

News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

The New Man is among us.— Nolini Kanta Gupta

Sri Aurobindo wrote in *The Synthesis of Yoga*: 'It is impossible to rise into [the gnostic or supramental consciousness] at once; if that could be done, it would mean a sudden and violent overshooting, a breaking or slipping through the gates of the Sun ... without any possibility of return. We have to form as a link or a bridge an intuitive or illuminated mind, which is not the direct gnosis, but in which a derivative body of the gnosis can form.' Shortly before he departed, he wrote in the series of articles for the *Bulletin*: 'It might be that a psychological change, a mastery of the nature of the soul, a transformation of the mind into a principle of light [the Mind of Light], of the life-force into power and purity would be the first approach, the first attempt to solve the problem, to escape beyond the merely human formula and establish something that could be called a divine life upon earth, a first sketch of supermanhood, of a supramental being in the circumstances of the earth-nature.'

The Mother said in 1959, looking back on her *sadhana* since 1950: 'I have told [to my body]: "... You are going to realize that intermediary overhumanity between the human and the supramental being, which is what I call *le surhomme*. And it is that what I have been doing in the last eight years.'

In May 1957 she said: 'One can go beyond this state [of the ordinary humanity], open oneself to the supramental Force which is now active upon the Earth, and enter into a zone of transition where both influences meet and penetrate each other, where the consciousness is still mental and intellectual in its functionings but sufficiently penetrated by the supramental Power and Force to be able of being the instrument of a higher truth. At the present moment this state can be realized upon earth by those who are ready to receive the supramental Force that is manifesting.'

September 1957: 'It is evident that intermediary beings are needed, that it is these intermediary beings who have to find the means to create the beings of the Supramental. And without any doubt, when Sri Aurobindo wrote this [the series of articles for the *Bulletin*] he was convinced that it was what we had to do. I think ... I *know* that it is now certain that we will realize what he expects of us. It is no longer a hope, it has become a certitude.' As the Mother was always talking from her own experience, a confirmation like this could only be based on her own findings.

April 1958: 'One can with certainty assert that there will be an intermediary specimen between the mental and the supramental being ... It looks like ... it is even certain that the substance which will constitute this intermediary world, which is in course of being elaborated, will be a substance that is richer, more powerful, more luminous, more resilient, with certain new qualities, more subtle, more penetrating. That substance will have a sort of inherent capacity of universality, as if its degree of subtlety and refinement allowed for the perception of vibrations in a much larger if not completely total way; and it eliminates the sensation of division which one has with the former kind of substance, with the ordinary mental substance ... This [new] substance is at present almost universally spread in the terrestrial atmosphere.'

March 1969: 'It is as if that new Consciousness has brought with it a whole new field of experiences in the very material domain, with the abolishment of a number of things declared by people to be impossible ... This consciousness has a great power of attraction. There are now people coming from everywhere, from everywhere [to the Ashram and Auroville].' The instrument in many cases used by that power of attraction was *Sri Aurobindo, ou l'Aventure de la conscience* (Sri Aurobindo, or the Adventure of Consciousness), the book written by Satprem under the guidance of the Mother and (behind the veil) of Sri Aurobindo.

April 1972: 'The change of the human into the supramental being occurs, or doesn't occur, through the overman. It is possible that there are some overmen — there are some — who are carrying out the transition.'

1987: 'Although we may not know it, the New Man, the divine race of humanity, is already among us. It may be in our next neighbour, in our nearest brother, even in myself. Only a thin veil covers it. It marches just behind the line [between the visible and invisible]. It waits for an occasion to throw off the veil and place itself in the forefront.' This is a note by Nolini Kanta Gupta, who died in 1984, published above his signature in the *Sri Aurobindo Mandir Annual* of 1987.

Sri Aurobindo had foreseen the necessity of the transitional being; he had begun to work it out in himself and had transferred the result of his material realization to the Mother at the time of his departure in 1950.

