

News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

(Mother first reads in English an unpublished letter of Sri Aurobindo's:)

"About the present civilisation, it is not this which has to be saved; it is the world that has to be saved and that will surely be done, though it may not be so easily or so soon as some wish or imagine or in the way that they imagine. The present must surely change, but whether by a destruction or a new construction on the basis of a greater Truth, is the issue. The Mother has left ... *(Mother laughs)* this question hanging and I can only do the same." (September 1945)

It's marvellous! *(Mother laughs)* Marvellous. And it was written in '45, that is to say during the war - the war hadn't ended yet. *It was the end.* [May 7, 1945, in Europe and August 15 in Japan.] I intend to distribute this for August 15. *(Satprem, in English) Is it still hanging?* *(Mother laughs and does not reply)* There are two other letters:

"To bring the Divine Love and Beauty and Ananda into the world is, indeed, the whole crown and essence of our yoga. But it has always seemed to me impossible unless there comes as its support and foundation and guard the Divine Truth - what I call the supramental - and its Divine Power...." (XXIII.753)

Here it's clear: he says that what he calls the "Supramental" is the *Divine Truth*, and that it must come first, and the rest comes afterwards. And yet, for some time now and increasingly, there has been an extremely concrete Response to a kind of aspiration (a call or prayer) in which I say to the Lord, "Supreme Lord, manifest Your Love." (It comes at the end of a long invocation in which I ask Him to manifest all His aspects one after another, one after another, and it ends like that.) But then, remarkably enough, at that moment there comes a Response which is growing clearer and clearer, stronger and stronger.... But Sri Aurobindo says that Truth should be established first, and that what he calls the Supramental is the supreme Truth, the Divine Truth. It corresponds to what I noticed while translating that last chapter on "the perfection of the being" in the "Yoga of Self-Perfection": I kept thinking, "But that's only the aspect of Truth; all that he expresses is the aspect of Truth; always and everywhere, it's the angle of Truth; and his supramental action is an action of Truth."

I didn't know he had said it, but it's written clearly here:

"... But it has always seemed to me impossible unless there comes as its support and foundation and guard the Divine Truth - what I call the supramental and its Divine Power. Otherwise Love itself blinded by the confusions of this present consciousness may stumble in its human receptacles and, even otherwise, may find itself unrecognised, rejected or rapidly degenerating and lost in the frailty of man's inferior nature. But when it comes in the divine truth and power, Divine Love descends first as something transcendent and universal and out of that transcendence and universality it applies itself to persons according to the Divine Truth and Will, creating a vaster, greater, purer personal love than any the human mind or heart can now imagine. It is when one has felt this descent that one can be really an instrument for the birth and action of the Divine Love in the world." (XXIII.753) They don't give the date, but I find it most interesting. And the last one:

"The importance of the body is obvious; it is because he has developed or been given a body and brain capable of receiving and serving a progressive mental illumination that man has risen above the animal. Equally, it can only be by developing a body or at least a functioning of the physical instrument capable of receiving and serving a still higher illumination that he will rise above himself and realise, not merely in thought and in his internal being but in life, a perfectly divine manhood. Otherwise either the promise of Life is cancelled, its meaning annulled and earthly being can only realise Sachchidananda by abolishing itself, by shedding from it mind, life and body and returning to the pure Infinite, or else man is not the divine instrument, there is a destined limit to the consciously progressive power which distinguishes him from all other terrestrial existences and as he has replaced them in the front of things, so another must eventually replace him and assume his heritage." (*The Life Divine*, XVIII.231) It's amusing. (*Silence*)

Then Mother comments again on Sri Aurobindo's second letter:

And were Love to manifest before Truth, there would be catastrophes.

It's curious, for a-very long time, for months and almost years, something always stopped me when I asked for Love's manifestation, a sort of very clear impression: "No, it isn't time yet, it isn't time yet...." Until suddenly one day it started off and there came an overwhelming Response. That was several months ago, and ever since then there has been a Response - an ever-increasing Response. Yet I can't say in all sincerity that the Truth has manifested' Perhaps the preparation is sufficient? Perhaps it's an individual question - yet my action isn't individual, there's a constant perception of the earth's atmosphere. Never mind, to say so gives some comfort!

MOTHER'S AGENDA, July 24, 1963 - MOTHER

*The
Ponder
Corner*

All help is given to you always, but you must learn to receive it in the silence of your heart and not through external means.
It is in the silence of your heart that the Divine will speak to you and will guide you and will lead you to your goal.

The Mother [ref. Words of The Mother, vol. 14, p.374]

Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)

June 2014 Report

Regular members: Ashoke (Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Educational Research), Daniel (Working Committee), David (Forest group), Iyanar (Farm group), Juergen (Land Resources Management), Michael (Auroville Unity Fund), Rathinam (Budget Coordination Committee), Satyakam (Housing Service), Sauro (L'avenir d'Auroville), Toby (Auroville Board of Services), Ulli (Auroville Board of Commerce), Shri. N. Bala Baskar (Secretary, Auroville Foundation), and Mr. Srinivasmurty (Finance & Administrative Officer, Auroville Foundation)

Temporarily out of Station (TOS) in June: Ashoke, Daniel, and Satyakam

New regular member: In June the Farm group affirmed Iyanar as their representative to the FAMC. Iyanar is now a regular member.

TRUST & UNIT TOPICS

The Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC) endorsed the creation of a new commercial construction unit: Akriti, under Kattida Kalai Trust, with executives: V. Anbu and V. Veerappan. Initially this was provisionally approved provided that Anbu's time commitment and responsibilities in L'avenir d'Auroville were clarified. In a follow-up report, this was clarified and the FAMC approved creation of the unit. The Working Committee were informed.

Sangamam Trust requested to be closed citing lack of resources to continue the development of the project. It was advised that a Trust can not be closed per se, but can be made dormant. It was recommended that the donors of the Sangamam Model Village project should be informed of the change. The Trustees were advised to transfer the assets to Housing Service, and to obtain a 'nil' balance sheet. Joseba, as a trustee, has noted this and will follow-up with the other trustees, the Auroville Board of Services (ABS), and FAMC.

Auromodele Atelier executives Prema and Andre notified the Auroville Foundation that it will close the unit due to 'the high competition for ready-made garments for export...and as a result the unit has been 'under water' for 3 years. FAMC asked the ABC to confirm that all liabilities will be met. In a follow-up communication the executives affirmed that the funds necessary to pay workers' settlements is available. *The ABC is following-up concerning the details of the closure.*

FINANCE TOPICS

La Boutique at Visitors Centre requested an Rs. 19 lakh loan for expansion. They proposed to repay the loan for 5 years at Rs. 50,000/- per month starting in August; and Rs. 1,00,000/- per month "in season" December to March. It was reported that the ABC was looking at an accounting detail. In principle the FAMC agree with the loan, based on a positive report from the ABC. After the positive report was given by the ABC, the FAMC informed the Loan group that the loan was approved.

