.15 am
Tuesday Friday afternoon 5.00pm to 6.30pm

At Arka multi- hall

Thank you,

Arka

FILMS



At the SRI AUROBINDO AUDITORIUM - BHARAT NIVAS

Reminder: FRIDAY 13 MAY 7:30 PM

« Playtime » Directed by Jaques TATI, France/Italy, 1967

FRIDAY 20 MAY 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)
"OUT OF AFRICA"

Directed by Sydney POLLACK, USA, 1985

Cast: Meryl Streep, Robert Redford, Klaus Maria Brandauer ...

Synopsis: The film is based on the autobiographical book "Out of Africa" written by Isak Dinesen (the pseudonym of Danish author Karen Blixen), published in 1937. Karen Dinesen, a young Danish aristocrat has married Baron Blixen-Flecke for convenience's sake. In 1914, the couple moves to a plantation in Nairobi, Kenya. However, soon the Baron leaves Karen to her own devices as he returns to his womanizing and drinking. Karen comes to deeply love Africa and its people. Meanwhile Europe enters the First World War. Her long friendship with adventurer Denys Finch Hatton turns into love. But will Karen be able to keep this man who only loves his freedom? The film won 28 film awards, including seven Academy Awards. The unforgettable music score, composed and conducted by veteran English composer John Barry, includes a number of outside pieces such as Mozart's Clarinet Concerto and African traditional songs.

Original English version with English subtitles - Duration: 2h.33'.

Friday 27 MAY: "ROBIN AND MARIAN"

Directed by Richard LESTER, UK/USA 1976

Starring: Sean Connery, Audrey Hepburn, Robert Shaw, Nicol Williamson, Richard Harris...

Synopsis: Many years have passed since Robin led the fight for the poor people of Nottingham. Now he and Little John return from the crusades under the command of King Richard the Lionheart. But when Richard is accidentally slain, the mad King John assumes the throne, and Robin regroups the members of his old Sherwood Forest band. When the king orders the Sheriff of Nottingham to remove the clergy from the countryside, Robin moves swiftly into action. He rescues Maid Marian, his erstwhile love who has since become a nun, and their old flame is rekindled. But the rivalry between Robin and the Sheriff is also renewed, and now, they must prepare for their final confrontation... A good film on the end of Robin Hood with moving and handsome Sean Connery and beautiful Audrey Hepburn in great interpretations. One of R. Lester's best movies (he had directed a series on the Three Musketeers and of course "HELP" with The Beatles)

Original English version with EST. Duration: 1h.46'.

FRIDAY 3 JUNE - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

TALES OF THE NIGHT (LES CONTES DE LA NUIT)

Animated film written & directed by Michel OCELOT, France, 2011

With voices of: Julien Bérémis, Marine Griset, Michel Elias

Synopsis: Every evening, a girl, a boy and an elderly technician meet in a small cinema hall that looks abandoned, but is full of wonders. The three friends get information, create, draw, and find costumes. They enact all the stories they want in a magical night where anything is possible ... Tales of the Night weaves together six exotic fables each unfolding in a unique locale, from Tibet, to medieval Europe, to the Land of the Dead.

Original French version with English subtitles. General audience - Duration: 1h.24'. A screening in collaboration with the Embassy of France, New Delhi.



THE ECO FILM CLUB

Every Friday at Sadhana Forest.

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!!

MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT 4 weeks:

• **May 13th, Friday:**

"Six Degrees Could Change The World"

• **May 20th, Friday**

How to Grow a Planet - "Life from Light"

2012, 50 Minutes, English, Directed by Nick Shoolingin-Jordan
Geologist Ian Stewart explains in three stages of natural history the crucial interaction of our very planet's physiology and its unique wildlife. Biological evolution is largely driven by adaptation to conditions such as climate, soil and irrigation, but biotopes were also shaped by wildlife changing earth's surface and climate significantly, even disregarding human activity. This film is the first episode of the three part documentary series.

