

# News & Notes

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# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Some think it presumption to believe in a special Providence or to look upon oneself as an instrument in the hands of God, but I find that every man has a special.

Providence and I see that God uses the mattock of the labourer and babbles in the mouth of a little child Providence is not only that which saves me from the shipwreck in which everybody else has foundered Providence is also that which while all others are saved snatches away my last plank of safety and drowns me in the solitary ocean.

The delight of victory is sometimes less than the attraction of struggle and suffering; nevertheless the laurel and not the cross should be the aim of the conquering human soul.

Souls that do not aspire are God's failures; but Nature is pleased and loves to multiply them because they assure her of stability and prolong her empire.

Those who are poor, ignorant, ill-born or ill-bred are not the common herd; the common herd are all who are satisfied with pettiness and an average humanity.

Help men, but do not pauperise them of their energy; lead and instruct men, but see that their initiative and originality remain intact; take others into thyself, but give them in return the full godhead of their nature. He who can do this is the leader and the guru.

God has made the world a field of battle and filled it with the trampling of combatants and the cries of a great wrestle and struggle. Would you filch His peace without paying the price He has fixed for it?

Distrust a perfect-seeming success, but when having succeeded thou findest still much to do, rejoice and go forward; for the labour is long before the real perfection.

There is no more benumbing error than to mistake a stage for the goal or to linger too long in a resting place."

**Thoughts and Glimpses, SABCL, Vol. 16, pp. 391 - 92**

All that Sri Aurobindo says here is aimed at fighting against human nature with its inertia, its heaviness, laziness, easy satisfactions, hostility to all effort. How many times in life does one meet people who become pacifists because they are afraid

to fight, who long for rest before they have earned it, who are satisfied with a little progress and in their imagination and desires make it into a marvellous realisation so as to justify their stopping half-way.

In ordinary life, already, this happens so much. Indeed, this is the bourgeois ideal, which has deadened mankind and made man into what he is now: "Work while you are young, accumulate wealth, honour, position; be provident, have a little foresight, put something by, lay up a capital, become an official — so that later when you are forty you "can sit down", enjoy your income and later your pension and, as they say, enjoy a well-earned rest." — To sit down, to stop on the way, not to move forward, to go to sleep, to go downhill towards the grave before one's time, cease to live the purpose of life — to sit down!

The minute one stops going forward, one falls back. The moment one is satisfied and no longer aspires, one begins to die. Life is movement, it is effort, it is a march forward, the scaling of a mountain, the climb towards new revelations, towards future realisations. Nothing is more dangerous than wanting to rest. It is in action, in effort, in the march forward that repose must be found, the true repose of complete trust in the divine Grace, of the absence of desires, of victory over egoism.

True repose comes from the widening, the universalisation of the consciousness. Become as vast as the world and you will always be at rest. In the thick of action, in the very midst of the battle, the effort, you will know the repose of infinity and eternity.

**Questions and Answers, 20 March 1957**

**- MOTHER**

The  
Ponder  
Corner

When the psychic being gets in front and becomes master, there comes in a fundamentally smooth action and although there are difficulties and undulations of movement, these are no longer of an abrupt or dramatic character.

*Sri Aurobindo*

ref. Letters on Yoga, vol.24, The Triple Transformation, p.1109

## Forest group meeting minutes 7.10.16 @ Siddhartha Forest

Present: Thanajayan, D. Segar, Vengadesh, Rita, Jan, Satyaaji, Eric, Agnes, Jessamijn, V. Boobalan, V. Balu, Enea, Achilles, Hans, Krista Slavik, Kannyappan, Clapton, David/Aurodam, Julia, Dominik, Glenn (chairperson + final notes), Rishi, Jean II Banyan, Christoph, Vinny, Kumar, Balu, Jaap, Madda, Nathalie, Shivaraj, B. Archana, Jean-Marie, Tine, Jasmin, Natasha/Evergreen, Fabian

1. Dana Forest - Those who were recently at Dana commended Patrick's work on creating a small beautiful TDEF forest area, Patrick's dedication was acknowledged. Marie-Angele has expressed the will to continue this work. The obvious support came from the group for this and suggested that in a few months the official logistics can be put into place.
2. Silence - Hans expressed through a member that he needed some help and maybe a co steward for Silence due to his present health issue. The group felt that in his absence no decision could be made and Enea was nominated to contact him to find out what was really required.
3. Firewood - Due to rising labour costs the AV Bakery and Visitors Centre firewood price was increased to Rs 3,500 per ton. Other units with special requirements to arrange their prices with the steward supplying.
4. Land purchase - Adjacent to Fertile Field, a new piece of land has been purchased by the Land board. Size 2.30 acres, survey # MA 305/1. Border stones have been placed. As this is an extension to the Fertile Field forest area, the meeting allocated the stewardship to Jan. He will continue his work in protecting and developing this forest area. To be approved of by the Green group and the FAMC.
5. Land reallocation - Rishi requests that the Land Board clarify the boundaries of MA293/4 (presently stewarded by LB) by sending a team of their workers to clear the boundaries so that the surveyors are able make measurements and put in the corner stones. Once the boundaries are clear, Rishi is willing to take on the stewardship and the reforestation of the plot, which will be possible only once a fence is erected.
6. Allocation of land stewardship - The FAMC has requested details of the Forest Group land allocation process. It was stated that most of the land allocations happen by unanimous decision in the Forest Group meeting forum as the large proportion of land to be allocated are small plots touching or adjacent to existing stewarded areas. When larger plots of land are to be allocated normally proposals are made and studied by a sub group of the F.G. including neighboring stewards, to come up with the most appropriate land use and steward. Since each plot of land and circumstance is different this process is implemented on an ad hoc basis. Some members aired frustration at the last large land stewardship allocation which took place, as a long all inclusive systematic process took place only to be overruled by the FAMC by placing someone as steward they preferred.
7. Evergreen - Natasha announced that after working hard with their neighbouring farm steward they are not able to work out a solution for Gowri's access to develop a new plot of land.
8. Finances - Financing the work of protecting and developing the forest areas is becoming ever more difficult and managing with what funds we receive from the city services is becoming more challenging. In this light it was suggested that again all members who are receiving funds either maintenance or watchman wage support, to reflect if they really need what they receive and to consider freeing off some funds for more needy stewardship areas.
9. Maintenance - Satyaji (Meadow) requested ½ forest maintenance to work in Meadow in the light of Didier (Meadow steward) reducing his full maintenance to half. As the FG has a waiting list for maintenances and that the FG accountant was not present and had discussed this change already no decision could be reached. Satyaji to follow up with Diego and that it be brought to the meeting again.

10. Northern Greenbelt - Segar, Needal forest, who has recently taken responsibility for some plots (SW of Mathur panchayat, to the west of Fertile Field and to the south of Kamatura) requested a watchman budget to help get work started on these plots. Due to the importance of developing this area a budget was granted for 6 months and then to be reviewed.

11. International Zone - David (Aurodam) announced that he is working together with Clapton to plant trees in the African Pavilion, international zone and Mahashwari Park and in general Clapton is helping with his land stewardship work.

12. Guesthouses - It was announced that income from guesthouses and home stays should now appear in the monthly Forest Group account form.

13. Soil and Water conservation - Balu from Azhagau bhoomi requested funds for JCB work to re-route a road which passes through the middle of the land and move it along the perimeter, as well as to repair existing field bunds and add some contour bunds. Infinity also requested some earthwork and a discussion followed about the need for serious work to be implemented at the top of the nine palms area to avoid very serious erosion and water run-off. In the absence of the nine palms steward it was agreed to have the next Field group meeting at 9 Palms on Friday 14th of October, 3.30 pm to discuss this further and decide what work can be implemented this monsoon season.

14. Greenbelt plan - There has been a request from RAS for feedback on the Greenbelt master plan prepared by David Stein, as the TDC would like to ratify the plan at an R.A. level. The forest group feels that in its present form it would not agree to this ratification and that it needs more detailed work input. More precise feedback will be collected and communicated.

A big thanks to *Boobalan* and *Jean Marie* for hosting the meeting and inviting us to this beautiful forest space.

Next meeting: 4th November -location to be confirmed.

## Housing Service: The housing crisis is not over yet

Dear Community,

The housing wants to share with you that the housing crisis is not over yet.

Following is a picture of our present community reality:

- Persons on the Waiting list for housing (with very little or no funds): 84
- Young Aurovilians on the list for housing: 52
- Very urgent cases at least: 10
- Auroville can accommodate 65 Newcomers however at present: 47 Aurovilians are occupying a Newcomer house (because of no alternative). About 12 Newcomers (at the end of their NC period) are not able to move for at least 2 years as their new house is not ready yet. That leaves 59 units occupied.
- 150 Newcomers have applied already and we have only places for another max 20. We do not know where to place the rest.

**A few more figures:**

- Some houses under-used as the steward is out of station but does not allow house-sitting at least: 12.
- Then houses lost because of Sea erosion in Waves, Gokulam, Repos, 5 housing units and 5 guest units.
- Houses given in Sri Ma for a guest house: 5 (FAMC decision)

Please note that all houses without stewardship, because of the steward having left, are automatically in care of the Housing service, who will decide what the next steward will be - In most cases in coordination with the community, unless there is an absolute emergency. In emergency situation the HS can decide to allocate the unit.

**Some good news as well:**

- The Government of India has granted 1 crore to build 14 single/couple and 6 family houses near Reve (Maison des

Jeunes model) - A project for Young Aurovilians and Newcomers, it will take about a year time to construct.

- The GOI also gives grants for Humanscape (Housing service project holder) for 35 beds, that will be ready in September next year. This will also be for Young Aurovilians and Newcomers.

So the Housing Service is moving. We are grateful for this help from the Government of India and will request the TDC for more site permissions and projects (sustainable, affordable). So good hopes for the future but at present, we are still very short on supplying the need of the low or no budget Aurovilians.

*The Auroville Housing Service*

## Activity update on restructuring TDC & Participatory planning

Since the General Meeting of 06 September 2016, the Auroville Council has appointed a sub group to coordinate & formulate a draft for the Terms of Reference (TOR) that will be a guideline for collaborative work of the new TDC. As presented at the GM, the participatory process will continue through sounding

board work sessions and community information sessions. Currently the subgroup consists of Suhasini, Pashi, Shama, Sauro, Lyle, Alain Bernard & Martin Littlewood.

To have a look again at the process, see [www.auroville.org.in/article/58847](http://www.auroville.org.in/article/58847) for the PPT presentation of the 6th September 2016 GM

The draft TOR will be presented in a General Meeting (GM) for community feedback. On receiving feedback, it will be processed and integrated within a final document by the subgroup, eventually going for ratification, through a Residence Assembly Decision Making process in February 2017. At this point the work of the sub group will come to a closure. The Auroville Council, in collaboration with the Working Committee, Study group, Koodam and the RAS will also design a participatory selection process to appoint the new TDC members and the aim is to have a new team in office by end of March.

*The Auroville Council Facilitator is Marc and the sub group coordinators are: Shama, Elvira and Mamata*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### An Announcement from the BCC

Dear Members of the Community, Executives and Unit Holders:

As you know, we, the City Services, very much depend upon the support from units and activities to maintain basic community services such as the farms, forests, roads, schools, health, security, and others as well as maintenance of Aurovilians and children.

In accordance with the ABC Contribution Policy units are expected to minimally contribute 33% of profit before contributions to City Services.

We had reported to the community that the pending contribution from various units from time period between 2010 to 2015 collectively amounted to Rs.1.2 Cr, an amount that the City Service could certainly use to somewhat ease the financial bottleneck it is currently experiencing.

The BCC has taken great effort to follow up with each of these units that have pending contributions - requesting them to clear their arrears by 31 March 2016. Apart from perusing the matter sometime in person through dialogue, the City Services has sent emails on 26 February 2016 requesting these units to clear their dues. The BCC has also followed up with written reminders on 16 March 2016 and on 19 April 2016.