HOUSING TOPICS - Nothing new this month

LAND TOPICS

The Working Committee submitted a draft land lease (at Repos: plot no. RS KO 117/20 - 11 cents) with a private party who is directly adjacent to the Northern part of Repos Community, including terms of agreement, and requested FAMC endorsement. They proposed all lease income be deposited directly into the Unity Fund. The FAMC gave their support to this land lease provided one of the points was changed to indicate the Working Committee (and not the FAMC), as the signatory of the land lease, and with a follow-up request that the Working Committee facilitate a meeting

between the Repos Beach Management Team and the private party.

Proposals from Land Resources Management (LRM) and Donata and Stefano, with support from the Housing Service, were submitted to the FAMC for their consideration. LRM proposed a Gokulam caretaker, Sathyaseelan; Donata and Stefano (Samaparna) offered to take care of Gokulam (and Meera Youth Camp). The FAMC decided to request that the Housing Service, Donata & Stefano, and LRM present one proposal to the FAMC.

In a meeting with the Land Consolidation Committee (LCC) members (Dhanapal, Eric, Jacques, and Kali) on 25 April the FAMC proposed that Divya, Lata, and/or Fabienne join the team. It was explained that areas such as finance, communications, and development could be strengthened. The LCC members asked for time to make their own recommendations. Ashoke volunteered to help them with their process. At the end of June they had not proposed anyone. FAMC invited LCC to its 4 July meeting but they declined, citing their previous discussions with Ashoke, stating they will resume their talks with him when he returns in August.

On behalf of the LRM team, Sathyaseelan sent an updated land-related court cases report to the FAMC. It was advised that it would be helpful and bring more meaning to the report if a status such as 'action plan' for each case were included. Juergen said he would talk to Sathyaseelan about improvements to the report. Mr. Bala Baskar offered to invite Devakumar to review the cases, along with Sanjeev and a few others.

OTHER TOPICS

FAMC reviewed the Acres for Auroville fund-raising campaign. The organizers were given specific feedback which was incorporated. Upon further review the FAMC members expressed their support for the work.

Following up from previous FAMC reports:

As reported in May...during the "Leaving Auroville Allowance" discussions, the FAMC advised that because the Auroville Council is new that the FAMC be informed of any requests immediately. *In June the Auroville Council confirmed their agreement with this request.*

In May the topic arose (again) of creating an avenue for those friendly to Auroville to purchase land in the Master Plan area. Clear conditions need to be documented. L'avenir d'Auroville / Town Development Council (TDC) submitted a first draft paper in June. The FAMC made several key comments which L'avenir will incorporate. During the discussion there was a sense of needing to be flexible while honouring the Master Plan development parameters. Actual development limitations as per the Master Plan were questioned: maybe there's more flexibility than presently thought. Suggestions sent to the FAMC by the Farm group were forwarded to L'avenir for consideration as well. L'avenir agreed to create a summary of existing regulations; and to get input from the Entry Service and Auroville Council concerning the "Friend of Auroville" benefits that can be offered. *This is an ongoing work, and the FAMC await an updated draft for further review.*

Previously it has been reported that the FAMC requested Sunlit Future and the Budget Coordination Committee (BCC) to agree on a service contract. This work had been pending for some time however in the month of June the BCC expressed agreement with Sunlit Future's commitment. Earlier the FAMC had in principle agreed to sanction Rs. 4,57 (approx. four and a half lakhs) from cyclone-relief funds to repair 50 solar street lamps, and relocate 6. The new estimate was Rs. 5,1 (approx. five lakhs) for 55 solar street lamps repair, and moving 6. FAMC approved 50% of the estimated costs (Rs. 2,50,000/-) with a request for a repair report. Sunlit Future was informed. The balance to be released after receipt of the repair report.

As has been reported, the FAMC and BCC have been in dialogue concerning Pour Tous Purchasing Service (PTPS). A joint-subgroup came up with some recommendations. These were presented to the ABS for their input. The ABS submitted their comments which are due for review in July.

From April it was reported that Krishanmeyer and Joss might agree to take co-responsibility for Martuvam along with the current executives. Each of them was pointedly asked to confirm their willingness to do so. The Martuvam unit might be moved from Auroville Village Action Trust to Auromitra Trust (trustees: Juergen, Joss, and Paul B.). The FAMC have asked Joss & Shivaraj for a report on their meeting(s). Krishanmeyer was requested to help move the matter forward. *FAMC await word from Shivaraj, Joss, and Krishanmeyer.*

FAMC requested an update from L'avenir concerning land allocation for expanding AuroSpiral activities. It was reported that L'avenir has proposed 5 acres in Kottakari and is waiting to hear from the Farm group. The Farm group is meeting after a

break of a few weeks on 1 July. This topic is a priority on their agenda. Iyanar, as the Farm group representative, confirmed he will follow-up with the FAMC after the Farm group discussion.

As reported in April, the ABC requested the FAMC to look into various issues at Auroville Transport Service. Since then the FAMC met with Saroja, and followed up with her and Mani in writing with their recommendation that the unit be closed, citing outrageous interest rates on outstanding personal loans associated with the unit, and a reasonably projected inability for the unit to recover from the high amount of debt. Conversation has begun concerning the non-active, office order appointed executives, Krishna and Andre. It may be necessary to change the executives, even in preparation for closure of the unit, if this action is followed-through. *FAMC have not received a response from Saroja and Mani to the recommendation to close the unit.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Changes of dates for a General meeting

The RAS team would like to inform the community about: **Changes of dates** for a General meeting (GM) announced for Tuesday July 22, 2014 - reg. changes to the Entry process proposed from the Entry Task Force (ETF) and short update of the current Entry Service (ES).

RAS had asked the concerned groups (AVC, WC, ES) to look into the proposal of the ETF as well as into the request of the ETF to cancel the GM and to go directly for the RA Decision Making Event.

The meeting was called to find a way how to go ahead together.

Present for the Auroville Council: Davaslevam, Gowri, Jayamurthy, Kathir, Marie-Claire, Matriprasad, Renuka, Rita, Veronique, Surya, Dominique (from the study group as silent listener)

Present for the Working Committee: Arun, Daniele, Eric, Kali, Vijaya,

Present from Entry Service: Ishita, Kavitha, Kripa

Present from RAS team: Inge, Selvam

We came to the following understanding,

- That a GM needs to happen in order to refresh the understanding of the proposed documents before the RA Decision Making Event. It is advisable to have only 2 weeks in between both of them.
- Two important parts of a GM which wants to propose a RA Decision Making Event are: 1st to have a clear question formulated and approved in the meeting. This question will be given out to the community in a Residents Assembly Decision Making Event (this has not happened in the last GM on May, 6th, 2014) and 2nd to make sure that the finalized proposal is made available in the same time and is worded in such a way that it becomes a workable tool.
- The AVC / WC will invite the ETF and ES to see how to prepare a GM together so that a clear information can be given out to community

The RAS team will keep you informed about the new date for the General meeting.

The date and question for the RA Decision Making Event will be finalized in this GM only.

For more information, please don't hesitate to email the Residents' Assembly Service at: raservice@auroville.org.in, or call us on 88702 88502.