The Mother *immediately* continued to build on Sri Aurobindo's realization. She wrote as early as 1954: 'For the last few days, when I wake up in the morning I have the strange sensation of entering a body that is not mine — my body is strong and healthy, full of energy and life, supple and harmonious and this one fulfills none of these qualities; the contact with it becomes painful; there is a great difficulty in adapting myself to it and it takes a long time before I can overcome this uneasiness.' These words cannot be interpreted in any other way than that the Mother already had a new subtle-physical body in 1954 besides and apart from her visible, gross material body. It was in this subtle-physical body that many saw her in their dreams and visions. 'They see me like I really am,' she said.

The above quoted statements of May and September 1957 leave no doubt that she then had reached the overhuman state for her bodily self. On 1 January 1969, the overhuman consciousness manifested in the atmosphere of our Earth to establish itself here. Since then it is a new element in the evolutionary process and seeks out the human instruments capable of embodying it. The Mother and also Nolini Kanta Gupta have expressed in unmistakable terms that, in the mass of the human species now populating the Earth, potential supermen are already present — a fact that moreover could be deduced from her narrative about the supramental ship. But the Mother herself was far ahead again.

BEYOND MAN, part III, chap. 27 - GEORGES VAN VREKHEM

*The
Ponder
Corner*

If god draw me towards Heaven,
then, even if His other hand
strive to keep me in Hell,
yet must I struggle upward.

Sri Aurobindo [ref. Essays Divine and Human, p.428]

Report on the first interactive event by the Auroville Council

The event took place on 23rd of July, from 4.30 pm to 6.10 pm at Unity Pavilion. 76 members from the community attended this meeting. We would like to thank the Auroville Radio for recording the meeting and the Study Group. We also thank Inge and Selvam from the RAS for helping us prepare and facilitate this event. The meeting began with the AVC giving a brief description of the new **Participatory Structure** and their experience of the first 3 weeks.

Following this, the work in process was presented, which consists of 17 personal issues, 6 Policy mandate issues and 5 immediate community issues.

The 17 personal issues were not dealt with in depth. The 6 larger community issues which were mentioned are:

- *Matrimandir Executives and mandates, and issue of benches*
- *Housing service policy amendments for young people, volunteers and NC*
- *Entry Service: Policy amendments for Friends of Auroville*
- *Water Maintenance Service: Solar Kitchen Sludge*
- *Fund and Asset management Committee (FAMC): Revised Policy*
- *RAS mandate*

The following 5 immediate issues were introduced and discussed:

1) Extension of the present WC and formation of the new WC

Update: as per the last posting in the AuroNet and N&N

Outcome in meeting:

Question/ doubts raised by community:

AVC is not mandated to form the WC without the ratification of RA.

Final answer after discussion:

Point 5 from the AVC mandate says - Deal with emerging issues that fall outside the purview of other working groups. In addition, following the last few General meetings on this topic, the outcome was a recommendation to let AVC facilitate a process to decide the next steps.

2) AVC invitation to Entry Task Force and Entry Service

Update: AVC had one meeting with ETF; one meeting with ES is scheduled. Further meetings with Koodam's help are envisaged to try and find a common platform for discussion and amendments to the existing policy.

Outcome in meeting: Shanthy volunteered as a resource person.

3) Budget Coordination Committee: Call for feedback on AV Security Budget

Update: Following the announcement of BCC in the N&N, a number of people wrote to BCC and the Council with their views on the issue. The AVC called together as resource persons, Renu, Eva, and Sam.

Outcome in meeting: Bertrand and Jayavel volunteered as resource persons.

4) Aurovilians not contributing to Central Fund

Update: This issue calls for an analysis of our existing Contribution guidelines, to understand the root of the current issue before proposing alterations.

Outcome in meeting: Renu, Uma, Slava and Taj volunteered as resource persons.

5) Policy for workshops by non- Aurovilians in Auroville venues

Update: The Council introduced the issue and asked for resource persons.

Outcome in meeting: Daniel volunteered as resource person.