• **May 27th, Friday**

How to Grow a Planet - "The Power of Flowers"

2012, 50 Minutes, English, Directed by Nigel Walk
As a sequel in the second episode of the three part documentary series, geologist Ian Stewart explains the crucial interaction of our very planet's physiology and its unique wildlife. Biological evolution is largely driven by adaptation to conditions such as climate, soil and irrigation, but biotopes were also shaped by wildlife changing earth's surface and climate significantly, even disregarding human activity.

• **June 3rd, Friday**

How to Grow a Planet - "The Challenger"

2012, 50 Minutes, English, Directed by Nick Shoolingin-Jordan
In the concluding episode of the documentary trilogy, geologist Ian Stewart explains the crucial interaction of our very planet's physiology and its unique wildlife. Biological evolution is largely driven by adaptation to conditions such as climate, soil and irrigation, but biotopes were also shaped by wildlife changing earth's surface and climate significantly, even disregarding human activity.

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at 0413-2677682 or 2677683 or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in.

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

(No Show until May 20th)



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 16 May 2016 to 05 June 2016

Indian - Monday 16 May, 8:00 pm:

• ALIGARH

India, 2015, Dir. Hansal Mehta w/ Manoj Bajpayee, Sukesh Arora, Balaji Gauri, and others, Biography-Drama, 114mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: R (A)

Set in the city of Uttar Pradesh and based on true events, the plot revolves around Dr. Shrinivas Ramchandra Siras who taught Marathi at Aligarh Muslim University. He was sacked from his position of Reader and Chair of Modern Indian Languages, on charges of homosexuality. A sting operation was conducted by a TV channel which showed him in an embrace with a rickshaw puller, at his house inside the campus. It followed a witch-hunt what is largely a homophobic society. *A well-acted, good film that needs to be seen.*

Italian - Tuesday 17 May, 8:00 pm:

• IO SONO LI (Shun Li and the Poet)

Italia, 2011, Dir. Andrea Segre w/Tao Zhao, Rade Serbedzija, Giuseppe Battiston, Drama, 98 mins, Mandarin-Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

The story of the romantic and difficult friendship between a young immigrant Chinese woman and a fisherman of Slavic origin, on an island in the Venetian lagoon, which is undergoing a period of economic and social change. The encounter between two worlds in crisis: the world of those who have abandoned their roots and the one of those who feel their roots deeply transformed by economic growth. Relying more to poetry than to reality, these two worlds contact each other and realize that they have the same problem.

Cultural - Wednesday 18 May, 8:00 pm:

• THE SOUL OF MAN: Jazz Documentary

USA, 2003, Dir. Wim Wenders w/ Nick Cave, Garland Jeffreys, Cassandra Wilson and many others, documentary, 100min, English w/ French subtitles, Rated: NR

The soul of man is a very moving film, the second from the series "the Blues" directed by the director, which follows the exploits of three legendary blues men Skip James, Blind Willie Johnson and J B Lenoir. The latter whose use of the blues extended to protesting injustice on a larger scale, such as the race riots of the 60's ("Alabama") and even the Vietnam War. A very deep journey through the blues' soul.

Nordic - Thursday 19 May, 8:00 pm:

• MÅN SOM HATAR KVINNOR

(The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo) Part 1/3

Sweden, 2009, Dir. Niels Arden Oplev w/ Michael Nyqvist, Noomi Rapace, Ewa Fröling, and others, Crime-Mystery, 152mins, Swedish w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Part 1/3 of the Millennium Series - A journalist is aided in his search for a woman who has been missing for forty years by a young female hacker. Together they will uncover a murky world of sexual abuse.

International - Saturday 21 May, 8:00 pm:

• UN NOVIJO PARA MI MUJER (A Boyfriend for My Wife)

Argentina, 2008, Dir. Juan Taraturo, w/ Adrián Suar, Valeria Bertuccelli, Gabriel Goity, 100 mins, Comedy, Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

Tenso doesn't know how to tell Tana that he wants to separate because the relationship is a completely mess due to her terrible temper. She constantly lives in a bad mood. Carlos, a friend of Tenso, suggests him to invert the situation and cause Tana to leave him. He suggests Tenso to hire Cuervo Flores, an old irresistible seducer who will try to charm his wife until she falls in love with him. Finally Tenso seem to find a solution to his problems...or does he?