Kind regards, your RAS Team

AV Council interactive sessions

Dear members of the community,

This is just to remind you that on the **23rd of July, Wednesday, 4:30 pm at Unity Pavilion**, the new AVC invites you for an interactive session where issues that need attention can be brought up.

The intention is to hold regular interactive meetings with the community, tentatively the last week of every month.

See you on Wednesday!

Auroville Council

FAMC on Recommended fees for Auroville projects

16 July 2016

Dear residents,

We are asked by L'avenir d'Auroville to review every public building and housing project for financial viability. Over the years we have reviewed architect, project holder, engineer, and other fees and have allowed for a wide range to be charged. Recently we published in our regular monthly report on two housing projects: Sanjana and Courage Phase 3. We are now recommending the same fee structure for all public building and housing projects of Rs. 1 crore and above:

- a. All projects of Rs. 1 crore and above are required to submit a bill-of-quantities (BoQ); architect fees should not exceed 3.5% of the BoQ;
- b. A project holder may receive compensation in equal value to an Aurovilian maintenance (ie full-time is approximately Rs. 12,000/-; part-time is approximately Rs. 6,000/- per month). The compensation amount (full time/half time maintenance) is not to be linked to the BoQ value but only to the amount of work involved;
- c. An engineer fee, also based on the BoQ is not to exceed the PWD rate. This fee is over and above architect and project holder fees.

These fees are recommended, and our hope is that all Auroville projects will honour them. If these recommendations cannot be used for a project it is asked that the exception be explained to the FAMC.

Thank you, *FAMC*

TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville

TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville has decided to bring the following Site and Building Application to the News & Notes for feedback.

INDIVIDUAL PROJECT:

1. Site permission for Boobalan to build a house in Celebration.
2. Site permission for Robert Hessing, to build a house in Douceur.
3. Site permission for Spirulina, Kottakarai (close to the moon farms) plot no: IR 343/5, IR 343/6 and IR 343/7 for Spirulina Farm.

Conditional Approval: The announcement is subject to the following conditions: 1. the site is allocated on a temporary basis for 5 years; 2. during this period Spirulina Farm will give a contribution towards purchasing of good farm land in addition to the regular specified contribution to City Service; and 3. the NOC will be given after evaluation of a proper waste water treatment solution.

COLLECTIVE PROJECT:

1. Aikiyam Support School, New Creation, Classroom and toilet

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Call for Grant Proposals - Annual Review

The Project Coordination Group (PCG) will meet for the annual review of grant proposals for funding by the Foundation for World Education and Stichting De Zaaier in 2015. All documents related to this purpose are to be submitted as a Word document in the prescribed Grant Application Format via email to pcg@auroville.org.in latest by Monday, 15 September.

Please also note that the Resource Mobilization Team and Project Coordination Group have recently begun working together to create a standard platform for Auroville projects needing financial assistance for listing on Auronet, the Auroville website, and for Corporate Social Responsibility portfolios for companies and donors in India and abroad. In this context, project holders with other types of projects other than those mentioned below are encouraged to submit their proposals for processing and review.

Following the procedure set up by the Board of the Foundation for World Education, the PCG will review and select projects for approval and budget allocation by their Board members. In recent years, funds available with the Foundation for World Education for Auroville projects and programmes amounted to approx. USD 20,000 in total. The Foundation for World Education has indicated a preference for funding of projects and activities for which the maintenance of Aurovillians is either covered by Auroville or from a source other than F. W. E. grants.

With regard to Stichting De Zaaier, the PCG will check whether proposals fall within their funding criteria and forward those that do to their Board for final selection and budget allocation. In recent years, funds available with Stichting De Zaaier for Auroville projects and programmes were in the range of € 35.000 to € 65.000 in total.

It is important to note that projects for Stichting De Zaaier should be related to research studies in the field of sociology, economy, psychology and inner development; organization or participation in seminars, workshops, conferences, events, exhibitions in the same fields; publications of research papers and dissemination of information; seed money for innovative and informal education and training. Funding is not available for infrastructure, buildings, transport or maintenance of Aurovillians. Requests for equipment will only be considered if specifically required for the implementation of the project and are not already available in Auroville.

A new version of the Auroville Grant Application Format is available on request from pcg@auroville.org.in or may be downloaded from Auronet.

For more information or assistance you may write to pcg@auroville.org.in or contact the Project Coordination Group at the ACUR (Town Hall) by phoning 2622250. Last date for submitting proposals related to this announcement is Monday, 15 September.

NB If you are submitting a project that has anything to do with Auroville or Auroville Outreach schools, or students of any individual classes, your project is to be reviewed by the Auroville and/or Outreach School Boards prior to the Project Coordination Group annual review. It is important that all the relevant bodies (i.e. schools, teachers, school board, etc.) are aware of your project and support it. In this way, the Project Coordination Group can more easily recommend a project for funding knowing it will have the support of schools and thereby have a greater impact on the beneficiaries of the project.

If you have received funding for a project through the Project Coordination Group in previous years, be certain to submit a report for that project before making a new application.

PCG

Announcement from Woodlink

Woodlink still has lots of stock of wood dried, milled and slabbed to be utilized for Auroville projects and individual Aurovillians and wood workers. The wood is ready for sale at CSR.

The prices for the wood in CFT are as follows:

- a) Worktree slabs - full log (depending on girth) - Rs 1,200 to Rs 1,500
- b) Khaya slabs - full log - Rs 1,100
- c) Eucalyptus slabs - full log - Rs 1,000
- d) Smaller grade Worktree cut and sorted in thickness and length - Rs 1,200 to Rs1,500

The larger slabbed trees will only be sold as complete slabbed logs to ensure equal distribution of top/bottom smaller slabs and for ease of sorting and allocation.

Sorted smaller grade Worktree can be bought per piece. Auroville housing projects will get 20% discount.

You can come and visit the storage area at C.S.R. on Wednesday 2-4 pm or fix an appointment with Torkil at: torkil@auroville.org.in

Woodlink Friends : Divya, Glenn and Torkil

Talkin' Trash: The Handy Handkerchief

This week we'd like to mention a super-duper, handy-dandy, and even fashionable, tip for reducing your waste. It's simple, cost-effective, and just makes a lot of sense. Ready for it? The waste wisdom of the week is this: Carry a handkerchief.

This tip comes because we've noticed a growing use of paper napkins at Auroville restaurants. Do we really need paper napkins, that ultimately end up contributing significantly to landfill waste, when there are wash basins at every AV eatery? Try a handkerchief! Not only does this little piece of cloth weigh practically nothing, but it comes in handy all the time and reduces your use of tissues or paper towels. And if you really want to be resourceful, try using waste cloth, such as left-over fabric from something that you've had tailored, to

create your own handkerchiefs. Recycling and waste reduction all rolled up into one little piece of cloth that you slip in your pocket. Waste Warriors, give it a try!