Following these discussions, Matriprasad announced that the Code of conduct/Work Ethics are being worked on by the Auroville Council and we will soon have something to present to the community. Paulette has sent us her input on the subject.

Burning issues which came up during the meeting:

Satprem spoke about the difficulties he is facing on the Mangalam issue and asked for support. Daniel mentioned that the Working Committee is looking into it. The Auroville Council promised to look into it as well. Raman and Jayavel volunteered their help in dealing with this issue.

Having discussed everything on our agenda, the meeting was adjourned. The general feeling after the meeting was positive.

The next interactive meeting will be held on the 27th of August. Koodam's presentation will be an important part of it.

AVC invites all from the community to propose themselves to be Resource Persons for any of the issues that interest you or that you feel you have an expertise in. The AV Council will consider them.

Sincerely, *the Auroville Council*

From Entry Task Force

Dear friends,

I would like to inform the community, through the AV Council that the ETF has decided to drop the idea of bringing our proposal to a Decision Making Event (vote) as the time does not seem to be right for a proposal which is aiming at bringing a major shift from the existing policy and the way it is applied.

We expect many will be disappointed and maybe some also upset at our decision; to those we apologize and to those Aurovilians who have attended our presentations and supported us. We trust also that they will understand our decision to reconsider a new policy at better times.

Also the recent selection of our working groups has shown a major dissatisfaction which has led to division instead of a common growth into the experiment of Auroville. We do not wish to add to the present confusion.

Unfortunately, and it showed clearly in recent report in the *News and Notes* and at the last GM called by the Council, this issue - which should have been a normal phase of changing and renewal of a policy - has become a winning and losing situation.

We win, they lose, or vice versa.

To go ahead with a RADME in this situation would not have been helpful to Auroville in general.

Yes, we could have insisted -and we have no doubt this proposal would have gone through easily - and if the present ES did not accept it, the community could have asked them to step down and a new one formed to implement it with the help of the ETF. Or the community could have imposed the present ES to implement it, again with the help of the ETF...

These are both nightmare scenarios and we did not wish to create neither of them.

It seems the ES has agreed that the present Entry Process needs to be improved /re viewed.

Our effort and the support we received by many Aurovilians may have contributed to this...if true we hope that the AV Council will help them find "independent" Aurovilians to help them in their effort, hopefully those improvement will not be of a cosmetic nature only...

We still stand firmly behind our proposal so we have nothing to contribute to a new series of discussion about it.

Briefly these are the major changes we proposed:

- Final decision in regard to any status (Aurovilian, Newcomer, Friends of Auroville etc...) to be taken by the community together with the ES. The Community and the ES share the responsibilities, contrary to what is happening now whereby the ES has the final decision.

Only this would have made the job of ES much lighter...

We reiterate here that giving the final decision to the community would change the actual governance of AV (legislative and executive) and requires an approval of the community.

- Introduction/presentation of any applicant (Aurovilian, Newcomer, Friend of Auroville, etc...) to the community through a friendly ad hoc interaction with the community, organized by the ES every e.g. two months, prior and part of the final decision process.....and then the figure of the Mentor...

It should be noted that in our proposal the administrative part is 'completely' delinked from the Entry Process, it is ridiculous that a Newcomer etc...should be stopped or refused because of administrative issues.

In this regard we wish to point out that in our proposal we give priority to the terms "Aurovilian" and "Master List" over "Residents and Register of Residents", the latter being only the legal framework whereby the Foundation has to record and enter Aurovilians in the Register of Residents

We believe that to become an Aurovilian is an individual inner choice first and foremost, whoever is joining for other reasons is deceiving him / herself and the community is not responsible for their choice.

Linking of Housing and Entry (should have been...) and should be discussed by the community, groups may have decided to implement it because the difficulties they face at the moment, but whether this is the only possible solution to the present situation is questionable, as it de facto privileges applicants with enough money to buy the expensive houses/apartments the Housing Service is able to provide, disregarding everything else.