While some units immediately responded and have cleared their dues or set up a payment plan with the BCC coordinator - many did not even acknowledge receipt. BCC in one of the correspondence had informed them that no response will be assumed as agreement with the amount pending to the City Services.

To facilitate the process of clearing pending dues and not having them accumulated over the years, BCC will now apply contribution received from an unit first towards any pending arrears from the previous years (e.g. between 2010 to 2015). Once that is cleared the remaining amount will be applied towards the contribution for the last financial year (i.e. for now it will be for 2015-16).

If you have any specific question or comments please write to: [bccoffice@auroville.org.in](mailto:bccoffice@auroville.org.in) or contact the BCC Coordinator, Ursula at the Financial Service.

Thanking you, Sincerely,  
BCC

### Communication update on the Entry secretariat feedback process

Dear Community members,

We thank all the 97 Residents who gave feedback on the members of the new Entry Service secretariat.

The AVC and WCom have been processing and analysing the feedback with care and sincerity. We received diverse feedback, from full support to certain concerns, mainly regarding the relation between members of the new Entry Secretariat. At the end of this process, it was felt that there was no need for immediate intervention. Nevertheless, the AVCouncil takes the concerns from the community very seriously and will follow the 3 month trial period closely and will make the final announcement of the team's membership at end of the trial period in December. We are of course open to receiving more feedback from the community during this time. Considering that a new Policy is being implemented and the new team is bringing a lot of positive dynamism and during these 3 months, the AVCouncil, through its subgroup, will closely work with the new team.

Thanks again for your participation,  
*The AVCouncil & the Working Committee*

### Information on filing income tax returns

Following our announcement in the News and Notes about filing on the income tax returns, a question and answer session will be organised in the coming weeks with a Chartered Accountant. Please wait for our further announcement in this regard.

In the meantime you may also contact any of the Chartered Accountants mentioned in our previous announcements.

*The Working Committee*

### Inge strikes back

Dear Community members, this is to inform you that *Inge* from Luminosity has joined again the RAS team.

Warmly, *Auroville Council*

### 2 new Housing Board members

Dear community members,

After 2 rounds of feedback, we are happy to announce that the 2 new community representatives at the Housing Board will be *Elaine* and *Prabhu*, endorsed by the AVCouncil and FAMC. For the two profiles please go to: [www.auroville.org.in/article/59442](http://www.auroville.org.in/article/59442)

Best regards, *AVCouncil and Housing Board*

## L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 22nd Oct 2016

The following Site and Building Applications (SA and BA) are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks from the date of publication.

The announcement is made for feedback only and does not mean that the project has final approval. The final approval is given when L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC issues a NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens once the feedback period is over, the feedback has been evaluated, a final decision by TDC has been reached and the necessary financial formalities have been completed. It is only after issuing a final building permission that fencing, building or any other activity on the site can start.

It has to be noted that site permission is given to reserve the site for a maximum period of two years in order to prepare a project proposal. It does not give any right to fence and clear the site unless, for practical reasons, there is a special permission of the TDC.

### INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

#### • SITE APPLICATIONS

1. Michael & Sindhuja, Shared Office on plot no. IR 416/4, IR 416/5 (between Certitude Road and Humility for an area of approx. 700 sq.m.

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

-Project Title: Shared Offices

-Proposed Site Location: IR416/4, IR416/5 - along Certitude Road

-Project Holder: Michael G and Sindhuja

-Architect: Imago Auroville

-Contact Persons: Michael - 9047725507 / [imago@auroville.org.in](mailto:imago@auroville.org.in)

#### Description

-Plot No: IR416/4, IR416/5

-Total Area of the project: footprint approx. 300sqm

-Build up Area: approx. 700sqm

-Target Group: Auroville Services and Units in need of an office space

**Background:** Currently Auroville's numerous small scale activities and smaller units operate from their executives' home or from a smaller office space in their respective residential community. With a unit growing the traffic load of these residential communities increases. Limited spaces - at home or in a converted store room - makes the growth of a unit difficult. We believe that Auroville is currently short of available office spaces. And with units and services that have a similar modus operandi, sharing spaces allows shared facilities and an economical development of office spaces.

**Triggers:** Auroville, currently has not sufficient office spaces for Auroville units. Even services in Auroville struggle to find a suitable space, not to mention young people starting up.

**Goals/Objectives:** As we foresee Auroville growing in an accelerated fashion, we believe that the need for office and workshop spaces will increase along with it. The continuous focus of our city's development currently lies on housing, which, combining all ongoing projects in Auroville, we believe will address the needs quite well in the near future. We simply consider that with an increased population, other facilities will be needed as well - office spaces being just one of many.

We intend to create a space for multiple units/services to find a home. Depending on needs and resources these offices shall vary in sizes, but share facilities such as conference space, reception desk, repro room, pantry and toilet.

The initiating of this project allows us to start planning the detailed project and let it unfold based on actual site parameters, climatic context, future developments, possibly interested services/units etc.

2. SAIER, Mitra II, along the Crown Road, opposite the Solar Kitchen (between the round-about to its right and the future Line Of Force) on plot no IR 218/1A for an area of max. 3500sqm

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

-Project Title: MITRA II

-Proposed Site Location: along the Crown Road, opposite the Solar Kitchen (between the round-about to its right and the future Line Of Force)

-Project Holder: SAIER

-Architect: architectural selection process

-Contact Persons: Michael G - [saiier-construction@auroville.org.in](mailto:saiier-construction@auroville.org.in)

#### Description:

-Plot No: IR 218/1A

-Total Area of the project: to be given by L'avenir

-Built-up Area: max. 3500sqm

-Target Group: Volunteers, Interns (same as current Mitra user group)

**Background:** The Mitra youth hostel, as it is in its current capacity, cannot accommodate all young volunteers and interns of Auroville. Furthermore, the Residential Zone, for many people, is a sub-optimal location to host the dynamic life style of these young people. Therefore, SAIER is planning to build a new youth hostel in a more appropriate location.

Further details will be published shortly, along with a detailed brief and call for architects.

**Triggers:** SAIER held a process mid-2015 that successfully engaged architects to present their proposals for a new complex of Staff Quarters for SAIER. As the planned Mitra 2 facility is not only a large scale project, but will be in a fantastic location to showcase Auroville's architecture, the process seeks to engage as many Auroville architects as possible.

**Goals/Objectives:** A detailed brief and call for architects will be published as soon as SAIER, in close collaboration with TDC, has finalised the parameters for this project.

- BUILDING APPLICATIONS: No new BA

### COLLECTIVE PROJECTS

- SITE APPLICATIONS: No new SA

#### • BUILDING APPLICATION

1. SAIER Staff Quarters - Chali, on plot no. BO 12/1 and BO 12/2 for total build up area of approx. 400 Sq.m. for 48 persons.

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

-Project Title: Staff Quarters Phase II-IV

-Proposed Site Location: BO 12/1 and BO 12/2 - next to Dehashakti

-Project Holder: SAIER - Chali

-Architect: Imago Auroville

-Contact Persons: Chali ([saiier-chali@auroville.org.in](mailto:saiier-chali@auroville.org.in))

#### Description

-Plot No: BO 12/1 and BO 12/2

-Total Area of the project:

-Allocated site 6233 sqm

-Overall development 1725sqm (incl. parking, storeroom etc.)

-Build up Area: approx. 400sqm each phase

**Target Group:** members of SAIER

**Background:** As SAIER in its support of the never ending education of Auroville is continuously growing, it has an urgent need to house its members. The SAIER quarters will be given free of cost to SAIER related personal, such as members of SAIER, teacher and other individuals involved in Auroville's thriving education.

**Triggers:** SAIER held a selection process mid 2015 in which this project was one out of two proposals selected for execution. As phase one is currently at its finishing stage, the next phases shall follow closely to reduce the overall time and stress for the neighbors.

**Goals/Objectives:** Being settled in the cultural zone, the SAIER quarters allow its inhabitants to be part of the ongoing cultural exchange and nearby the supported institutions, becoming an integral part of the day-to-day challenges and activities.

The livable space promotes a simplistic life style and spaces are designed in a clean, clear, minimal language. The buildings materials are chosen to create a harmonic array of natural colors, textures and grounding. Maximized natural light and natural ventilation reduces the need for artificial interventions in the life of the inhabitants and large openings interacting

with the surrounding greenery enhance the overall well-being. Semi-private as well as public veranda spaces are designed to enhance interactions and provide buffers for internal privacy. Extensive landscape increases privacy between the buildings and acts as a natural noise buffer. 60% of green cover allows for extensive landscaping enhancing biodiversity.

For additional information, please write to [avenir@auroville.org.in](mailto:avenir@auroville.org.in), call 2622-170 or come directly to L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC office in the Town Hall.

For more information on the location of the plots mentioned above, you can find this same announcement with map(s) on the AuroNet page of L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC.

## FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N No - 670 dated 22.10.2016

### PLEASE NOTE:

From now on, the announced Friends of Auroville, Relatives/Partners, Associates and Youth of Auroville Turning 18 will be considered as 'confirmed' if there is no constructive feedback within two weeks. Their names will not be published again as 'confirmed'. Only rescinded cases will be announced.

Our team is happy to announce the following persons as Aurovilians, Newcomers and Friends of Auroville. We will wait two weeks for Newcomers and one month for Aurovilians from this publication for your feedback before confirming.

### NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED: (with pictures posted on AuroNet at this [link](#))

Arumugam PAKKIRISAMY (Indian from Kuylapalayam), staying at Shakti Community, working at Health Center

Babu MARIE aka Mathan (Indian from Kottakarai), working at EcoPro, Aurosarjan Complex

Chetna PUNIA (Indian from Chandigarh), staying and working at Verite as Neurofeedback Therapist

Gopi L. GOPAL (Indian from Kuylapalayam), staying at Sangamam, working at Verite Guest House

Ilangovan RANGANATHAN (Indian from Kottakarai), working at Solar Service Abri

Isabel JIMENEZ (Spanish), staying at Savitri Hostel, working at Matrimandir

Jayamoorthy JAYAKKANNAN (Indian from Eraiyur), staying at Auroville Bakery, working at Auroville Bakery and VC Cafeteria  
Lakshay DHARAN (Indian from Delhi), staying at New Creation GH, working at AVAG

Mahesh ARUMUGAM (Indian from Bharathi Nagar), staying at Fraternity, working at Matrimandir, Youth Camp, The Auroville Theater Groups and New Creation Sports Ground

Mani VEERAMANI (Indian from Kottakarai), staying at Promesse, working at New Dawn Carpentry

Manisha MUNJAL (Indian from Delhi), staying at New Creation GH, working at AVAG

Mariyappan GOVINDASAMY (Indian from Kottakarai), staying at Horizon, working at AVDzines and Mangalam

Michael MARCO-MANGER (French), staying at Maison des Jeunes, working at Pavillon de France, YouthLink, Auro Orchard, CIRHU and Art Service

### CHILD OF A NEWCOMER:

Shalini MARIYAPPAN (Indian), born on 16.06.2005, studying at Udavi School

Ayish DHARAN (Indian), born on 01.01.2013, attending AHA school

Aura DHARAN (Indian), born on 11.10.2015

### AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:

Divya KARUNA (Indian from Rajasthan), staying and working in Bharat Nivas as a manager

Marie-Laure PASQUARELLI (French), currently staying at Maitreye 2 but will be moving to Arya, working at Quiet as massage therapist

Natasha JAIN (Indian from Ahmedabad), staying at Citadines, working at Perceptiveye and AVC

Umavathy RAMESH (Indian from Kottakarai), staying at Sangamam, working at the Working Committee as an Office Assistant