We encourage you to contact us with any feedback, inquiries, or your own waste tips: somawaste@auroville.org.in
Please don't hesitate to reach out! If you need any waste resources (such as signs for your bins, information, phone numbers, etc), visit the Eco Service website at: <http://www.eco-service.in/>

Solid Waste Management Task Force

Auroville on the map in Tamil Nadu

Following the successful Auroville Festival in Delhi in 2012, the Governing Board, in their meeting of November 2013, approved a similar event in Chennai. Recently, a group consisting of Divya, Fabienne, Krishna (Auroville Arts), Marco and Surya (Surrender), along with Mr. Bala Baskar and Mr. Srinivasamurty, decided to organize an Auroville Festival in Chennai. According to the AV Foundation there is a need to put Auroville on the Tamil Nadu map, as many state government officials are unaware that Auroville is in Tamil Nadu and what it actually does. The name for the festival will be "What is this Auroville?" after Jyoti Khare and Christine Devin's book. It is to take place in the second half of January 2015.

"What is this Auroville?" will include an inauguration ceremony/cultural evening with a chief guest, a conference, and special general and individual events. Some of the themes that this festival will focus on are: Auroville as a place of research and experimentation, of never ending education, as a multicultural center for the development of human unity and as a working city. The duration of the Festival may be from a couple of days to a week.

Invitation to join in

The organizing team invites Aurovilians who would like to plan cultural activities, workshops or other activities, to come forward so that their activity can be integrated into the festival. The festival's budget is small. Mentioned individual events therefore must be supported by the Aurovilians/units/services which implement them. They, however, will benefit from the general publicity for the festival and will be included in the festival schedule.

The email address for the festival is: chennaifestival@auroville.org.in
Submitted by Outreach Media

Security Advice

Dear friends,

This is to inform you that during the month of June, 2014, 4 thefts (Evergreen, Creativity, Courage, Sharnga), 1 harassment case (near Bharatnivas), 1 physical attack incident (Kottakarai Mangalam Project), 1 accident (near AV library), 3 vandalism incidents (Auroannam, Kottakarai Mangalam Project, Aspiration), 1 aggression case (Auroville Institute of Applied Technology) and 1 nuisance incident (Solar kitchen), occurred in different areas of Auroville.

We request all Aurovilians/Newcomers/Guests to be more conscious of their valuable belongings and use additional locks for their vehicles and houses to lower the risk of thefts.

We recommend that women avoid travelling alone at night, and to store our security numbers in their phones to report any incidents as soon as possible.

Women of all ages and modest dress codes have reported harassment, so be on your guard at all times. Be wary of three boys on a bike and do not stop for local men asking for directions. For post-incident support and counselling you may call the Women's help line (open in the morning) at 262-2425 or email AV health services: avhs@auroville.org.in

For escort (for people with bikes/cycles only), call Ramesh.V at 9443090107/9443362691. Please note that the guards cannot leave their posts without prior permission from Security management.

To those who are leaving town: please inform your neighbours to keep watch over your houses/apartments. Kindly inform your watchman /gurkhas or house sitters to contact us immediately when there are any people / incidents to be reported.

We recommend all residents and guests to travel in and around Auroville:

- With only Xerox copies of your documents. Leave the originals in your guest house safe.
- Not to carry large amounts of cash or valuables on your person unless absolutely necessary.
- To secure/ tie up your bags properly or to keep bags on your person instead of in cycle baskets.

We would like to remind the community residents and guests to remain alert to the dangers of forest fires. We request residents and guest not to light any fires and to keep sand and water nearby in case of emergency.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!!

AV Security Service (Day & Night Security: 9443090107, 9443362691)

Reopening Repos Beach

It was like a dream after a long nightmare! Repos at last woke up from a long sleep on the 13th July 2014!

The event was attended by a great number of people. Aurovilians were really happy to find their place back and outsiders were shocked, surprised and curious to discover the story of the place through the photo exhibition titled "PAST PRESENT & ...?"

The presence of people was really encouraging, yet a few question remains: what if the sea advances further? Sad but practical question though, isn't it?

Some people are convinced that it is impossible to stop this disaster. So, should we remain silent and wait for the worst to come? Of course not! Human never give up. Above all, today's Auroville thickly covered lush green forest once was a desert.

Keeping this in mind, we will keep organizing activities to generate awareness among people. Repos beach shouldn't be any more just a place of relaxation. We have to work in order to make it an example of Human effort to rectify the past errors.

Opening of Repos beach is not only about a restaurant or about a local business near the seashore. It is all about saving the beach, saving the environment. Come also with your ideas to help us advancing further. We can discuss around a nice coffee from Nice Kitchen!

Repos Beach Management Team in collaboration with MultiDimension

POSTINGS

Groping incident on Sunday, 13 July, 2014

Today (July 13, 2014), I was driving my scooter on the road going into Auroville (close to Auroorchard) and a man riding a scooter drove up beside me and reached over and grabbed my chest. I was unable to get his license plate number, but he was wearing a pink and white checkered shirt (button up, long sleeves), and a red bindi. He looked about 40 years old. This happened at approximately 2:30 in the afternoon. *Submitted by AV Health Services*

Arka internet

Arka internet is open from Monday the 4th of July onwards; the timing is from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

From M&M cheeses

Starting from August, due to increased production prices, we are compelled to raise the prices by around 10%. Love, *Massimo & Monica*

Sorry, I forgot

Six volumes of Sri Aurobindo's latest edition, Nr: 12, 16, 28, 29, 32, 36, are looking for their brothers in one of the public

libraries or schools - Sorry I forgot where I used to deliver them. Please tell me: 94 864 754 57 - Thanks Frederick

"Invocation Phase 4 - Booking of Apartments

Work is ongoing for the finishing of Invocation Phase 4, Stage 1. One apartment still remains available for Stage 1 while 5 are yet to be booked for Stage 2. The foundation of Stage 2 has been dug so we would like to invite people interested in an apartment to contact Sumark@auroville.org.in.

Construction of Stage 1 is expected to reach completion in March 2015 while construction of Stage 2 will be completed in June 2016.

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Rolf, Kevin and Peter"

AVAILABLE

Suzie-chair / Headphone

The famous Auroform model - with footrest. Excellent condition / Wireless headphone - Brand new (never used). Please contact *Kayanenda* at: 2623033.

Office space

Dear all, we have a very new office place available in papyrus (70m2 on second floor). If someone is interested please contact papyrus.

Regards, *Bruno* [papyrus@auroville.org.in]

Two kittens

2 kittens are hanging out around my house. If you want one of them please contact *Jerome (Samasti)*: 2622 345

Vegan Essences

Vegan Essences production is resuming. Our products Vegan Boursin and Cashew Cheeses, our Plain (oil free) and Red Pepper Hummus and Chocolate Mousse will be available at Foodlink, Farm Fresh and Happy Food again from Friday 18th

July. For larger orders, call 0413 2622637 or 0413 2622424 - Enjoy! - *Nandita Shah*

Cot and mattress

Single cot and single mattress. Contact Shiv Godi: 9884035536

Sofa, chairs, racks...