The ETF has been a very positive experience; we really tried to bring down into practicality - as much as possible - not only Mother's Guidelines but the spirit of Faith and Trust with which we started our mandate.

More could be said but it is not important now.

Sincerely, *Santo, Claire, Fabienne, Cristina, Raman, Mirco, Jocelyne*

Update Report on Planning and Development by TDC

(November 2013 - June 2014)

CITY PLANNING: At the last meeting of the Governing Board we have presented the annual development plan for 2014-15 which contains principle for the 5 year development plan. This was discussed already with the TDC advisory committee in the month of July 2013. Following this presentation we started to work on a Plan for the next five years that will enable Auroville to enter into its 50th anniversary with a forwarding vision.

Our aim is to detail and update the Auroville Perspective Master Plan 2025 that is already in its mid-term.

We are preparing detailed development plans for the first two phases of the residential zone that should host 5,000 people.

We are trying to integrate the symbolic aspect of the Galaxy with the geo-physical reality and a socio-economic development that has to be aligned with the original vision of the Mother.

We are creating a document which will include principle of strategic planning to articulate vision and analyze water resources and other critical factors including land use (as if we owned all the land)

So far Mr. Bankim Kalra has prepared a draft of Implementation and Development Phasing Programme, Bankim Kalra and Mr. Luis Feduchi a Detail Development Plan for the sector 1 and 2 of the residential zone. An assignment for the preparation of an electrical master plan has been allocated to the company DCL consultant of Kolkata. The first phase with recommendation for High Tension Line has been submitted and the next phase will deal with the Low Tension Line. This task has already been accomplished. Presently we are working on a detailed assessment of the physical and human geography of Auroville and its surrounding. Mr. Gilles Boullicot of the Center for Scientific Research of Auroville has coordinated a study on surface water management and Mrs. Suhasini Iyer a Land use study. Now the matter is taken forward for finalization by a team coordinated by Mr. Prashant Hedao with Mrs. Lata Iyer, Mrs. Anita, Gaur, Mrs. Tejaswini Kappor, Miss Ojas Vyas, Miss. Ojas Vyas, Miss. Deepika Kalgutkar, Miss Rhea Nathani. The work will include land use, landscape suitability, zoning, ground coverage and surface water management.

From the month of August-September onwards it is planned to start a phase of integration of these works and feedback within the Auroville Community. It is expected to conclude these processes by December, so that it can be considered by the Tamil Nadu govt.

AUROVILLE LAND PROTECTION: As a parallel step to these technical works the TDC has been active in the relation with Tamil Nadu govt. and has constituted a Task Force in order to interact with the Town and Country Planning Office of Tamil Nadu for land protection for Auroville through the constitution of a New Town Development Authority or any other appropriate form. We had a very positive interaction with the TCPO of Tamil Nadu that has shown interest to start this process after the election. A separate report is attached as annexure

Our aim is to prepare a land use plan and try to work on the institutional arrangement so that our provision can be accepted in the local regulations.

REGIONAL PLANNING: Our institutional arrangement will be helped if we improve our collaboration in the local area; we are also working with one of the local panchayat in a village close to Auroville where a village planning committee has been constituted with the assistance of TDC

On March 26, 2014, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the representatives of the Panchayat of Bommayarpalayam and the Auroville Town Development Council - L'Avenir to serve as a vehicle for cooperative planning and the encouragement of development activities between the two parties. The MOU was composed in a way that will ensure the sustainability of the relationship between Bommayapalayam and Auroville.

Under the MOU, Auroville TDC will collaborate with a Committee constituted by the Panchayat. This Committee, the Village Development Committee, is composed of representatives of various interest groups (women organization, youth, sports, fishermen, business people, educationists, etc...). TDC will provide assistance at a technical level with several aspects of village development.