### CHILD OF AN AUROVILIAN:

Ashwetakamali RAMESH (Indian), born on 07.12.2004, studying at Udavi School

Boomika RAMESH (Indian), born on 02.12.2007, studying at Udavi School

### FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE:

Prabhu N. PONMUDI (Indian from Pondicherry)

Vikram RAM (Indian from Mumbai)

Rajiv SETHI (Indian from Mumbai)

Samesh BRAROO (USA)

### ASSOCIATES OF AUROVILLE:

Mousumi MUKERJEE (Indian) associated with Wasteless

### AUROVILLE YOUTH TURNED 18 BY SEPTEMBER 2016:

Balaji SRINIVASAN (Indian), staying at Sangamam, studying at Christ College of Engg.&Technology, Pondicherry

Gururaj GOVINDARAJA (Indian), staying at Sangamam, studying at Rajiv Gandhi College of Engg.&Technology, Pondicherry

Pavithra HARIKRISHNAN (Indian), staying at Courage, working at SLI

Subathra RAMRAJ (Indian), staying at Sangamam, studying at Pondicherry

Tenzin VATTIER (French), staying at Sve-Dame

Vinith VELU (Indian), staying at Promesse, studying at NESS

### NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:

Alessio FERRANDO (Italian)

Egle BORCHARDT (Lithuanian)

Jean-Luc GUIGNARD (Swiss)

Kannan DURAI (Indian)

Nagavalli DEVANATHAN (Indian)

Nicolas METHOUT (French)

Omid HASHEMI (Iranian)

Ravi BORCHARDT (German)

Sophie PIVIN (French)

Suganya NATARAJAN (Indian)

Vanitha BALAMURALI (Indian)

Yasmine LUNEL (French)

### AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:

Angelo SALERNO (USA)

Connie DE NOOD (Dutch)

Margaux LABORDE (French)

Roberto LONGO (Italian)

### PEOPLE WHO HAVE DISCONTINUED THEIR NEWCOMER PROCESS:

Adriane FELDMANN (Swiss)

Rosa GOGLIA (Italian)

Thomas BROUARD (French)

In case the above persons wish to come back to live and work in Auroville, they will need to restart their newcomer process.

The Entry Service is open to the public every day from 9:30 to 12:30 and from 2:30 to 4:30 except on Tuesday morning (team meeting) and Sunday.

B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only.

For more information on joining Auroville, please attend one of our regularly held Welcome talk.

At your service, *The Entry Service team*

## POSTINGS

### Wet Waste

Dear Aurovilians and Eco Service users,  
Since the rain has decided to bless us on random nights, we would like to remind you to please put all Eco Service barrels

in protected area or come and buy a lid to avoid any water in the barrels. We DO NOT pick up wet, sticky or wormy waste.  
Thanking you,  
*Eco Service Team*

## A Call to the Units of Auroville

We are looking for any information about Auroville projects done in relation with government agencies, Corporations or NGO's. We require a brief description of the project/event and the dates.

If this request triggers something in your memory even if you were not directly involved in the organizing team please forward the information to: [outreachmedia@auroville.org.in](mailto:outreachmedia@auroville.org.in) and we will pursue the details.

The purpose of this request is to compile and consolidate the information for a presentation on Auroville that will be conducted in Chennai for all the Consulates and Representatives of the Foreign Ministries. The presentation will take place in November; therefore time is of an essence.

With gratitude for your co-operation, *OutreachMedia*

## News from Auroville Artists

Adil Writer, Ange Peter, Michel Hutin, Rakhee Kane, and Supriya Menon Meneghetti are participating in a group exhibition at Gallerie Nvya, New Delhi, from October 21 to November 4, 2016. See more about these artists on [artservice.auroville.org](http://artservice.auroville.org)

## Poems from Auroville 2018

I am proposing to present a programme of 'Poems from Auroville' as a birthday gift from AVI UK to Auroville in 2018. Hopefully, it will be followed up with a book. The compilation will include:

- Poems from the first 'Poems from Auroville' compiled by Shradhdhavan and published in 1977
- Poems from various other books and compilations, such as 'Devotion' published in 2007
- Poems from current Aurovilians and old Aurovilians perhaps no longer resident there
- Poems by friends of Auroville, including from AVI
- Some writings by Sri Aurobindo about the nature of spiritual poetry.

I welcome for consideration any contributions in the English language.

Please send to *vikasvickers* at: [a.vickers.arch@ntlworld.com](mailto:a.vickers.arch@ntlworld.com)

## Tomorrow Economy (ERRATUM)

Sorry to have sent the wrong address to join the mailing list of the reflection group on a local economy to Auroville. You can now write a mail to: [YVESL@auroville.org.in](mailto:YVESL@auroville.org.in) and let us know what special interest you feel for a local economy on Auroville. You will receive a confirmation email with the web address for the mailing list.

*Yves, Natacha, Cathy, Alain, Roland, Marc (Dana), avec la participation de Marc (Surrender)*

## Auroville Library - e-books and audio books section

The Auroville Library would like to develop an e-books and audio books section. We would like to invite everyone who has such material to bring it to the library for copy. Every language is welcome. You can contact Ashatit by phone: 94 87 91 40 38 or by email at: [avlib@auroville.org.in](mailto:avlib@auroville.org.in).

Thank you, *the Auroville Library*

## New Probiotics House

Dear All Probiotics Friends, we would like to share with you all that the new "PROBIOTICS HOUSE" located in Reve Area (in front of Arthena and Ecoteco Pools), is ready! Big THANKS to Eric Reboul of Auzolan, that built the most cute place for the Probiotics Microorganisms, in an amazing time of two and a half (2.5) months. Now is the time for us to move from Creativity, and organise everything in Reve. For that reason, we will not have Probiotics Open House on Thursday October 20th. We will let you all know soon when we will have the Probiotics House Inauguration, with so many new ideas, surprises, products, solutions, talks, workshops, etc. Please keep alert to our posts.

Thanking You,

*Guidelma and Margarita [MGEcoduties Executives]*

## Nandini tailoring

Dear friends, **\*\*Nandini tailoring\*\*** announcement for orders: no new order taken from Tuesday 25 to Saturday 29 of October 2011 - We start again on Tuesday 1st of November. Please, don't forget your cloth bag when you give your order. *Ira & Anne*

## Participative Trashion Show 2017 and Up-Cycling Exhibition - Return to the Future.

The *Up-Cycling Studio Auroville* is preparing a new participative exhibition in March 2017 (for 3 weeks) in the Bharat Nivas gallery. Your participation is needed! We are calling all up-cycling lovers and doers: designers, artists, art schools, units, you and more, all are welcome. Remember *AV litter free 2012*? Let's do it again together, and set up a new "Trashion Show" for the 2017 event.

**We invite all the interested participants for the exhibition & show to come for a preparatory meeting:**

**At the Up-Cycling Studio in Udavi School  
Saturday the 29th of October at 10 am**

See you there!

*Ok and Marc for the [Up-Cycling Studio Auroville](http://Up-Cycling Studio Auroville) (9442006807)*

## Light and Fusion Food Festival (29th Oct., 2016)

We are 10 days away from the much awaited event. Interested volunteers can call *Mawite* 8523915031 to confirm their participation. Artists, chefs and details of the event would be announced in the next edition of N&N. Fun Time!!!

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **Solitude Organic Farm Café**

Every day, there is such an enormous delight harvesting such a delicious variety of herbs, spinaches, weeds, flowers, roots, fruits and vegetables that along with our peanuts, millets and sometimes our rice and dhals, is the basis of the food we serve at Solitude Organic Farm café.

Recently to add to our existing Daily Thali we have added to our menu a number of new dishes that make use of these beautiful gifts from our Mother Nature.

Taboulia, Raw pad thai, raw vegan spaghetti with a creamy pesto sauce, spring roll, farm salad and spinach vegan chesse dosa. All the dishes come with tapioca or plantain chips or a dosai, a vadai and chutney etc.

Our deep aim is to share with our community the value of local food: nutritionally, socially, culturally, ecologically and economically.

Industrialised agriculture has defined the nutritional profile of our society. In turn this has had a major impact on our health both physically, socially and culturally. All the foods we offer are simple and straightforward to grow. They all have wonderful properties according to Ayurveda and also unique tastes that reflect their nutritional superiority. We are currently working on a website that teaches all the recipes we know with all the different local foods available (so far we have over 90 growing at Solitude.) By bringing community together over local food, we can revalue these foods. Many of them you won't find in shops but they have a profound value to us especially on a nutritional level. Fukuoka said to me when I met him, that only the fool will understand natural farming but

I ask myself, if we don't educate and inform ourselves about the bounty that we have all around us, who is the fool?  
After all this land is our Mother. Gaia, Pachi Amma, Bhoomi Dev, there are many names. Every single civilisation that has emerged on this planet has had a deep and dynamic relationship with where its food comes from. By eating this type of food and recognising that it can be the basis of our diet here in Auroville I would go so far as to say that embracing this food in whichever way we can is an act of devotion in itself!  
Anyway, forgive my digressions; if people come and eat at Solitude we are happy. We have a lunch scheme and beautiful

vegan ice creams as well as sugar free cakes, smoothies and so much more! If we can help people start cooking this food at home we are also happy, if we can help cafes like the visitor's centre, now serving their own tapioca, we are happy. Mother wants us to be happy. By accepting her gifts it is a beautiful and conscious way to stop polluting our planet and ourselves and create the new currency that maybe she was alluding to, the currency of well-being.

With all my heart,  
*Krishna*

## AVAILABLE

### Free Sri Lankan Sim card

Hi, I just came back from Sri Lanka and could provide my Sri Lankan Sim card to someone who needs it for free. Please contact *Patti*: 915 937 8642 / [lostmow@yahoo.com.tw](mailto:lostmow@yahoo.com.tw)

### TVS moped

For sale. Green colour and easy to handle. If interested please contact *Sunita* @ 9488735950. It is a trouble-free, friendly and durable vehicle.

### Office space for rent

Completely newly renovated office space (40 square mtrs), very quiet and green surrounding, for rent at Auromode with following facilities: 24 hours Security service / 24 hours Generator back-up / Aquadyne drinking water / Car & Bike parking. Best regards, *Auromode Trust* (Auroshilpam, Auroville - 605101 - Tel: 0413-2622193-161 - Mobile: 99433 90391

### Three orphan kittens

Two grey/tiger females and one black male. About 7 weeks old. Super sweet and litter box trained! Please come and see us and if you like give us a new home! Contact *Helena*: 9786952918 or 2622603

### Table top

Round glass, 110 cm diameter, 1 cm thick, frosted, bevelled edge, suitable as a table top. Call 262 3615 - *Marlenka*

### Fabric for shirts and frocks for free

Dear fellow-Aurovilians, a devotee of the Mother and a friend of Auroville who is into textile business in Mumbai has sent 2 reams of good quality white cotton fabric for free distribution among needy Aurovilians. The fabric can be used for making shirts for boys and men with the help of a tailor. Perhaps it can also be used making frocks for your daughters. If you would like to have a piece of the fabric, please visit Town Hall Reception Desk on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 between 10 to 12.30 and 2 to 4.30. A lady will be there who will cut and give you a piece or two from the reams. Each person is requested to take maximum three pieces so that everyone can have it. Some of you may recall that about a year ago, the same devotee had sent good quality of ready-made shirts for free distribution in Auroville. Similar to last time, If you would like to contribute on this occasion, you can contribute in favour of "Russian Peace Bells" project. There will be a sheet of paper on which you can write your account number and amount of donation.

*Aryadeep*

## LOOKING FOR ...

### Items to Support Children Learning at Aikiyam School

Dear Ones, here at Aikiyam School we are looking for several items for the children's classes:

- Tricycles or small riding toy (with or without pedals)
  - Legos
  - Yoga mats
  - cameras for the Kindergarten as well as for a computer class for the 7th and 8th graders - we are looking for cameras (from those of you who now only use your phones).
- Please feel free to call the office if you wish us to come and pick up some items.  
Thanks for your help!