Children's Film - Sunday 22 May, 4:30pm

• THE INDIAN IN THE CUPBOARD

USA, 1995, Dir. Frank Oz, w/ Hal Scardino, Litefoot, Lindsay Crouse and others, Fantasy-Adventure, 96mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

On his 9th birthday a boy receives many presents. Two of them first seem to be less important: an old cupboard from his brother and a little Indian figure made of plastic from his best friend. But these two presents turn out to be much more magic than the rest...

MIRA NAIR Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 22 May, 8:00 pm:

• MISSISSIPPI MASALA

UK-USA, 1991, Dir. Mira Nair w/Denzel Washington, Sarita Choudhury, and others, Drama-Romance, 118mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R

The theme of interracial romance is the setting for this fine drama and focus on the divisions between black Americans and South Asian communities. The movie touches on the origins of the immigrant status of the South Asians which began when they were expelled from Uganda many years earlier. The resentment towards blacks is a recurring theme in the movie as they settle into their new communities in the deep South. The film has a bouncy music score that adds flavor to the story and a nice cast weaves everything together in fine style.

Film program 23 May 2016 to 29 May 2016

Indian - Monday 23 May, 8:00 pm:

• KAPOOR AND SONS

India, 2016, Writer-Director Shakun Batra w/ Sidharth Malhotra, Fawad Khan, Alia Bhatt, and others, Comedy-Romance, 132mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

A story revolving around a dysfunctional family of two brothers who visit their family and discover that their parent's marriage is on the verge of collapse, the family is undergoing a financial crunch and much more as the drama unfolds. *It is a mainstream film that has been praised by the critiques.*

German - Tuesday 24 May, 8:00 pm:

• DIE GELIEBTEN SCHWESTERN (Beloved Sisters)

Germany, 2014, Dir. Dominik Graf w/ Hannah Herzprung, Florian Stetter, Henriette Confurius, and others, Drama, 138 mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

The aristocratic sisters Charlotte and Caroline both fall in love with the controversial young writer and hothead Friedrich Schiller. Defying the conventions of their time, the sisters decide to share their love with Schiller. What begins playfully, almost as a game among the three of them, soon turns serious as it leads to the end of a pact.

Interesting - Wednesday 25 May, 8:00 pm:

• RACING EXTINCTION

USA-China-Hong Kong-Indonesia-Mexico-UK-Japan, 2015, Dir. Louie Psihoyos w/ Elon Musk, Joel Sartore, Louie Psihoyos, and others, Documentary-Adventure, 90mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR (PG)

Scientists predict we may lose half the species on the planet by the end of the century. They believe we have entered the sixth major extinction event in Earth's history. Number five took out the dinosaurs. This era is called the Anthropocene, or 'Age of Man', because the evidence shows that humanity has sparked this catastrophic loss. We are the only ones who can stop it as well. The Oceanic Preservation Society, the group behind the Academy Award winning film THE COVE (which we had screened a few years back) is back with this film. Along with some new innovators, OPS will bring a voice to the thousands of species on the very edge of life. *This is a critically acclaimed, necessary and awe inspiring film. We had screened it on the earth day. If you missed it then - this is your chance!*

French - Thursday 26 May, 8:00 pm:

• PAS SON GENRE (Not My Type)

France, 2014, Dir. Lucas Belvaux, w/ Emilie Dequenne, Loïc Corbery, Sandra Nkake, Comedy, 111 min, French WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES, rated G.

Clément, a young philosophy teacher, meets Jennifer, pretty hair stylist who becomes his lover. Hearts and bodies are free to live the most beautiful love but will it be enough to overcome the cultural and social barriers?