Set of sofa and two chairs (black and deep red). Set of two corner racks (3 shelves each) and a coffee table (coffee colour). Contact *Deoyani*: [9585162922](tel:9585162922)

Steel welding

I would be glad to take any steel welding work such as window grills, minor household repairing etc...I have 10 years of experience and I shall attend your work efficiently at a reasonable price. Please call *Anand* at: 9865 623504 - Thanks.

Organic mangoes

Organic mangoes are available at Baraka. Many varieties, very flavorful. Pass by in the mornings Monday to Saturday between 8 and 12. Thanks, *Gabi and Mahi*

LOOKING FOR ...

Vipassana teachers

Dear Friends in Auroville, the Sri Aurobindo Center for Advanced Research (SACAR) is looking for Certified Vipassana teachers to conduct Vipassana retreats at the SACAR center in Pondicherry. Please contact Ananda Reddy for further details. Cel: 944-301-9172 or e-mail: anandareddy102@gmail.com. Thank you, Love, *Ananda R.*

Some plywood

For the vocational training of youth with special needs we need some plywood, 3mm to 9mm in thickness. Please call Babu at Deepam, ph.no. 2623254 if you have any leftover plywood pieces to give.

Office chair

We are looking for an office chair in good condition for one of our accountants. Please contact *Anne*: 8489477733 for Village Action Group. Thank you, Anne

Avsinging Festival families

On the 3rd of July, on my way to Bharat Nivas, I lost A...FAMILY. If somebody has seen it I would be really happy to

get it back. It must have been easily seen on the road. Please contact SF as soon as possible. Contact: avsingingfestival@auroville.com / www.facebook.com/communityculturalcolors

Pop-up flea Market in Auroville - looking for exhibitors - August 9.

We are Avatar Design, a new unit created by Vikram and Melissa (Auromodele) under ASSA, creating garments and accessories under the brand Takla Makan (www.facebook.com/taklamakancouture). We are organizing a pop-up sale in the location we have rented in Kuilapalayam. We picture the event as a flea market in the garden with stalls and workshops, in the same cheerful and sharing spirit as the Eco-festival in Solitude Farm. If interested to participate in the event, contact us: avatardesign@auroville.org.in or Catherine 9597203061."Warm regards, *Catherine for Avatar Design*

Single mat bed

We are looking for a single mat bed max size 200x100 cm in bamboo or wood to buy or borrow from 1-18 August 2014. Contact *Gabriella and Nicola*, Transformation at home: 2622586 or 94433 68318

LOST & FOUND

Bunch of 4 keys (found): near Samasti Gate 2. Contact Ratna or Ajit: ajit@auroville.org.in / Phone: 2622258 or 9443535058

Glasses (lost): If you find my lost sun-glasses ' Fastrack ' kindly inform : 94 864 754 57. Thanks, Frederick

THANK YOU

Gratitude and Respect

A rare act of generosity that helps restore my faith in Aurovilians and touched my heart!

A big heartfelt thanks to Kalya (of Progress Landscape / TDC Avenir) for having generously offered the Divine Mother 3.5 acres of land in the Greenbelt (Irumbai area)!

Not sold, not exchanged but Offered to Mother!!! Thank You!

Om Namoh Bhagavate- Jai Satya-Yuga- Om Ma-Sri Aurobindo

Renu

APPEAL

Children songs in 4 languages

Since two months we are in the process of recording songs for children in Sanskrit, Tamil, English and French. Even though we received some contribution towards this beautiful project we need much more to complete it.

More than twenty five people are participating through song writing, singing, musical accompaniments or technical assistance. Your funding participation is welcome and will be much appreciated.

Our project account number is 0527 (AV Children Songs).

Thanking you in advance,

Jivatman, Joy, Swaha and others.

TAXI SHARING

July 22nd: Would you like to share the taxi? Leaving Auroville July 22, to Chennai Airport, at 4 pm. Sms 8098900471, *Manuela*

July 27th: To Chennai Airport at 10 am. Please mail to: gloriallesuy@gmail.com or call: 2622 913 (Gloria) after 7 pm.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

At SHARAN

SHARAN is an organisation concerned with vegan, healthy food to prevent and reverse diseases. We work in the areas of human health, environment and farm animals with an office in Aurelec.

We are looking for the following:

1. An amma on a part time basis for our healthy vegan products kitchen. The amma should live in Kulpalalayam, should have an eye for hygiene, an interest in cooking, should be able to speak and understand basic English and be able to read either basic Tamil or English. She should be conscientious and regular in her work.
2. A volunteer who would like to work in our production kitchen to make the products and supervise. This is a part time commitment.
3. A communications and PR expert who is interested in our work to work full time or part time. Most communication needs to be done in English. Hindi would be an asset.
4. I am also looking for a ghost writer to help me write a book on Reversing Diabetes for Indians in English

Please contact Nandita Shah at 0413 2622637, 2622424 or nandita@sharan-india.org. Applicants for 3 & 4 please provide a full resume.

At the Neelanjani Visual Art Center

Dear Community,

Neelanjani Visual Art Center is looking for a committed long term volunteer, Newcomer or Aurovillian to help us manage the interim space we have been allocated by the Visitors Center to show and sell our work. But also there is a very interesting opportunity to become involved with us in many of our activities in Auroville if it interests you.

You must have some computer skills, enjoy art and be able to converse in English. The commitment will entail four days a week from 9:30 to 16:30. Lunch and maintenance provided if needed.

You will be handling art works; sculpture, paintings, photographs etc...

The exhibition process will include dealing with the public and sales.

This work will be shared by the artists involved or their substitutes.

If interested please contact: Emanuele 2623407; lele@auroville.org.in / Audrey 2622641 (has an answering machine); audrey@auroville.org.in

EATING OUT

Well Cafe

Dear all those who are waiting for our falafel....

We are happy to let you know that like before Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays are falafel days - Thursday is bean burger day

See you, love,

Well Cafe team [Sve dame 2622219]

Naturellement Garden Café

Dear friends, Good News!

Naturellement Garden Café finally opens again on Monday 21-7-14.

We thank you for having waited patiently for us to be ready. While some of you have enjoyed your summer holiday, we have been busy making improvements. Among other things, we have made our place accessible for wheelchairs, adding also a western/handicap toilet.

Arthena has made a beautiful heat reflecting cover for our courtyard, so welcome back to enjoy our cooler space!

Our usual timings; from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday-Saturday

The Naturellement Garden Café team

Notes

To all those who look towards the future.

Don't you think the time has come for us to reconsider both directions we have taken and the opportunities now available to us in order to move forward and allow the New Consciousness to become an everyday reality?

Sri Aurobindo and The Mother announced on several occasions that this new consciousness is now at work and we must open ourselves to it, so that consciousness changes open up new horizons and let us understand the coming of a new world.

While it is certainly true that the establishment of this new world can still take many more years, we are nevertheless offered to work today at its coming.

The Mother told the world through one of its many messages: "The World is preparing for a big change. Will you help?"

This is the question we try to answer every day and it is in that sight of view that we now rethink the children educational approach.