*Aikiyam School Support Group* (Office number: 0413- 2622-358)

### Candle wax for reuse

At Deepam we collect leftovers from candles and reuse it for floating candles which we produce with our children who have special needs. Kindly put clean wax in the container at New Pours Tous recycle section. Bigger amounts of wax can also be given directly to us. Our phone no. is 2623254.

Our school is behind the Health Centre, but our entrance is from the orange gate / Old Last School Campus. We are not connected with Deepam candles down the road, which is a commercial enterprise.

### A used motorbike

Looking to buy a used motorcycle. Please contact me at: 9790944100. *Manmeet*

### Someone who would like to share an order of:

Pitanga style -Stainless Steel Photo/Painting Frame clips - accommodating a total thickness (plywood and glass) of 5 - 7 mm. They have to be ordered via Aureka in Chennai - an order is a minimum of 50-100 nos . Please let *Kumar* from Pitanga or *Lisbeth* know ([lisbeth@auroville.org.in](mailto:lisbeth@auroville.org.in))

### Washing machine

Hello community, we at Ponyfarm are looking for a washing machine to share. If you have one in good condition to donate or sell at a reasonable price please contact me. 7094787692. *Elide*

### Graphic designer

Looking for a volunteer with a feminine touch to help me create the layout for a picture book. Please contact me: [dariya@auroville.org.in](mailto:dariya@auroville.org.in) or 9786658967. Thank you so much, *Dariya*

### Auditions looking for Dancers/Bodymovers

Welcome Dancers and /or intelligent Body-movers to be part of 'SEAS'. Narrating through old and new found physical vocabulary expressions of 'Soul encounters for the Auroville Soul' - SEAS: binding aerial, gymnastic, dance, movement, yoga and stillness to find their expression through music inspired and composed with narrated( spoken and sung) passages taken from the book Savitri by Sri Aurobindo, specifically and carefully chosen for this event.

Are you living in Auroville and will be for the next coming two years?

Are you able and willing to commit voluntarily (without maintenance) towards the creation of a cultural offering in the Amphitheater, for February 2018 celebrating 50 years of Auroville?

Do you like repeating movements and executing them in group compositions?

Are you good at memorizing movement sequences?

Are you ok with somebody challenging you to draw out the best of your abilities?

Then contact Grace: 9841412550

## LOST AND FOUND

### Black Labrador Dog (found - need to find the owner!)

Dear Dog Owners, at Dehashakti Sports Ground there is a big black Labrador dog quite old, must be over 8 -9 years old that has been hanging around for a month or more and we really cannot have it here at the sports ground anymore. It's a male dog and it has a collar and is very tamed and is surely someone's. So please whoever has lost their dog please come and take him home.

Thank you, *Dehashakti team*

## THANK YOU

### Symposium in collaboration with Sahitya Akademi

We thank you very much for your participation in the symposium on Children's Literature on 15th October 2016 at Akiyam school, Auroville. It was wonderful; you made it colorful and successful.

See you more in the future.

*R. Meenakshi and C. Sethupathy (Organizers.)*

### Poetry and Music for Peace

THANKS to everybody who participated Sunday at the Unity Pavilion .It was a joyful and harmonious afternoon with poets, musicians and people coming for sharing. Thanks to Shakti and the Av Sisters, to Susana and Rolf, to Nikita, to Antoine, to Chandresh, to Meenakshi and friends, to Anu and to many others whose names I do not know and who allowed us to sing in English, Tamil, French, Russian, Spanish, Hindi, German ...and vibrate with 50 more poets from all over the World joining us for our "Auroville Month of Peace". The President of

the World Poetry Movement has sent a very touching message to us dedicating this event to the Peace in Colombia.

*Anandi for C.A.L.I (House of Latinoamerica) & Youth Link*

### The Auroville Youth Activities project is taking off!

The Auroville Youth Activities team wish to thank all those who offered their time and expertise to permit the Youth Activities project to take form: first of all children and parents of Auroville who expressed clearly a need for such a project, then Dehashakti, Transition, SAIER, Sports Resource Center, Virya and Stephanie for their valuable feedbacks, Coriolan for creating the website and for taking photographs of a majority of the activities, Monica for creating the logo... and naturally all the exceptional Activities coaches/teachers for welcoming the project but moreover, for their incredible work, love and dedication to children!

*Aurosylle, Elisa, Marta, Matthia, Megan, Sara, Satyavan*  
([youthactivities.auroville.org.in/](http://youthactivities.auroville.org.in/))

## A P P E A L

### Appeal for Financial Support for Urgent Operation

*Shaktivel* has an appointment with CMC Hospital in Vellore for an urgent kidney transplant.

For this OP he needs to pay 6.5 lakhs on the 17th of November of which he only collected up to now 1.7 lakhs.

Please donate to his health account at Financial Service, Acct No: 252340

Any help is needed and helpful, thank you

*Angelika and Shaktivel (Solar Kitchen)*

## 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 sitting 1

I am Oscar Lieder, a German/Australian volunteer in Auroville. I am looking for an opportunity to house-sit until the middle of January. If you are looking for a quiet, responsible and disciplined house-sitter, please don't hesitate to contact me. E-Mail: [oscar-ep@hotmail.de](mailto:oscar-ep@hotmail.de) Thanks guys! - *Oscar*

### House sitting 2

Hi Auroville people, here again another demand from a homeless Newcomer who is looking for a house to sit during the fully crazy month of December till end of March... I know, I'm a dreamer to hope finding something during this period but let's dream!! It can be a small room in your house or anything else. Thanks for your help, *Chloé*: 9600880109 / [chloe@auroville.org.in](mailto:chloe@auroville.org.in)

## T A X I S H A R I N G

October 24th: 1 person will arrive at Chennai Airport at 1 pm and be picked up by a taxi from AV to come to Auroville. If you would like to share the taxi either way, please contact *Stefan*: [stefangebert@gmail.com](mailto:stefangebert@gmail.com)

October 24th: Hello, I will be flying in on the 24th of Oct. If you want to reach Chennai / Chennai airport anytime before 3 pm on the same day and would like to share, please contact me: [shahnandi@gmail.com](mailto:shahnandi@gmail.com) or SMS 9488483286 - *Nandita*

October 26th: To Chennai Airport on 26 October - Contact *Katharina*: 963 726 7655

October 27th: Hey all, anyone interested in sharing a taxi to/from Chennai airport? Going there empty, coming back with one person plus luggage. 27th of October, pickup at the airport at 9:00 am. Contact *Matthieu* at 2622536, 9487919639, or [matthieu@auroville.org.in](mailto:matthieu@auroville.org.in)"

October 28th: 1 person will arrive at Chennai Airport at 3.30 pm and be picked up by a taxi from AV to come to Auroville. If you would like to share the taxi either way, please contact *Stefan*: [stefangebert@gmail.com](mailto:stefangebert@gmail.com)

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

### Tanto's Far Beach needs a hardworking manager /receptionist

You will be in charge of receiving and interacting with the guests, housekeeping supervision. Long hours on weekends. Will be required to live on site. Accommodation and maintenance provided.

Fluent written and spoken English a must .Other languages a plus.

Preference to Aurovilians or Newcomers.

Contact: [tantofarbeach@gmail.com](mailto:tantofarbeach@gmail.com)

### Isai Ambalam School needs 2 teachers for pre-school and 7th grade

We are urgently looking for 2 Aurovillian teachers or long-term Volunteers with experience in teaching, for pre-school and 7th grade. Persons with good communication and written skills in English and Tamil will be given preference.

Please contact the school ([isaiambalamschool@auroville.org.in](mailto:isaiambalamschool@auroville.org.in)) or Subash (94862 22047), Sanjeev (94498 35658) and Kavitha (89404 34614) for this purpose.

Note: We need long-term volunteers who can communicate with 7th grade clearly for understanding the content in science and social science and cooperating with volunteers well.

Thanking you, Yours sincerely, Subash

## HEALTH

### Tibetan Doctor's Visit

Dear All, the Tibetan doctor is visiting this month on Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd - morning only. For your appointment please call us between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm @ 2622401 or 8489067332.

Wish you all a healthy & happy life, *Pavilion of Tibetan Culture*

## AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear listeners!

The monsoon is at our doorstep and in those quiet hours, of course if you still have power, you might want to listen to our past programs. The internet is back, thank you BSNL and the team!

Following are programs featured on our webpage in the past two weeks:

Our volunteers Romel and Mimansha covered [Mr. Lakshminarayan from SLI](#), and Savi [Volunteer Introduction Program](#).

Iyyanar Anand made a program in Tamil on [Festival of Evolution](#)

We've recorded excellent talk on pyramids [Purpose of Pyramids](#), and of course an interview with Dr. Semir Osmanagic [Bosnian Pyramids and Energy](#)

Been at the [4th AV Singing Festival](#).

Roland covered an interesting concert with Kim Cunio and his students [In C and Beyond... Concert](#)

Steve listened to [The True Stories Of Volunteers](#)

Stepehn Anurag still follows CHIRU AV conversations 'What is Health?'

Within our regular readings Loretta reads [Savitri, B.II, C. VI, Part 3](#), [Savitri, B. II, C. VI, Part 2](#), and Mother's Questions and Answers [Mother's Q & A 7/3/56](#).

Gangalakshmi continues with selections [Selections par Gangalakshmi 96](#)

and Marlenka continues with an introduction of [Synthesis of Yoga Chapter IV](#) and [Threefold Life: Synthesis of Yoga](#)

And of course weekly Mondays and Thursdays' news - [Jazz Cafe](#), [Peace Poetry](#), [Accessible PY](#), [4th AV Singing Festival](#), [Evolution](#),

Food for soul with musical editions - [Calypso in Early Years](#) and [Somewhere in Heaven](#)

We wish you a happy listening,

*Auroville Radio Team* ( [www.aurovillerradio.org](http://www.aurovillerradio.org) )

## EATING OUT

### Book Now! To reserve your Gourmet PROSKILLS Dinner!

Book now to reserve your Gourmet PROSKILLS Dinner on Oct 28 in the Visitors' Centre.

#### A Gourmet Menu

As part of the PROSKILLS night of fun, food and community, the PROSKILLS Cooking Apprentices are preparing a sumptuous feast with the following menu:

- Thai Green Curry
- Jasmin-Infused Basmati
- Spicy Papaya Salad
- Coconut Crêpes with Caramelised Banana

WHEN: 7 pm - 8 pm, Friday Oct 28

WHERE: Visitors' Centre

#### How to Book

To reserve your Gourmet Dinner, please:

1. Transfer a suggested contribution of Rs 250 (labelled "PROSKILLS") per dinner to Pour Tous account number 251048; and then

2. Send an email to: [youth@auroville.org.in](mailto:youth@auroville.org.in) to let us know how many dinners you'd like to book.

Once we've received your booking, we'll send you a confirmation message. Your contribution will help us cover the costs of the dinner and fund future PROSKILLS events and community programs.

For more information, please don't hesitate to email us at: [indispirit@gmail.com](mailto:indispirit@gmail.com) or call 948 6623 749 or 948 986 1069.

Much Love,

*The PROSKILLS Team!*

### Bharat Nivas/The Pavilion of India: Gujarathi Lunch

By Ms. Meha Desai

On Sunday the 23rd of October, 2016

Venue: Atithi Griha Guest House

Timings: 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

\*Rs. 120/- for Aurovilians only

Please make your reservations by calling 0413-2622445 or E-

Mail: [atithigriha@auroville.org.in](mailto:atithigriha@auroville.org.in) before:

Saturday (22nd of October, 2016) 5:00 PM

## Sunday Chill Kipaak Café @ AuroAnnam

What to do on a Sunday eve after a busy weekend? You might have plans but do they include delicious homemade food, barbeque, a kid friendly environment and not to mention bonfire and beautiful music to go with it?

