Dear friends, we're happy to send you our first newsletter of 2017 with an update on the project. As it is the first time we do it and we didn't ask for your permission, we fully understand if you don't want to receive this newsletter, please click on the unsubscribe button at the bottom if this is the case. We thought some of you might be happy to know where Lilaloka is at :-). We will send a newsletter every 3 to 4 months maximum. There was a lot of movement in the team this past year, as we had to say good-bye to several team members who contributed greatly to Lilaloka. Now we are settled again and looking at the future of Lilaloka with gratitude and eagerness :-).
ACTIVITIES WITH CHILDREN:
Anna is conducting Nature's Theater Sessions every Monday and Tuesday from 10 to 12 AM. To learn more about this activity: http://lilaloka.org/natures-theatre/. Open to children from 5 years old onward, parents can join as participants ;-), in the spirit of Lilaloka. Anna also offers a session on Thursday mornings to Transformation Kindergarten on their premises. And we are organizing new activities to come up soon...

TRAININGS: Anna is giving once a month a training in Nature's Theater for the motivated teachers of Oli School, a Montessori school in Kuilapalayam.
**FUND-RAISING:** We are positively opened to our next step, either finish Lilaloka in one go (our very 1st wish to the "Genie in the Lamp" ;-))! or room by room, according to what comes in :-)! What we know is that with another 9 Lakhs Rs (15800 $), we can complete the full flooring, 7.5 Lakhs Rs (12300 $) electricity, 8.3 Lakhs Rs (13800 $) plumbing and waste water treatment installations, 6.5 Lakhs Rs (12700 $) plastering...

Altogether, we need around 53 Lakhs to complete the whole building, more details here: [http://lilaloka.org/contribute/](http://lilaloka.org/contribute/).

Contributions are used around 80 % for the building, 20 % for the functioning, garden, activities, etc...

**BUILDING SITE:** It starts again! We decided to finish the room dedicated to collective activities (plastering, electricity, flooring, windows). It
should be completed by January. This will allow more activities to take place and will serve as a demonstration for visitors and potential donors. We want to thank especially Sandrine Denier, co-creator of Lilaloka who left the project last year, as well as AVI France, Mauro Pons, Felicity Antonelli and Wonda for their generosity which allows us to finish the first room :-), without forgetting all the generous donors from the very beginning of Lilaloka without whom nothing would be there.

**NEWS ABOUT THE TEAM:** From mid-september onward, we have a gardener from Monday to Friday: Mani is his name, he comes from Kootroad village and is a very dedicated person. He has already been cleaning a large area. We have a whole program for him: cleaning up the entrance, creating a small inner garden, beautification…
NEWS ABOUT THE TEAM: Jegan, a fine young man from Bommayapalayam, has also joined us part time to help with administration, errands, assist in the running of activities, etc...

“All can be done if the god-touch is there.” Sri Aurobindo, Savitri

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