USA - Saturday 28 May, 8:00 pm:

• **THE GREAT DEBATERS**

USA, 2007, Dir. Denzel Washington w/ Denzel Washington, Forest Whitaker, Kimberly Elise, and others, Biography-Drama, 126mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

Marshall, Texas, described by James Farmer, Jr. as "the last city to surrender after the Civil War," is home to Wiley College, where, in 1935-36, inspired by the Harlem Renaissance and his clandestine work as a union organizer, Professor Melvin Tolson coaches the debate team to a nearly-undefeated season that sees the first debate between U.S. students from white and Negro colleges and ends with an invitation to face Harvard University's national champions. The team of four, which includes a female student and a very young James Farmer, is tested in a crucible heated by Jim Crow, sexism, a lynch mob, an arrest and near riot, a love affair, jealousy, and a national radio audience.

Children's Film - Sunday 29 May, 4:30pm

• **KARI-GURASHI NO ARIETTI**

(The Secret World of Arrietty)

Japan, 2010, Dir. Hiromasa Yonebayashi, w/ Bridgit Mendler, Amy Poehler, Will Arnett and others, Animation, 94mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G (U)

The Clock family are 10 cm tall people who live anonymously in another family's residence, borrowing simple items to make their home. Life changes for the Clocks when their daughter, Arrietty, is discovered.

MIRA NAIR Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 29 May, 8:00 pm:

• **KAMASUTRA : A TALE OF LOVE**

India-UK-USA, 1996, Dir. Mira Nair w/Naveen Andrews, Sarita Choudury and others, Drama-Crime, 114mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R

This erotic drama tells the lurid tale of betrayal and sexual intrigue within the confines of a great Indian palace during the 16th century. The story centers upon the broken trust between a pair of lifelong friends, a princess and her servant girl.

Film program 30 May 2016 to 05 June 2016

Indian - Monday 30 May, 8:00 pm:

• **WAZIR (Vizier)**

India, 2016, Dir. Bejoy Nambiar w/ Amitabh Bachchan, Farhan Akhtar, Aditi Rao Hydari, and others, Action-Crime, 103mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

At its core, it is a tale of two unlikely friends, a wheelchair-bound chess grandmaster Pandit Onkar Nath Dhar and a brave ATS (Anti-Terrorist Squad) officer Daanish. Both have tragically lost their daughters. Brought together by grief and a strange twist of fate, the two men decide to help each other win the biggest games of their lives. But there's a mysterious, dangerous opponent lurking in the shadows, who is all set to checkmate them. *An acclaimed thriller with twisted and complicated plot.*

Potpourri - Tuesday 31 May, 8:00 pm:

• **MEDUZOT (Jellyfish)**

Israel, 2007, Dir. Shira Geffen w/ Sarah Adler, Nikol Leidman, Gera Sandler, 78 mins, Drama, Hebrew w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

The story of three very different Israeli women living in Tel Aviv whose intersecting stories weave an unlikely portrait of modern Israeli life. Batya, a catering waitress, takes in a young child apparently abandoned at a local beach. Keren, a young bride who breaks her leg in trying to escape from a locked toilet stall ruining her chance for a romantic honeymoon in the Caribbean. Joy, a Filipino chore woman who doesn't speak any Hebrew and has to manage in English is guilt-ridden after having left her young son behind in the Philippines.

Cultural - Wednesday 1 June, 8:00 pm:

• **DIVINE DANCERS : ballet gala live from Prague**

Czechoslovakia, 2006, Dir. Hans Hulscher w/ Polina Sermienova, Natalia Hofmann, Charles Jude and others, Ballet, 90 mins, English w/ French subtitles, Rated: NR

This ballet gala performed in Prague offers pieces from classical and modern ballet and consist of solos, pas de deux and a pas de quatre. The dancers all present amazing technique and expression, and there are behind the scenes rehearsals and interviews thrown in before each of the pieces. A moment of refinement and beauty.