Welcome to Sunday Chill! We serve taste and happiness.

Special: Light and Fusion Food Festival (29th Oct, 2016)  
2nd Light and Food Fusion Festival " Human Unity in Diversity"  
@ AuroAnnam, opposite Auroorchard after edaiyanchavady village, just before reaching Tindivanam Highway.  
All are invited as there will be live music and fusion food contact for advance booking: *Mawite* - 8523915031  
*See You Soon*

## Solar Kitchen and La Terrace closed for Deepavali

On Saturday 29.10.2016 Solar Kitchen and La Terrace will remain closed for Deepavali. Happy Diwali for all!

## Well Studio Café will be closed on Saturday the 29/10.

Please come to enjoy our beautiful garden and art and crafts exhibition.

We serve vegetarian and vegan Mediterranean food.

Open Monday to Saturday.8.30 till 16.30. Sunday closed.

Happy Diwali!

*Well team - Sve Dame* (0413-2622219)

## GREEN MATTERS



### Rwanda Climate Change Summit aims at replacing cooling gases

Almost 200 countries have reached a deal to phase out gases that contribute to global warming. HFCs, or hydrofluorocarbons, are used world-wide in fridges, air conditioning and aerosols (spray bottles).

This recent climate summit in Rwanda (central-eastern Africa) was a follow-up of the *Paris Climate Change agreement* signed by over 150 countries last December. It was also a continuation and amendment of the work of the so-called *Montreal Protocol*, a treaty designed thirty years ago to protect the environment from harmful substances, following the discovery of a large ozone hole over Antarctica. Its main aim was to end the use of ozone-depleting CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons), also known as Freon (or R-12), which were replaced with HFCs. Later it was found out that HFCs were also problematic as they in turn contribute to global warming by trapping heat radiating off the Earth. Over 100 fluorinated gases have been eliminated in 30-year history of the Montreal Protocol.

Delegates in Rwanda accepted that wealthier countries will cut back their use of HFCs starting from 2019. Some developing countries like China and those in Latin America will follow suit in 2024. During tough negotiations, India has been under the greatest pressure to sign a deal. Its government wants developing nations to be allowed till 2026 to phase out HFC emissions. The Indian environment minister Anil Daves argues that his country cannot afford the change due to 'stagnating development', and will therefore phase it out only in 2032 (!). Some observers question the concessions made, and believe that this will prevent the target of cutting global warming by 0.5 degrees from being reached. Of course, it makes perfect sense that countries and people who have historically not contributed to the problem shouldn't have to beg and fight for assistance from industrialised nations in developing and introducing green technologies!

If the new agreement is implemented in full, it will make a substantial difference, reducing the use of HFCs by 85% by 2045, or by another estimate, averting carbon dioxide in the atmosphere by 70 billion tons of CO<sup>2</sup> - or India's entire emissions - by 2050.

One thing is clear - all countries have to take serious steps and assume their share of responsibility in shifting to a global low-carbon economy, in the effort to mitigate a run-away climate change that is profoundly changing our planet's condition. This means leaving coal and oil in the ground and instead promoting sustainable, renewable energy on a massive scale. It also means protecting the world's most vulnerable people and countries (such as the small island nations) from the damages of extreme weather and the rising of sea levels. It means working on all kinds of 'Adaptations', such as for instance growing food at higher temperatures and creating drought-resistant cultivars, protecting the dwindling fresh water resources, and much more. All this requires means and measures that go beyond a single country - especially a poor one - can do on its own. What is needed is an increasing

international collaboration and a shift from an economy aimed at competition and exploitation to one based on solidarity and a harmonious interdependence. It looks like the global environmental crisis may be humanity's last and best chance, if we want to survive, to embrace the next evolutionary step, and shift from thinking and acting in division to mutual help and oneness!

### Can we get fridges and A/C with eco-friendly coolants?

There are many chemicals used as refrigerants - at least 300! - and they are generally called R- (for Refrigerant) followed by a number. The range of CFS, HCFCs and HFCs (from more to somewhat less harmful) can be confusing, and vendors in appliance shops mostly don't know which gas a fridge or air conditioner uses. Many fridges are advertised as 'eco-friendly' but it isn't always easy to get more detailed information (the same applies to so-called inverter motors). Asking for the technical specifications sheet should provide the information. The consumer information website [Bijlibachao](http://Bijlibachao) has an excellent, user-friendly page with simple explanations and evaluations.

According to this handy site, the most commonly used refrigerant in India is currently still the ozone-depleting HCFC-22 (R-22). In air conditioners, about a quarter use HFCs (somewhat less harmful but still contributing to global warming). Other commonly used coolants are HFCs: R-134A in refrigerators; R-410A and R-32 in air conditioners.

The most environment-friendly refrigerants that are available in Indian market currently are called 'R-290' and 'R-600A'. They are HC or hydrocarbons, and their chemical names are *Propane* for R-290 and *Iso-Butane* for R-600A. They have no ozone depletion potential and are by far the lowest in terms of global warming potential. Although these gases are highly flammable, manufacturers claim that the appliances using them are totally safe. 'In fact, most fridges in the Indian market are now on R-600A and there are no reported accidents; so we can comfortably believe that they are safe.'

The site concludes: "If you are someone who cares about energy efficiency and global warming, go for an Air Conditioner with R-290 or a Refrigerator with R-600A. The more you opt for it, the more the manufacturers will start using them in their appliances. Hopefully, with stringent standards and better advancements in technology, we will be able to see better refrigerants in future."

For interest's sake, on the horizon is a radically different refrigeration technology which use magnetism and a water coolant instead of a refrigerant gas, while consuming minimal energy. The first commercial magnetic cooling system is presently in testing phase and is expected to be commercially available in not-too-distant future.

Sources: *Reuters, The Guardian, Times of India, BBC, Bijlibachao website*

For the AV Green Center - *Lisbeth & Jasmin*

-This column is also published bi-weekly on Auronet. We like to hear from you on any green environmental topics. Please write to us at [avgreencenter@auroville.org.in](mailto:avgreencenter@auroville.org.in).



## Old and new products from Foodlink

**Old, repeat news:** Even though our farmers do their best (and, yes of course we could all always do better)

not to cause a glut in the market, this season, we are flooded with cucumbers. We get about 400 kg each week from various farms. Solar Kitchen and PTDC are our biggest consumers (thank you folks), and we have also contacted some other outlets and eateries. But, **what we would like to encourage is community-supported agriculture, and you can make a difference: Next time, you eat a salad with cucumber at an Auroville outlet, ask them, "is this from AV?".** Through such simple actions, we can help close the loop between the supply and demand for organic farm produce and strengthen our local economy. And of course, it also helps when eateries (e.g. Solar Kitchen, Naturellement, etc.) tell their clients what they have sourced from Auroville.

If you primarily eat at home, have you ever tried cucumber soup? It is surprisingly tasty, and the best part is of course, as it is organic, you don't need to peel the cucumber first.

**Partly new, partly old news:** We are sure all of you have tried sesame and gomasio from AV farms. But did you know that the

ground black sesame served at Solar Kitchen these days is also from our farms? Yes, it has a stronger taste, for in our weather conditions with just a bit of excess humidity, the sesame, while in the field itself, acquires a strong taste. Nevertheless, it is equally healthy. And what's new is cold-pressed sesame oil from Siddhartha and Kalpavruksha farms. Cold-pressed oils are the healthiest, for commercial, standard or heat-pressed oils are processed with chemicals. So do try our sesame oil as our cooking medium, and if you like it, make the switch to a healthier option.

**New and fresh:** Gluten-free millet crackers from Auroville bakery made with locally grown millets. You will find them in PTDC, and we will see if we can stock them in Foodlink soon. Thank you AV Bakery for helping us move our excess stock in Varagu and Ragi flour.

**Coming soon:** Tamarind chutney from Discipline, the perfect accompaniment to samosas and vadais or anything savory in small jars of 200gm.

**And finally our newest news:** Foodlink (thanks to Buddha Garden folks) is now selling organic cashews, sourced from selected Auroville communities, at highly competitive prices. Look out for the Foodlink label.

In community,  
Sumathi and Bindu (for the FL team)



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## **Pumphouse residents need your collaboration**

An interesting early history of the Pumphouse: Navajata asked Mother to locate a place to put a bore well for a water supply to the Center. She placed a pin in a map and asked Nava to walk north until he felt light-headed. A Pumphouse and a small hut were built. Arindam came to live there briefly in late '68. Francis and I lived there the first part of '69 - Francis (living in Certitude) built a large round open hut. Later in '69 Arindam returned from the States and claimed the property. Mother gave it the name "Arindam" - but everyone else continued to call it the Pumphouse [*How the Pumphouse community started, written by Constance, USA*]

### **Last thirty years of history:**

When Nagappan, Grace' husband, who worked in 1983 at the Matrimandir, approached in 1986 the Matrimandir management to have a house in the Pumphouse area, they approved it in 1987, and then we both started living there. That time nobody said that it was a temporary housing/community.

When we heard in 1998 that the crown road crosses into the Pumphouse we understood that the community was temporary, but we didn't get any official note from any Working Group, also we saw that Roger's plan (approved by RA in 1995) shows the crown road outside of the Pumphouse community.

### **Meeting with several working groups:**

We received so many feedbacks from the community: 1) 'Why does the Pumphouse community object to the Youth Hive project?' 2) 'Why can't the Pumphouse residents take up this project?' We are not objecting to the project only to the process.

At the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, meeting with Koodam, Architects, Youth Hive, TDC we explained our situation and were asked to take a decision. The next day we (residents) discussed among ourselves and took the decision to avoid the pollution, noise, parties, breaking The Mother's rules - which happened in similar cases previously; the big building (150 beds) 14 meters away from us, the residents, no access to the residents - the approach was not correct, without consulting the neighbours harmoniously - how can then one guarantee or expect harmony to come in the future in that place? Not only harmony with the neighbours but also with the neighbouring villages close to the Pumphouse community. The approach of the project holder or the architects challenging the residents of the Pumphouse can't be accepted. The present peaceful atmosphere may not exist anymore in that place and also probably not with the neighbouring villages. On 11th July 2016 itself all of the above mentioned groups agreed with our decision.

### **Concerns raised by Pump House Residents:**

The gathered Pumphouse residents expressed deep dissatisfaction that they were ignored in the application and granting of the project's Non-Objection Certificate (NOC). They stated that they were never approached directly regarding the project and learned about the plans via community forums. They stated that they would have liked more respect and inclusion in advance and cited Meenaskhi's proceedings regarding the nearby Tamil Heritage Centre application as a good example of correct processes in this circumstance.

- We are the stewards of the place, but the NOC was given to the project holder without our consent. The project holder, the architect, L'Avenir, TDC also started the process without involving us.
- As far we know TDC/L'Avenir usually asks the permission from the neighbours before starting the process. Here in our case it has not happened.
- The proposed Site Location announced in the N&N: International Zone, along the Crown Road, opposite Unity Pavilion/New Language Lab does not mention our community name "Pumphouse".
- The residents (every one) don't keep in their mind their plot number. Half of the residents don't even know the plot number of their community. When a person is going to build a new house /house exchange/house transfer, they have to inform/ get approval

from the whole community members who are living there before starting the process. Also, if a community member wants to start any new house/project, he/ she must get the approval from the other community members before he/ she starts the project. This is the normal procedure being followed in Auroville. But in our case, the above said procedure was not followed.

Yet this has not ended there and we are disappointed. Koodam and Youth Link project holders iTDC, wrote in the email that there is a plan B and that they were going to proceed with that only.

This decision has given TDC a chance to rectify their mistake. It has set a good example for the other groups. Henceforth groups in the future will come forward to accept their mistakes and do the needful to rectify them with good spirit.