This is because the external change cannot be accomplished without an internal change that today educational research focuses on all the ways that allow the child to open his inner reality in the best possible context of developmental stimulation. The child must be able to make his own choices according to his inner guidance, in order to continue his development by choosing subjects that suit him in harmony and can develop his knowledge in the joy of the learning process.

This development begins at a young age. We realized long ago that in this approach that allows the child to still remain in contact with itself, the Montessori system can be of great help.

This approach allows the child from his earliest years to learn in a playful way the bases of languages, mathematics, science and culture.

Once the child has reached the age of five or six years, he must be able to keep the same learning context in which education is offered, this through hardware and both proven and innovative Media.

After twelve years, the faculties of the child are now sufficiently developed to allow him to explore bookish knowledge in most subjects, and mainly the works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.

He must still retain a certain detachment apprehending external knowledge as a springboard for the future and not only as truths just as established.

It is in this perspective that Auroville has the great obligation to do everything it can to prevent that what is outside of the child sits its grip on the child's interior.

Still pragmatic and honest, we all cherish the dream of creating an environment that will adapt to the multidisciplinary human knowledge.

The physical and concrete space of this environment already exists. This unique place has already been partly developed over nearly ten hectares since the creation of Auroville under the watchful eye of Mother.

Schools that have been designed and built are known as Last School, After School and No School.

It is precisely here that all life must become the venue of Consciousness which should not be confused with the mental, current motor of modern life and responsible for much of the chaos and division that seem to govern the world we live in.

We would like to call this new evolution of our common dream "Evolutionary Centre Free Progress".

New structures shall now be able to be created in order to provide each center a cognitive space that will be unique and where all knowledge of a particular subject will be available without any limit for the student.

Based upon the feedbacks of our pasts but also upon the analysis of our real experiences, this new development of our projects requires as many structures as areas covered by this teaching.

It must be able to offer the same basic comforts in study and to the relevant teachers and to the students, accommodation and catering, living spaces, playgrounds and scientific and artistic academies.

All this cannot keep on being realized without the support of the nations of the world, the Auroville International network and all those of us who still want to believe that our world is now ready for a change.

This life offers us once again the opportunity to position a new cornerstone that allows the fate we believe in to realize in the Truth of a discovery in a much locked in our hearts.

With love,

Andre (New Creation, Auroville) [All interested can write to kalya@auroville.org.in <kalya@auroville.org.in> <selva@auroville.org.in>]

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Welcome to the Thursday weekly meditation
Listening to Mother's reading of Savitri on Sunil's music

Timing still from 6 pm to 6.30 pm

Let's enjoy the beautiful open space under the vast sky, the special light of the setting sun
and heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

(Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card - please no photos there.
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm to 6.30 p.m. Thank you!)

Amphitheatre Team

AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Concentration for the Physical Manifestation of Auroville

With Vera playing the Russian Singing Bells

Sunday July 20th at 5.30 pm - under the Banyan Tree and
at the mini Amphitheatre, Unity Gardens, Matrimandir

15 minutes silent concentration before the first bell rings

No photos please. Dear Guests, please carry your Guest card.
Amphitheatre team

INVITATIONS

Salangai Pooja

Dear Friends,

We invite you all to come and enjoy our Mohanam students "Salangai Pooja" (Graduation on Bharathanatiyam)

on July 24th at Shivan Temple in Irumbai village between 6.30 and 7.30 pm.

For more information contact: 0413 2623 806.

Thank you,
Mohanam team

Meeting at Kala Kendra for a story book on Sri Aurobindo's life

Dear friends,



We at Kala Kendra, are in process of developing a concise illustrated story book on Sri Aurobindo's life. Since, Sri Aurobindo's life has been a rich mixture of various phases ranging from being a revolutionary nationalist, to a spiritual master with his teaching on Integral Yoga, and his works range from motivational firebrand articles in 'Bande Mataram' to holistic interpretations of Vedas and Upanishads to his magnum opus, epic poetry-'Savitri', this illustrated book; through the visual medium, intends to reflect the highlights of the same, for easier understanding of new readers.

As a part of Community-based participatory research, we would like to invite all those who have been closely in touch with Sri Aurobindo's life and works; through readings or otherwise, to participate and offer relevant inputs towards the book, in a discussion meeting at Kala Kendra on Saturday, 26th July, at 4 pm. Those who are not able to participate in the meeting and still would like to provide inputs can either email in writing to the id mentioned below or may also ask, by calling or messaging, for personal meeting with the researcher at a time and place convenient to you.

Looking forward to your participation,

Thanks, Dr. Gaurav Chhabra

[Artist Residency, Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas (Ph: 9787897947, email: medimedia@gmail.com ")]

Trovadores in July



Once more we join the WORLD POETRY MOVEMENT FOR 1000 years of PEACE .
Reading poetry on the last Friday of July. Bring your own poem or the ones you like or a song, if possible
in your own language.

Get together with People from all over the world for PEACE AND POETRY .

July the 25th at 5.30 pm
At the Unity Pavilion

Everybody Welcome

Join us at Le Zephyr café

Dear friends,

Now that the World Cup is over, continue to join us at Le Zephyr café for evening programs between 6 and 10 pm.

On Tuesdays and Fridays beginning July 19th, an art corner facilitated by Krupa welcomes all to enjoy self-expression, based on a different theme each evening.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Krupa and Le Zephyr team at Visitor's Center

SAVITRI BHAVAN- 20.07.2014

Sri Aurobindo - The Transition of our Times

A talk by Aster Patel

On the occasion of 'Remembering Professor Arabinda Basu'

Professor Arabinda Basu (1918-2012), known to many in Auroville and the Ashram as 'Arindam-da', passed away in the Ashram Nursing Home after a short illness a few days before his 94th birthday in July 2012. He was one of the Ashram members chosen by the Mother to give talks in Auroville in the 1970s. We will be remembering him in the presence of his son Robert and his assistant in later years Mousumi Mukherji. There will be a slideshow on his life, refreshments, and an opportunity to share memories.

3.30 to 5.00 pm in the Hall

Everyone is Welcome

Pitchandikulam Forest - Herbal Team



Seminar on Beauty for Personal Use

With Ayurveda, Yoga and the Use of Local Herbs

Friday July 25th (9:00 - 12:30 & 2:30 - 5:00)

Contents

Theory on doshas
Types of skin, hair
Knowledge on beauty care plants
Facial treatment

Elaboration of beauty products
Practical
Yoga and Pranayama

Open to everybody
Previous knowledge not required
Theory and practice
Knowledge ready to apply and experience
Herbal snacks included

For information and to register please email to: milaiba@yahoo.es
Contributions will be appreciated

Deepanam School Permaculture garden

Dear Community,

We invite to join us at Deepanam School on 19th July Saturday to create a permaculture garden with Krishna (Solitude) from 3 pm to 5 pm.

It's a part of our effort to become self-sustainable and also link nutrition with education. We have also planted a number of fruit trees. It would be a great help if community joins in our effort to grow our own food and promote local food.

Please bring any gardening tools you have.

Love and Light, *Deepanam Team*

Party continues at Repos Beach!