East Asian - Thursday 2 June, 8:00 pm:

• **AH FEI ZING ZYUN (Days of Being Wild)**

Hong Kong, 1990, Dir. Kar-wai Wong w/ Leslie Cheung, Maggie Cheung, Andy Lau, Crime, Drama, 94 mins, Cantonese-Tagalog-English-Shangainese-Mandarin w/ English, subtitles, Rated: NR

Set in 1960, the film centers on the young, boyishly handsome Yuddy, who learns from the drunken ex-prostitute who raised him that she is not his real mother. Hoping to hold onto him, she refuses to divulge the name of his real mother. The revelation shakes Yuddy to his core, unleashing a cascade of conflicting emotions. Two women have the bad luck to fall for Yuddy. Perhaps due to his unresolved oedipal issues, he passively lets the two compete for him, unable or unwilling to make a choice.

International - Saturday 4 June, 8:00 pm:

• **ANOMALISA**

USA, 2015, Dir. RobDuke Johnson and Charlie Kaufman, Animation-Comedy, 90mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R

Michael Stone, an author that specializes in customer service, is a man who is unable to interact deeply with other people. His low sensitivity to excitement, and his lack of interest made him a man with a repetitive life on his own perspective. But, when he went on a business trip, he met a stranger - an extraordinary stranger, which slowly became a cure for his negative view on life that possibly will change his mundane life.

Hayao Miyazaki Season for Childrens' Matinee

Starting this week Childrens' Matinee @ Cineme Paradiso will screen a selection of films from one of Japan's greatest animation directors Hayao Miyazaki and his famous Ghibli Studio.

Children's Film - Sunday 5 June, 4:30pm

• **KAZE NO TANI NO NAUSHIKA (Nausicaä of the valley of the wind)**

Japan, 1984, Dir. Hayao Miyazaki, w/ Sumi Shimamoto, Mahiti Tsujimura, Hisako Kyoda and others, Animation, 95mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

Warrior/pacifist Princess Nausicaä desperately struggles to prevent two warring nations from destroying themselves and their dying planet.

MIRA NAIR Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 5 June, 8:00 pm:

• **MONSOON WEDDING**

India-USA, 2001, Dir. Mira Nair w/Naseeruddin Shah, Lillite Dubey and others, Drama- Romance, 114mins, Hindi w/English subtitles, Rated: R

In upper middle class family in Delhi Lalit Verma is stressed getting arrangements done for a flawless wedding ceremony for her daughter Aditi. Disillusioned with her long time relationship with Vikram Aditi has agreed to an arranged marriage with Hemant, an engineer working in the USA. Yet as the ceremony nears, she gets cold feet and returns to see her former lover even though it could spell disaster for everyone involved. Commotion, family secrets, fanfare all play their parts over the four day period. This film won the prestigious Golden Lion award at the Venice Film Festival in 2001.

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

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

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

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

We appreciate your continued support. Please make a contribution to "Cinema Paradiso" account (#105106) at the Financial Service.

Thanking You,
MMC/CP Group

Staff Tour Appeal and Thanks

Our *Printing&Delivery* Team would like to go on a short tour, after a long year of constant service, week after week! They need a break from the high noise, heat and ink of the printing room.... If you can help, you are welcome to contribute to the account #3821. Please mention: "Staff Tour 2016".

We thank them for their hard work and patience....



Jayamoorthy
(Head Printer - Center)
Arumugam
(Printing and Delivery - Left)
Pradeep
(Delivery - Right)

(Photo: Jacky, thanks!)

News&Notes Summer Break

That's it, that's the last issue in the heat!
No publication on the 21st of May and 28th of May.
Next issue will be published on the 4th of June.
Send your announcements accordingly!

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words.

All articles and Working Group Reports need to reach us by Tuesday noon.

Visiting hours: Mondays, Tuesdays 9am to 11.45am and 1pm to 3pm; **No visitors on Wednesday.** Please, no dictations over the phone unless it is an emergency or you have a medical problem.

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