Nagappan's father Dhanapalam showed his appreciation for Auroville by donating his only acre of land to AV (Reve community). In the early days our pocket money was Rs 20 only, with that we couldn't develop much in the community and still now we are working in Service places. For 30 years now we have worked physically on this land surrounded by other AV lands, and as community members we stopped encroachments and discussed or quarreled with Panchayat leaders and neighbouring landowners. Is all this forgotten now? The villagers are still respecting us because whenever they are in difficulty we are ready to help.

We, the Pumphouse residents, therefore want to discuss with the community at large this ambiguous and unsatisfying situation and restore the peaceful atmosphere in the Pumphouse community.

Thanking you,

*Lakshmi, Meena, Induja, Grace, Nagappan, Arunkumar, Prachita*

## Clarification from the International Zone Coordination Team regarding the Hive Project

The International Zone Coordination Team (IZCT) comprises residents of the community who believe passionately in the development of the International Zone according to the vision of the Mother. This zone is one of the four to which She gave great importance, as She believed that the work done there would play a significant role in bringing about harmony between nations and the realisation of human unity. The zone is as yet, however little developed, and has been largely neglected by Aurovilians.

In recent years however, an enthusiastic team has come together with a strong aspiration to promote and encourage development of the zone, as well as to fundraise for projects. We have been involved in projects such as the building of temporary pavilions (Africa and France so far, but the temporary European House will soon follow), as well as the development of much needed infrastructure, such as water and roads, as well as habitat projects. We have also given encouragement to pavilion groups such as Russia, and Korea, who wish to develop permanent pavilions. We have also taken an interest in service projects which are planned to be along the Crown Road, such as student/volunteer accommodation, offices and international restaurants. We were therefore particularly enthusiastic when Youthlink presented their Hive project to us, and gave the group our help and encouragement.

When L'avenir d'Auroville granted site permission to the land near Pumphouse for the Hive project, we believed, as they did, that it is an ideal location, as the land is unoccupied and in an optimal location next to the future Crown Road. We agreed with L'avenir that it appeared to be far enough from existing residents not to cause difficulties. So we were surprised when, on talking to the Pumphouse residents they expressed their strong opposition to the siting of the project. Both Pumphouse residents and members of the Hive team have joined our meetings and expressed their views, and we have done our best to understand everyone's concerns.

Members of the IZCT have been in close contact with the Pumphouse residents since the time of the project application to L'Avenir, keeping them informed and inviting them to our meetings. In our talks with the residents - both in our meetings and in private conversations - we have come to understand their concerns. However, we believe that the Hive project as now presented (amended to address their concerns), does not present a significant impact on the residents' lives. Furthermore, we believe strongly that the development of the City, and in particular the International Zone needs to move forward with some urgency, and we encourage those living in these areas to embrace the new developments and support this work towards manifesting the Mother's vision.

*International Zone Coordination Team members (Amy, B, Claude J, Jürgen A, Louis, Luigi, Martin I, Prasad, Tomoko, Vani)*

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## THE PATH OF SILK at Centre D'art - Citadines

We are always at the right time at the right moment, but sometimes this perception gets even more accentuated as we perceived what we call "the moment of grace".

With "The Path of Silk" exhibit from Maria Grazia she opened up in "Le Centre d'Art" in Citadines on the 15th of October, you will visit a dance of silk and spirit all the way from the country of Dante to Mother India.

Maria Grazia's journey into the spirit started in her home country, Italy, where she was working in an "Avant Garde" theatre exploring a very specific ancient spiritual technique called "Theater of Sources" inspired by Jerzy Grotowsky, a Polish innovative theatre director, who sought to explore new forms of theatrical expression without employing the spoken word and using the actor's own self as the substance of performance.

From theatre she moved to the Sri Aurobindo Centre in Milan where Maria Grazia met a man called Arka, a name given to him by the Mother. There she got "the call" to go to Auroville. That was in 1982 and here she founded the "Arka Center" whose purpose, according to her, is "eternal youth" or reversing the ageing process.

The influential impact of her theatre years as well as the Sri Aurobindo Center in Milano tinted her life which was not only comprising of spirit but also of Art. Her hobby has always been working with fabrics and at "New Creation", where she spent many years looking after the school, she helped decorating the school and teaching Aurovilians and villagers, using mostly a technique known in the silk process as "gutta". The solvent-based Gutta is a thick substance that is derived from Indonesian rubber trees (Gutta Percha). It is used almost exclusively for the French Serti Technique of painting on silk. The Serti (closing or fence) technique is the silk painting technique where designs are outlined with gutta or water-based resists, which are applied to white silk that has been pre-washed, dried and stretched.

So I hope your path will lead you to Maria Grazia's path of silk at Citadines, that you will enjoy to get on the Italy-to-India silk road and spirit and, once there, you might even be tempted to buy a pure silk colourful scarf or one of those quilts reminding you of your childhood where you used to draw a happy picture of a house on a river with a mountain in the background and a sun as big and shiny as a heart could be.

*This article was written by Chana Corinne Devor for Auroville Art Service. Presently exploring Auroville, she is an art critic and writes for international travel and spiritual magazines.*

## A Soldier Sails on to a Splendid Future - a 'Salute' to Major General Krishna Tewari

Many years ago, perhaps more than 25 years ago, in one of the community meetings, Gen. Tewari said while explaining himself, "I am a soldier..." I was not present in that meeting but I read it in the report of the meeting in News & Notes (then Auroville News). I don't remember the context in which he said it nor the topic of the meeting but it can easily be inferred that those were perhaps slightly sensitive moments for him when he was obliged to say something publicly about his character, his temperament!

Let me elaborate!

When someone says "I am a teacher", "I am a farmer", "I am a doctor", "I am a writer or a journalist" and so on, it speaks of his or her work, expertise, profession and career; his or her bent of nature. But when someone says "I am a soldier" it probably means something more than all those things. It speaks of certain qualities, certain essential attributes: firmness in service, faithfulness to a vow taken, to a promise given, to a commitment to stand, struggle, suffer and eventually, if needed, to lay down one's life for a country or a cause. Seen from this perspective Gen. Tewari was true to his words about himself. He brought to his work a soldier's character of commitment, discipline and dedication to a cause his heart had chosen. As a result, our little community of Auroville got many boosts, morally and materially.

During my early years in Auroville (the years between 1990 and 1992), I came to understand there was some sort of a core group, consisting of Alain Bernard, Frederick and Gen. Tewari. These three along with Roger Anger and, of course, Kireet Joshi from New Delhi were major instruments in the transition from Auroville Emergency Act to the lasting arrangement of Auroville Foundation Act, 1988 in the Indian Parliament. When they returned to Auroville from New Delhi, they spoke to the community. I remember reading their interview in the very first issue of Auroville Today in Ahmedabad, where I was living then. While explaining themselves and answering questions, Gen. Tewari said something which was reminiscent of a famous and inspiring quote used by former U.S. President John F. Kennedy in one of his speeches: "...we shall be as a City upon the hill, the eyes of all people upon us". Gen. Tewari came very close to saying this when he said in answer to a question: "The whole world is looking up to Auroville".

Of course, this has not to be taken literally. The world lives and moves on regardless of Auroville, but it has to be understood in the sense that many of those forward-looking people around the world who get familiar with the Auroville Charter, Auroville vision and worldview, Auroville ideas and ideal, feel that here is the bold and comprehensive vision and knowledge, here is the high level of inspiration, here is the great hope and illumined approach and outlook, here is the ascending path that opens onto "broad sunlit uplands" of the human civilization. For example, in one of her conversations with Satprem, the Mother mentions that when somebody gave to Nikita Khrushchev, then Premier of the erstwhile Soviet Union, her article "A Dream", which forms one of the backbones of Auroville, he is reported to have said, "The whole world should unite to make it a reality."

*(This is part 1 of the 5 part tribute (Salute) to Gen. Krishna Tewari. Part 2 will be published next week. For complete article, please refer to Auroville Intranet post dt. 15<sup>th</sup> October 16 or write to the author at aryadeep@auroville.org.in)*

Aryadeep

### Growing in power

Did you see a Kali on the road?  
Swaying with the wind,  
Up on the tree,  
Red tongue sticking out,

Celestine

Growing in power?  
Will you be the same again,  
Sleeping a lot,  
Chatting too much,

Thinking of doing well,  
Doing the same thing,  
And never be different?

# For your calendar



## AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

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

We follow the sun and the timing changes with the season...

5.30 to 6.00 pm

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** use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you  
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.15 pm.  
Please be seated by 5.25 pm.  
Thank you - Amphitheatre Team

## INVITATIONS



### Unity Pavilion, Hall of Peace

Peace Meditation, 27th October 2016, 5-6 pm

Mira Nakashima with Family will be joining us around the Peace Table

All are welcome

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## Building Bridges evening

Dear friends, families, donors and well-wishers,  
The *Building Bridges 2016 team* is back from an amazing trip and is ready to share the experience with you!

Please come and hear about our journey and adventures at the TCV (Tibetan Children's village)  
in upper Dharamsala and surroundings.

On Thursday 27th October  
Pavilion of Tibetan Culture - 6 pm



*Om Mani Padme Hum*

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## INVITATION to the PROSKILLS Launch!

You're invited to a night of fun, food and community in the Visitors' Centre next week!

*PROSKILLS* is the new name for the Auroville Apprenticeship Program and it connects students with trainers and internship opportunities. If you're looking for direction in life, *PROSKILLS* has the answer!

The evening will feature a gourmet dinner prepared by the *PROSKILLS* Cooking Apprentices,  
followed by a performance of (some of the) skills currently being taught in Auroville.  
The *PROSKILLS* team will also be on hand with a full list of the community's available training programs.



**WHEN: Friday, October 28**

**WHERE: Visitors' Centre**

### PROGRAM

7.00 pm - 8.00 pm - Gourmet *PROSKILLS* Dinner\*\*

8.00 pm - 9.15 pm - Skills Performance

\*\* to book your Gourmet Proskills Dinner, please email: [youth@auroville.org.in](mailto:youth@auroville.org.in) - See "Eating Out" section for the dinner's details\*\*

### Opportunities for Students!

If you're a student (of any age) looking for more training and opportunities to develop your abilities, this is your night!  
Trainers will be there on this night to answer your questions about their courses and to also sign you up!

### Internships announced on Stage

The evening will also announce a series of internship opportunities if you would like to become more involved  
in existing activities in the community and develop your skills at the same time.

For more information, please don't hesitate to email us on: [indispirit@gmail.com](mailto:indispirit@gmail.com) or call: 948 6623 749 or 948 9861 069.

Much Love,  
The *PROSKILLS* team

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## Deepawali (festival of light) @ Upasana 2016

Dear friends,  
We will be celebrating Deepawali in Upasana on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October from 6 pm onwards till 9 pm.  
We invite everyone to join us for light, flowers & a light meal together.

**Date: 29th October - Saturday**

**Time: 6 to 9 pm**

**Venue: Upasana (Near CSR)**

Love,  
*Upasana Team.*

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## EXHIBITIONS

### "Performer Series"

Painting Exhibition By *Mark*

**Last days! until October 22nd 2016 - 8am -12.00pm and 2pm - 6pm**

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville, TN 605101, India. (0413) 2622403/2622994 [Pitanga@auroville.org.in](mailto:Pitanga@auroville.org.in)

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Auroville Up-Cycling Artist *Ok* invites you to:

## SoS Song of the Sea

an exhibition in Chennai @ INKO Center  
From 27 October 2016 to 27 November 2016 (Sundays closed)

This exhibition displays aesthetically crafted jellyfish lampshades and fishes as well as beautifully crafted jewellery and other gift items, made of discarded plastic and CDs. Auroville-based Korean artist *Ok Jeong Lee's* up-cycling project draws attention to the plight of sea, teeming with life yet choking due to the growing menace of pollution, fuelled by humanity that has remained largely insensitive and indifferent. In her attempt to re-cycle and re-use material that once had a purpose but are now discarded as waste, she urges us to reconsider and recalibrate our response to the environment that we both draw from and must nurture and protect. In the beauty of the products made out of waste, there nestle both the songs of the sea, with its alluring mysteries, as well as its haunting distress call, to be loved and preserved.