Sunday, 20th July 2014

As you know Repos Beach has successfully reopened its gate last week, the 13th July 2014, and the party continues this weekend, especially on the 20th with different activities starting with:

Morning

Activities for children: making sand castle, balloon flying, Handicraft exhibition

Evening

Music and open stage.

You can come with your guitar, any kind of instrument or just your voice to entertain others or to discover your own voice!

The photo exhibition "PAST PRESENT & ...?" continues.

This week Tanto Pizza will join Nice Kitchen to give you an authentic Italian taste.

Also available from this week: Acupuncture and Homeopathy consultation.

For more details contact: 978703355

Repos Beach Management committee in collaboration with MultiDimension

CULTURAL EVENTS

Light Classical Fusion

Adishakti presents Light Classical Fusion
By Sai Narasimhan

On 19th July at 7pm at Adishakti - Sir Ratan Tata Koothu Kovil.

SCHEDULES

Vérité - Classes and Events

Hatha Yoga Classes in Iyengar Tradition with Olesya

Yoga, as a building tool for the body, awakens your consciousness through asanas.

Iyengar yoga is a practice that emphasizes proper alignment of the body, mind and intelligence.

Focusing concentration on specific parts of the body moves us deeper inside, from the external body to the internal subtle one, from the periphery to the core, our true being.

Morning: Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 6.45 - 8.15 am

Afternoon : Every Tuesday & Thursday from 5 - 6.30 pm

Yoga and Meditation with Ankur

Chanting, Reciting, Pranayama, Meditation and flow of Hatha and Ashthanga Yoga.

Ankur is originally from India, and he has been teaching Yoga for five years in Shanghai, China.

Morning: Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 6.45 - 8 am

Afternoon: Every Monday & Friday from 5 - 6.15 pm

Nia Holistic Dance with Ursula

Saturdays, starting 19 July, from 5.15 to 6.15 pm

Nia is a holistic workout experience of self-expressive art. Nia combines elements of dance arts, martial arts and healing arts

in the routine. It is designed to foster physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being.

No experience required.

Ursula qualified for her Nia White Belt in Chennai on February 2013, and has been teaching since then in Auroville.

Somatic Exploration with Maggie

(New students: Please arrive 15 minutes early)

Wednesdays from 5 - 6 pm

Going beyond the 'myth of aging' series, we will continue to explore moving with awareness to unwind habitual holding patterns, increase mobility, balance, coordination and wellness.

Open to anyone; for further info please call Maggie on 94866-23465 or 2622320

Therapies at Vérité

Art Therapy with Krupa

Creative empowerment sessions with a variety of media to explore; improving self-esteem, insight and awareness; supporting non-verbal processing of emotions.

Krupa has a graduate degree in Art Therapy from NYC, with additional training in trauma-informed therapy, and the combination of Art & Yoga. For appointments, please contact 9486287495 or krupa@auroville.org.in

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

White Peacock new schedule!

During summer we welcomed you to classes to share the joy of clay work. Now there is a need to catch up with firing of accumulated pieces and re-evaluate our program. Therefore we will discontinue Sunday classes from now on for 3 weeks.

We will happily meet you again on **Sunday August the 3rd** for sharing of ideas how to restructure our sessions.

Ikebana course

"The Japanese Art of Flower Arrangement "(Sogetsu School of Tokyo) will resume soon.

For further information please contact: Valeria: 9442992827 / valeriaraso@hotmail.com

Auroville Language Lab: Intensive Intermediate English class

An Intensive Intermediate English class will be offered at the Lab during the next two weeks as a trial.

The teacher is Sharan, who has experimented with different methods of teaching and has a great love of English poetry and literature. The class will be every day from Monday to Friday from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm starting from Monday 21st of July, 2014.

Please contact the Lab immediately if interested.

Circus class

Regular class, every Monday from 4 pm to 6 pm

Age: from 9 years to 14 years.

All are welcome.

Contact phone for more information and your registration, Kalou: 9787332791 / email: eluciolecircus@gmail.com

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

23rd July (Wednesday)

Overview with multimedia presentation / Questions and Answers / Practice in Daily Life / Complimentary Concentration Exercises / Creative Arts, Interactive Games / Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother / Introduction to the Reference Books **Focus this week on: 'Intimacy with the Divine'**

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

Place: Savitri Bhavan - Time: 9 am to 12.00 Noon (pl be present by 8.55 am)

Led by Ashesh Joshi - Contact: 9489147202, 2622922

No Registration required (except for groups) / Fees: Voluntary Contribution

All are welcome

For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit: www.integralyoga-auroville.com

Awareness Through the Body

Weekly sessions with Rosa.

From 19th July onwards, every Saturday 7.00 to 8.30 am at ATB Hall, Transition School

An opportunity to explore ourselves, to better understand and integrate the complexity of our being and enter into a deeper contact with the inner world.

The two first weeks will be used as a trial so the new people can see if the work is adequate for them. Afterwards, due to the type of work done and because of its progression, the group will be closed.

To participate, sign up with: rosa@auroville.org.in / If there is any question you can contact me.

Reiki and reflexology massage

Every week-end Reiki and reflexology massage by Jannaka at Arka

Individual course in 3 sessions also on week-days by appointment

The Reiki course activates your hands to be connected with the Cosmic Energy which cures physical diseases and the emotional conflicts through contact. It teaches how to practice self-treatment and session to other people. Very important: Reiki is not a personal power but just an opportunity to channel the Healing Energy in one's own Center, as in Meditation!

Reflexology Massage heals organic dysfunctions and their psycho-somatic causes, not only through the massage on the reflex map of the foot but also with pressure on "marma points" in the legs and arms.

Therapies and courses are held by Jannaka, Reiki master and therapist with 25 years of experience.

Make the bookings with Jannaka: 9487629648 / Email: lestellenoi@gmail.com

FILMS



CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY 25 JULY - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

LE SAUVAGE (CALL ME SAVAGE - a.k.a. LOVERS LIKE US)

Directed by Jean-Paul RAPPENEAU, France, 1975 / Starring: Yves Montand and Catherine Deneuve

Synopsis: Caracas, Venezuela. Just after her engagement with Vittorio, Nelly runs away from him. As he pursued her, she looks for help to Martin, a French middle-aged man she met by accident. He helps her to escape, drives her to the airport and gives her a plane ticket to Paris against a Toulouse Lautrec she has 'borrowed' from an ex-employer. Then, happy to be away from this sudden tornado, he sets back to his peaceful lonely life on a small island. Of course, the peace is short for who is waiting for him on the island...?! The film director had wished his pair of actors (Catherine Deneuve / Yves Montand) to refer to Hollywood duets of the golden years like Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy. And truly, in this fast tempo comedy, Jean-Paul Rappeneau's direction is accomplished, the two stars are at their best and the scenery is gorgeous.