You are most welcome to come to the opening on Thursday, 27 October 2016 at 6:30 / The Gallery @ INKO Centre - Chennai

*Please invite your friends in Chennai.*

## TALKS, SEMINARS

For those who are interested in starting the Auroville Newcomer process as well as the Aurovilians who contemplate the idea of becoming a Mentor, you are invited to attend a

### Welcome Talk

on Wednesday, 26th October, from 3 to 5 PM  
at the SAIER Conference Hall,

(Town Hall area, 4th building, after the AV Foundation building, room upstairs)

During this talk, we shall share with you the aims and ideals of Auroville, the process of becoming a Newcomer, as well as the ground reality of living here.

We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the following texts of The Mother: the Charter of Auroville, The Dream and To Be a True Aurovillian which highlight the Vision of Auroville.

Please come prepared with any questions you may have.

The applicant and the mentor will be invited to write down their names if they want to be part of the process.

*Hope to see you there.*

## Presentation, Talk & Slide Show by Auroville & Pondy Artists

Talk & Slideshow Presentation by 12 artists on their recent experience at an Art Camp (hosted by the JSW Foundation, at Vidyanagar, Karnataka)

### "Rendez-vous with Vidyanagar"

Inner space Outer space - A Ceramic & Sculpture Conclave

Date: Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> / Time: 5.15 pm

Venue: Bhavishyate (New Building between Auditorium & Kalakendra)

Participants: Nausheen Bari, Marie-Claire Barsotti, Puneet Brar, D.Saravana, Chantal Gowa, Kratu, Nele Martens, O.Ramesh, Saraswati (Renata Sereda), Sabrina Srinivas, Priya Sundaravalli and Masha.

All are welcome.

Organized by *Bharatnivas Cultural Group*

For more information: [bharatnivas@auroville.org.in](mailto:bharatnivas@auroville.org.in) / ph: 2622914

## Talk on Ayurveda and its connection with the Vedas and Vedanta

At Joy Community Guest House

Monday the 31st of October from 6 to 7 pm

*Pavan* will talk about the connection of Ayurveda to the philosophy of Vedanta and the Vedas.

With the emphasis on spa Ayurveda nowadays, the talk will help to bring Ayurveda back to its deeper core.

The talk will also show the connection of Yoga and Vedic Astrology to Ayurveda.

Pavan has received personal training in the Vedic field from world renowned teacher David Frawley, for which he received the title Vedakovid. He has also authored the acclaimed book 'A Vedic Life, A Practical Philosophy of Nature', and has practiced Ayurveda and Vedic Astrology in Europe for many years. His formal education includes degrees in Mathematics, Philosophy and an MBA.

*In case of heavy rain it will be cancelled.*

*For more information call: 944 36 17 308 :)*

## An Introduction

### To "Integral Psychology" of Sri Aurobindo

We are trying to organize ourselves to study some of the works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.  
We share our first attempt. Please see the details on Auronet.

Contact details:

Deeptendu Mob: 9488494930 / Suresh Mob: 9787803077 / Off. Landline: 0413- 2622253, 2623250

Email: [cicbn@auroville.org.in](mailto:cicbn@auroville.org.in) , [deepsarkar94@gmail.com](mailto:deepsarkar94@gmail.com)

## CULTURAL EVENTS

Red Cat Jazz Café

Presents

### "Return of our American Brothers"

An evening of Jazz – Rock – Blues

Visitors' Center  
Saturday 22 October  
8pm

## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

### Consciousness as Medicine at Vérité

Please contact Vérité (24 hour advanced registration required) to register for the following workshop: 0413 2622045, 7094104329 or [programming@verite.in](mailto:programming@verite.in)

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

Consciousness as Medicine with Dr. Yogesh Mohan  
Saturday, 22 October - from 9 am to 12:30 pm

A consciousness approach to dealing with stress, common health problems and diseases, beyond what is written in medical texts. Experiential knowledge from a practitioner's perspective on inner healing.

*Dr. Yogesh mohan, MD (JIPMER), PGPM (ISB) brings the essence of 20+ years of work. Professor & Head Medical Education, Saveetha Medical College, Former Head Integrative Medicine Apollo Chennai.*

### Pranayama and Hatha Yoga Workshop at Unity Pavilion

As an outcome of the recently concluded Sourcing Our Oneness camp in Nainital the Unity Pavilion will host a two-day workshop facilitated by Shweta and Shekhar Kshatriya, renowned yoga therapists who run the yoga centre "Yog Consultancy" in Nashik, Maharashtra. They have years of experience in conducting training and therapy sessions and for the past few years it has been their endeavour to perceive and teach traditional practices of Yoga in the light of the teachings of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. Participants of the Nainital camp who attended their sessions found it immensely beneficial. Fortunately they are in Pondicherry now and have consented to hold this workshop in Auroville.

The workshop is scheduled for:  
24th and 25th of October 2016.

Each day there will be three sessions, as follows:  
6.30 am to 8 am: Pranayama, introduction to basic Breathing exercises, beginners' level Pranayama practices for different purposes

10 am to 12 noon: Relaxation and Concentration techniques

3.30 pm to 5.30 pm: Asanas (for all age groups)

Each session will include detailed explanations of the right techniques and their beneficial effect on the body, followed by practice of the exercises. Hence it will be helpful for beginners

and a good opportunity for those who are already practicing, to correct their techniques and clear their doubts.

Each session is independent of the others but participants are advised to attend the same session on both the days, if they cannot/do not intend to attend the whole programme.

All are welcome, but due to space constraints participation shall be limited to 50 in each session. Hence kindly register your names before 22 October Saturday 5 pm; call 2623576 or mail to [unitypavilion@auroville.org.in](mailto:unitypavilion@auroville.org.in). Contributions to cover the associated expenses are welcome. For Guests and SAVI volunteers, suggested contribution is Rs.1500/- and Rs.750/- respectively (for two days, all sessions).

### Welcome to the Women Temple

In Sve-dame, Butterfly Barn

Wednesday 26 October, at 7 pm - 9 pm (Door opens at 6.45 & we start together on time!)



*"The relationship we have to other women reflects the relationship we have to our own feminine essence. We take a stand for a new way of being a woman together on this planet. Together we can heal and transform into a relationship of celebration and empowerment"*  
Chameli Ardagh of Awakening Women Institute

In the temple group we explore, worship and celebrate our feminine power through meditation, movement, touch, introspection, beauty and wisdom of sisterhood. The space we create together and the exercises help us towards soulful connections - we meet behind our personal stories.

Welcome to bring a friend and a flower or two! (no registration needed)

*Please park outside the community gate!*

### Discover your Goddess

'In the big wheel of life, the feminine energy is recycled over and over ; all that women since centuries have been offering to the world in the forms of heroism's, endurance, love, birthing life, insight, knowledge, nurturing entire clans, feeding the helpless and vulnerable, enduring pain and suffering, fighting at the side of men... And with every death of a woman she contributes to this cosmic cycle; Her footprints gather and

melt with those of the Goddesses. Hers is the blueprint that manifests into the shapes of the Goddesses!

26th Wednesday 9:30 to 12:30 am Wisdom etc. Maheswari  
27th Thursday 9:30 to 12:30 am Strength etc. Mahakali  
28th Friday 9:30 to 12:30 am Beauty etc. Mahalakshmi  
29th Saturday 9:30 to 12:30 am Knowledge etc. Mahasaraswati

Explore all about these four Goddesses through dance and drawing.

To better understand yourself and discover which one of them is your personal guiding force. Learn how to draw their Kolam charm to help empower you and inspire you with their qualities.

Attendance of all four mornings is highly recommended!

If these dates do not convene you do not hesitate to contact me so we can set another four dates.

A monetary contribution is expected from every one to cover all expenses made in order to host you, including a spiral bound work manual to take with you.

For more information and prior registration contact *Grace Gitadelila* at the institute Kolangal DD in Douceur: 9841412550

### Acro Yoga workshop

Venue: Joy Community Guesthouse Hall

Date & time: Saturday 29th of October

Time: from 2 to 5:30 pm

Phone: (0413)2622584 / (0)9442328120

Email: [joycommunity@auroville.org.in](mailto:joycommunity@auroville.org.in)

This workshop is given by *Helena*, who is a certified teacher of Acro Yoga. This is a dynamic partner practice that blends the wisdom of Yoga, the dynamic power of acrobatic and the loving kindness of healing hearts. This practice cultivates trust, playfulness and community. At the end of the day we'll also do some therapeutics flying.

Schedule:

- 12:45 Japanese Lunch (optional, but to be reserved at least 1 day in advance)

- 14:00 Solar Acro Yoga

- 16:00 Tea break

- 16.15 Lunar Acro Yoga

- 17.15 Closing Circle

Fixed contribution for guests, 50 % discount for under 30 (with ID proof) & long-term volunteers (with SAVI registration proof), free donation for AVs, NCs. Drop in the same day possible, but priority will be given to those who register in advance; thus you are advised to sign-up as soon as possible.

Love, Joy Community Team

### Connection as Life Energy

Introduction to Nonviolent Communication

with *L'aura Joy*, CNVC Certified Trainer



Do you long for more joy, authenticity and depth when connecting with yourself and others?

Do you wonder what gets in the way of connecting and relating the way you truly want?

Oct 29-30 (Sat-Sun)

9.30 am-5 pm (with lunch break)

A path of Nonviolence (based on Nonviolent Communication, NVC) offers both a deeply-rooted consciousness of oneness, as well as very practical tools to live this more and more in our daily lives. In re-evaluating some of our habitual and conditioned thinking, we see how much of it is life-alienating and based on a culture of scarcity and separation. We'll learn the skills to be able express ourselves with more clarity and to hear others' true (and harmless) message, which in turn leads to more connection between us. When we're connected as human beings, we're in our natural state of wanting to give and collaborate with others.

More info & register (and for venue info): contact *L'aura*: [joylivinglearning@gmail.com](mailto:joylivinglearning@gmail.com), 9442788016

### Mantra Chanting -Schedule Correction

• Drop in Classes: every Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm (not from 5:30 to 6:30)

• The Regular Students Classes will keep on going every Friday from 6pm to 7pm as usual.

Thanks :) Joy Team

### German Certification Course

For A1/A2 - Conducted by native German speaking teachers  
3 days a week - Mondays, Wednesdays, 4.00 - 5.30 pm and Saturdays, 4 - 5 pm.

Based on text- and workbook, smart board, audio and video and an emphasis on conversation and communication.

Certification is possible through the Goethe Institute in Chennai.

Be invited to an exciting journey that will open the doors to a new society and culture.

Maybe an important step for your future growth.

Please contact us for more information: Auroville Institute of Applied Technology, AIAT, Irumbai / [www.aiat.in](http://www.aiat.in); e-mail: [office.ais@auroville.org.in](mailto:office.ais@auroville.org.in); phone 0413-267158

### Om Choir - Om Singing with Narad

It is to inform all Lovers of singing OM and those who would like to bring down the New Music for the New World that Narad is back and he will work with us and our voices.

*The voice that chants to the creator Fire, The symbolled OM, the great assenting Word (Savitri p.310)*

The Mother told Narad in 1961 that one must go far above words and bring down the pure Music and that we must be silent and let the music descend in us. The OM Choir aspires to bring down the New Music for the New World in a collective body. And we sing only OM, the creative and effectuating word after starting with warming-up and voice exercises.

The work with our voices and aspiration will happen in OM CHOIRS every Tuesday, 5:45 pm at Savitri Bhavan and every Friday, 7:00 pm at Ashram School in Pondicherry.

Submitted by Margrit

### ATB CLASSES at Pitanga - with Francesco:

Awareness Through the Body - ATB class series  
**Regular Attendance required.**

During these one and half hour sessions we will explore the basics of ATB through the fundamental themes of: attention, concentration and relaxation. The first introductory session is drop in and open to everyone, while the next ones will be for those who decide to come with regularity. Both new people and those who had already previous experience with ATB can participate and benefit from these classes.

**When:** on Saturdays from 5<sup>th</sup> November till 17<sup>th</sup> December between 5pm and 6:30pm

To join either register at the Pitanga reception or just come at the first drop in class.

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville (0413) 2622403/2622994 / [Pitanga@auroville.org.in](mailto:Pitanga@auroville.org.in)

### Grupo Gingado Capoeira - New Class Schedule

Experience Capoeira, an Afro-Brazilian art form that combines Dance, Martial Arts, Acrobatics, soul stirring Music and play.

-Monday 6-7:30pm:

@ Bamboo Land (Near imagination)

-Friday 6-7:30pm:

@ New Creation Studio

-Saturday 11-12:30pm:

@ Bamboo Land (near Imagination)

Join us for this dynamic class taught by Instructor *Camaleao (Jeremy)* with over 23 years of capoeira experience.

All levels welcome!

For more info contact:

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## FILMS



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

- Reminder: Friday 21 October "Death on the Nile" - by John Guillermin - UK, 1978
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October: **no film show** on Friday 28.  
*Happy Deepavali!*

### AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 24th of October 2016 at 6:30 pm  
SRI AUROBINDO'S "THE MOTHER - Part II"

Part II of the film with Chapter 6 is focusing on the Four Great Aspects of The Mother. The text in the book "The Mother" says: "...four of her leading Powers and Personalities have stood in front in her guidance of this Universe and in her dealing with the terrestrial play... To the four we give the four great names, Maheswari, Mahakali, Mahalakshmi, Mahasaraswati."

The Mother is reading the texts about the special qualities of Maheswari, Mahakali, Mahalakshmi, Mahasaraswati and pictures of The Mother, of flowers and nature and paintings are illustrating them. Most of the paintings are done by Usha R. Patel, the music are Mother's Organ music and Sunil's Compositions and the film is produced by the Sri Aurobindo Ashram Audio-Visual Section. *Duration: 52 min.*

### THE FRENCH PAVILION Presents

«L'Odorat» ("The Empire of Scents")  
Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - 5:00 pm  
At Cinema Paradiso (Town Hall)  
Directed by Kim Nguyen

*"Scents, like colors, can be declined at infinitum"*

The pleasures of food, of the erotic and of family form the very fabric of our emotional lives. And smell is an essential emotional trigger. There is more truth to call our sense of smell our sense of desire because it springs our passions. Smell moves us, subliminally and profoundly. It moves us to act and do things we are wholly unaware of. It enriches our lives, gives us unspeakable joys. All along this feature-length documentary, central storylines take us into the world of smell. Many of them have the suspense, death-defying risk and insanity of an ultimate quest. Others are moments of pure poetry.

Version for French Speakers:

In French & English with French subtitles. *Dur. : 84 minutes*

- - Film available at: [info@jupiter-films.com](mailto:info@jupiter-films.com)



### THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, October 28th, Friday

Schedule of Events:

- 16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour
- 16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest
- 18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to

Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club

18:30 Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films

20:00 Dinner is served

21:30 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen  
Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!!

#### HUMAN

192 mins, 2015 Directed by Yann Arthus-Bertrand

HUMAN is a collection of stories and images of our world, offering an immersion to the core of what it means to be human. Through these stories full of love and happiness, as well as hatred and violence, HUMAN brings us face to face with the Other; making us reflect on our lives. From stories of everyday experiences to accounts of the most unbelievable lives, these poignant encounters share a rare sincerity and underline who we are - our darker side, but also what is most noble in us, and what is universal

(Reminder: Friday - October 21st:-Earth 2050: The Future of Energy.)

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](mailto:sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in) or visit us online: [sadhanaforest.org/](http://sadhanaforest.org/) or [facebook.com/sadhanaforest](https://www.facebook.com/sadhanaforest)

### VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

27th October Thursday 8 pm:

**ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS (2016)**

Genre: Fantasy/Adventure / Dur: 1.53 mins / Rated: PG 13 / Language: English/Subtitle: English  
Dir: James Bobin / Cast: Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter

Story Line: Alice returns to the whimsical world of Wonderland and travels back in time to help the Mad Hatter.

28th October Friday: NO SHOW

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

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

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

*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 Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute as the News is given to the printers by Wednesday 2 pm.

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

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

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

Visiting hours: Mondays, Tuesdays 9am to 11.45am and 1pm to 3pm; No visitors on Wednesday.

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# Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 24 October 2016 to 30 October 2016

**Indian - Monday 24 October, 8:00 pm:**

- **JOKER**

India, 2016, Writer-Dir Raju Murugan w/ Guru Somasundaram, Ramya Pandiyan, Bava Chelladurai, and others, Comedy-Drama, 177mins, Rated: NR (PG)

This political satire criticizes the present political absurdities. In the film the protagonist Mannar, a villager, is known to put up protests against the government for all the absurdities around him. For all these he is often deemed as a joker. Delving into his past however one finds a man in love - who could only marry the girl of his dream if he could build a toilet in his house. This is his beloved's requirement. He is lucky, the Government announces a scheme by which villagers across India could get a toilet at home. As a visit to a project site - the President happens to select Mannar's village. What happens next? Could the president come, did Mannar get his toilet, did he get to marry? At the end the audience is left with the question as to who is the real joker, the kinds like Mannar or the rest. *One of the most acclaimed films of the year - which you do not want to Miss!*

**Potpourri - Tuesday 25 October, 8:00 pm:**

- **FÚSI (Virgin Mountain)**

Iceland-Denmark, 2015, Dir. Dagur Kári w/ Gunnar Jonsson, Ilmur Kristjánsdóttir, Margrét Helga Jóhannsdóttir, and others, Drama, 94 mins, Icelandic w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

Fusi, a 43 years old man still lives with his mother. His daily life is characterized by one of the monotonous routine. The appearance of vibrant Alma and young Hera will upset his old bachelor habits.

**Interesting - Wednesday 26 October, 8:00 pm:**

- **MERCHANTS OF DOUBT**

USA, 2014, Dir. Robert Kenner, Documentary, 96 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG 13

Inspired by the acclaimed book by Naomi Oreskes and Erik Conway, the movie takes audiences on a satirically comedic, yet illuminating ride into the heart of conjuring American spin. The filmmaker lifts the curtain on a secretive group of highly charismatic, silver-tongued pundits-for-hire who present themselves in the media as scientific authorities - yet have the contrary aim of spreading maximum confusion about well-studied public threats ranging from toxic chemicals to pharmaceuticals to climate change.

**East Asian - Thursday 27 October, 8:00 pm:**

- **GUI LAI - (Coming Home)**

China, 2014, Dir. Yimou Zhang w/Li Gong, Daomin Cheng, and others, Drama, 109mins, Mandarin w/English subtitles, Rated: PG 13

Lu Yanshi and Feng Wanyu are a devoted couple forced to separate when Lu is arrested and sent to a labor camp as a political prisoner, just as his wife is injured in an accident. Released during the last days of the Cultural Revolution, he finally returns home only to find that his beloved wife has amnesia and remembers little of her past. Unable to recognize Lu, she patiently waits for her husband's return. A stranger alone in the heart of his broken family, Lu Yanshi determines to resurrect their past together and reawaken his wife's memory.

**International - Saturday 29 October, 8:00 pm:**

- **A PERFECT DAY**

Spain, 2015, Dir. Fernando León de Aranoa w/ Benicio Del Toro, Tim Robbins, Melánie Thierry, and others, Comedy-Drama-War, 106 mins, English-Serbian-Spanish-Bosnian w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

It's just another day on the job for a band of badass war zone rescue workers as they defy death and confront war's absurdities. The setting is 1995, "somewhere in the Balkans." Over the course of 24 breathless hours, Mamburú leads his team of humanitarians-including hard-bitten, wisecracking veteran B and new recruit Sophie as they deal with a most unexpected crisis. The group handles the less-than-glamorous realities of life in a combat zone the only way they know how: with selfless bravery and a healthy dose of irreverent humor.

**Children's Film - Sunday 30 October, 4:30 pm:**

- **LABYRINTH**

UK-USA, 1986, Dir Jim Henson, w/David Bowie, Jennifer Connelly, Toby Froud and others, Musical, 101mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

A selfish 16-year old girl is given 13 hours to solve a labyrinth and rescue her baby brother when her wish for him to be taken away is granted by the Goblin King.

**FEDERICO FELLINI Film Festival @ Ciné-Club**

**Ciné-Club - Sunday 30 October, 8:00 pm:**

- **AMARCORD**

Italy, 1974, Dir. Federico Fellini w/Magali Noel, Bruno Zanin, Pupella Maggio and others, Drama-Comedy, 123min, Italian w/Italian subtitles, Rated: PG

A year in the life of a small Italian coastal town in the nineteen-thirties, as is recalled by a director with a superstar's access to the resources of the Italian film industry and a piper's command over our imaginations. Federico Fellini's film combines the free form and make-believe splendor with the comic, bittersweet feeling for character and narrative we remember from some of his best films of the 1950s. The town in the film is based on Rimini, where Mr. Fellini grew up. Yet there is now something magical, larger-than-life about the town, its citizens and many of the things that happen to them.

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](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in).

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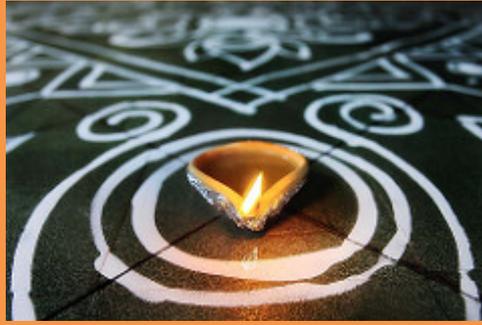
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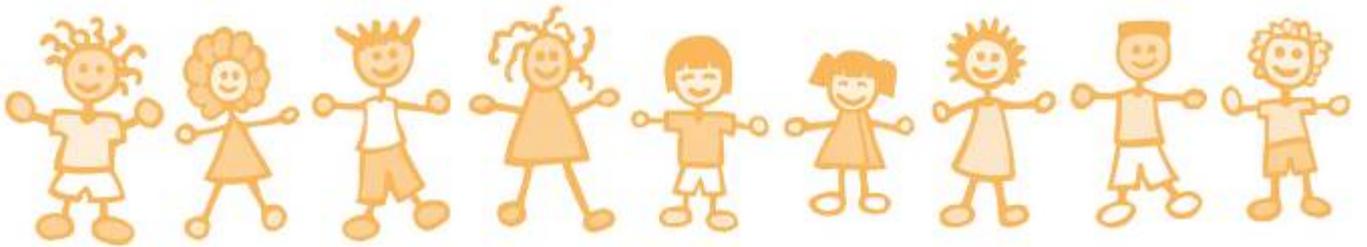
Friday, 28th October 2016  
At the Bharatnivas Campus  
from 5 to 9 pm

**Participate & enjoy in all diverse activities for children and adults:**  
*Lighting the lamps, videos, kolam and origami making, flower decoration,  
while interacting with your friends and listening to music.*

- Cultural program: 7 to 8.15 pm at SAWCHU
- Fireworks: at 8.30pm.  
(but no crackers) Venue: Open space in front of Kalakendra
- Dinner time: 7 to 9.30 pm - At the Indus Valley corner:  
Choice of Menu: Tamil & Gujarati Food  
*[on payment basis (account & cash): At cost price Rs.50/]*
- Dress Code: Indian



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