Original French version with English subtitles - Restored version -- Duration: 1h.42'



"The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, July 25, Friday at 7 pm

Watermark

Documentary - 92 minutes, 2013. Directed by Jennifer Baichwal and Edward Burtynsky

Transporting us all over the world, Watermark reveals the extent to which humanity has shaped water, and how it has shaped us. In California, the vast, manmade All-American Canal diverts water from the Colorado River to urban centres. In India, the mass Hindu pilgrimage called the Kumbh Mela sees thirty million worshippers bathe in the sacred river at

Allahabad in a single day. The images are incredible, taking something as commonplace as water and capturing it in curiously beautiful ways. Tributaries of the dried-up Colorado River look like stunning woodcuts of snow-covered trees, while the Xiluodu Dam release in China is reminiscent of Victorian painter J.M.W. Turner's representation of natural forces

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!!

Free bus service to the tour of Sadhana forest and the eco film club, departure solar kitchen: 16:00 and return from Sadhana forest: 21:30 -

Free bus service to the eco film club - departure solar kitchen: 18:00 and return from Sadhana forest: 21:30

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

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Sri Aurobindo: 'The world is not an unhappy accident; it is a marvel moving towards its expression.'

Monday, 21st of July 2014, at 6:15 pm: Anna Breytenbach and her work of Interspecies Communication or Animal Communication

Anna Breytenbach's message is that we are all able to do 'Interspecies Communication' and that we have the abilities in us. And we need to know that animals and plants are sentient beings with self-awareness. For dynamic and respectful relationships men have to relax body and mind and become quiet, still.

'What Interspecies Communication is and how it works' Anna Breytenbach is showing in the first 20 min, then we see a film documentary about an 'Animal Communication case with a black Leopard' and thereafter is a Questions & Answers session which is helpful to learn more about "Interspecies Communication". Duration: 87min.



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film programme 21 July 2014 to 27 July 2014

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

Indian - Monday 21 July, 8.00 pm:

- **KOCHADAIYAAN: THE LEGEND**

India, 2014, Dir. Soundarya Rajinikanth w/ Rajinikanth, Deepika Padukone, Sarath Kumar, and others, Drama-History, 120mins, Tamil (primarily) w/ English subtitles, Rated: G (U)

This grandiose mythological story is about a young boy named Ranadheeran (Rana), who despite being from the kingdom of Kottaiappattinam grows up to be a great warrior in the rival kingdom Kalingapuri. After returning to Kottaiappattinam he reunites with king Rishikodagan's son and daughter, who are his childhood friend and sweetheart respectively, and also with his own sister. Rana realizes he is the son of the brave and benevolent commander-in-chief Kochadaiyaan who was tricked and killed by Rishikodagan. Rana must undo the wrong. *Being India's first motion-capture animation film, this ambitious and aesthetic film is a giant leap for Indian cinema despite any shortcomings! See bit of making of the film during credits.*

German - Tuesday 22 July, 8:00 pm:

- **SARATAN**

Kyrgyzstan-Germany 2005, Dir. Ernest Abdyshaparov w/Kumondor Abylov, Askat Sulaimanov, Tabyldy Aktanov, and others, Comedy-Drama, 83 mins, Kirghiz w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

In collaboration with Goethe Institute/Max Mueller Bhavan

The film describes the life of the residents of a Kirghiz village after the collapse of the Soviet Union. The tragicomical stories are about politics, religion, tradition and modernity, pride and glory. The residents are dissatisfied, because promised money didn't arrive and everybody tries to regulate life with their own rules. Everybody knows that this has nothing to do with fairness. But in spite of wistfulness and lamenting everyday life finds a familiar routine.

Special - Wednesday 23 July, 8.00 pm:

- **A LIFE EXPOSED: ROBYN BEECHE (a photographer's transformation)**

Australia, 2013, Dir. Lesley Branagan w/ Robyn Beeche, and others, Documentary, 52mins, English, Rated: NR.

The director Lesley Branagan shares with us this award winning film on Australian-born photographer Robyn Beeche. Robyn Beeche became renowned in London for her groundbreaking photographs of painted bodies, and collaborations with counter-culture personalities Zandra Rhodes, Vivienne Westwood, Leigh Bowery and Divine. At the peak of her career, Beeche made the life-changing move to India, where she's been documenting the ecstatic Krishna traditions of her area for 25 years as spiritual service. The director will be present at the screening and will address Q&A session after

the film. Do not miss! Find more details about the film and the director in Auronet.

French - Thursday 24 July, 8.00 pm:

- **GRAND CENTRAL**

France, 2013, Dir. Rebecca Zlotowski w/ Tahar Rahim, Léa Seydoux, Olivier Gourmet, and others, Romance-Drama, 94mins, French WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES, Rated: PG.

From a small job to another, Gary is hired in a nuclear power plant. There, just next to the reactors where the radioactivity is at its maximum, he falls in love with Karole, Tony's wife. The forbidden love and the radiations are slowly affecting Gary... *A great film, winner of several prizes.*

International - Saturday 26 July, 8:00 pm:

- **THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL**

USA-Germany, 2014, Dir. Wes Anderson w/ Ralph Fiennes, F. Murray Abraham, Mathieu Amalric, and others, Comedy, 100mins, English-French w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

This much acclaimed film recounts the adventures of Gustave H, a legendary concierge at a famous European hotel between the wars, and Zero Moustafa, the lobby boy who becomes his most trusted friend. The story involves the theft and recovery of a priceless Renaissance painting and the battle for an enormous family fortune -- all against the backdrop of a suddenly and dramatically changing Continent. *Definitely, a must see!*

Children's Film - Sunday 27 July, 4:30 pm:

- **GREMLINS**

USA, 1984, Dir. Joe Dante, w/ Zach Galligan, Phoebe Cates, Hoyt Axton, 106 mins, Animation-Comedy-Horror, English, Rated: G (for >6 yrs old)

A boy inadvertently breaks 3 important rules concerning his new pet and unleashes a horde of malevolently mischievous monsters on a small town.

Satyajit Ray Film Festival @ CINECLUB

Ciné-Club - Sunday 27 July, 8:00 pm:

- **CHARULATA**

India, 1964, Dir. Satyajit Ray w/ Soumitra Chatterjee, Madhabi Mukherjee and others, 117 mins, Drama, Bengali w/English subtitles, Rated: PG.

Based on a story by Rabindranath Tagore, the film explores marital complacency, as Bhupati, a wealthy publisher and political idealist, devotes the majority of his time to his publishing business, and to political interests, and grows increasingly isolated from his wife, Charu alias Charulata. As an attractive upper-class wife, she is essentially expected to manage the household, and not much else, and is increasingly both lonesome and intellectually restless.

ACT overview of services

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MORNING TRIP

Tuesday - Thursday - Saturday

9:00 AM from Matrimandir Office Gate Parking

12:00 Noon from Pondy Manakula Vinayagar Street (Ganesh Temple Street)

AFTERNOON TRIP

Monday - Wednesday

3:00 PM from Matrimandir Office Gate Parking

6:00 PM from Pondy Manakula Vinayagar Street (Ganesh Temple Street)

Friday

4:00 PM from Matrimandir Office Gate Parking

8:30 PM from Pondy Manakula Vinayagar Street (Ganesh Temple Street)

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