There is a need to include the Green Belt in the overall development plan for Auroville. In order to control the ongoing suburbanisation of Auroville surrounding that runs contrary to Mother's advices on self-sustainability there is a need to not only protect the Green Belt from speculators and developers but to prepare a plan for development of these areas. Already a Green Belt Development Plan has been prepared in 2012 that sets the broad lines and gives direction for the future development of the area. Now the need is to prepare a detailed Green Belt Master Plan that will spell based on land use how the green belt shall develop in the next 15 to 25 years. It is planned to start this exercise early in 2015. The MOU with the villages is an integral part of this plan as it is becoming clearer and clearer that without integrating village

development and aspiration into our development plan there is no guarantee of success.

OFFICE: The office of TDC presently functions with 18 Aurovilians taking care of different working areas like overall coordination (1), Urban Design (1), Socio Economic Development (1), Township Development (1), Regional Development (2), accounting (1), survey and mapping (6), physical asset survey (2), housing development (1), land (1), liaison (1). In addition there are three external engineers on retainer basis (one for building and construction, one for electrical planning and one for road and infrastructure), 2 external staff for secretarial service. We have also five main consultants team operating in the area mentioned above.

The Human Resources represent the major item of expenditure for the office with an amount of 42 lakhs, out of which the cost for the maintenance of Aurovilians is approx. 15 lakhs and the cost of consultant 20 lakhs.

After the last GB meeting the TDC committee has met on a regular basis among themselves twice a week and has approved a total number of 56 sites and building applications. TDC members and specialized consultants met also with the Chairman 4 times in Chennai and Ahmedabad to review the overall strategic planning matters.

DEVELOPMENT: The following is the status of the major projects after November 2013

HOUSING

- Completion of the second phase of Maitreyee - 26 apartments
- Start of Development and Construction of 36 in Sacred Grove and Invocation
- Approved three projects for 52 apartments (SANJANA, COURAGE 3, MAITREYEE 3)
- Approved site permission for 50 apartments in KALPANA
- Granted site allocation for 153 lodgings plus office and collective space for HUMANSCAPE project

INDUSTRIES

- Approved lay-out for Mangalam industrial area (total acres 12.0)
- Under study, lay-out for Pony Farm industrial area (total acres 12.3)

INFRASTRUCTURE

Road:

- Implemented: Transition Radial (250mts) and Mangalam Radial-Sincerity Myriam Stretch (320mts)
- Under Study: Second part Mangalam Radial, Mangalam Access, Verite Radial, Celebration Ring Road, International Zone Loop Road and Solar Kitchen Radial & Service Area Ring Road.

Electricity:

- GOI Funded: High tension cable and connection from Bharat Nivas receiving station though the entire residential zone up to transformer in Madhuca (under implementation)
- Other Source of Funding: Connection Administrative Zone to the Matrimandir Transformer.
Re-laying of electricity cables in Celebration
Planting trees along the Vikas Radial.

TENDER and WAT

The work allocation team of L'avenir has evaluated BOQ for 5 projects (Invocation 4, Sanjana, SunShip, Courage, Farewell), facilitated a public tender for the project of Sunship and the procurement of HT Cables and a Restricted selection call for the project of Sanjana.

ARCHEOLOGY: As part of the international zone and industrial zone are falling in archaeological sensitive areas a map of the archaeological risks and a classification of the archaeological sensitiveness is under preparation in order to reconcile the development according to the galaxy plan and at the same time preserve the local heritage. A first draft of the classification and typology of intervention is annexed to this report

SOCIO-ECONOMIC ISSUES: To reach a population of 5,000 people it will require an increase of the regular income of Auroville of at least 96 % without considering the cost of investment for buildings and infrastructures.

The large expansion in Auroville population will create a huge deficit in the budget unless the commercial units are helped to increase in a substantial way their income and contributions. Borrowing in general is not possible and this creates limitations for our commercial sector.

There is a need of a large and focused effort in assisting existing units to expand their activities and promote the establishment of new units through incubator and spin-off. The regulatory framework of Auroville should be reviewed in a way to find a system of incentives for the commercial sector but preserving at the same time its character of non-profit.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

From the Telephone Service

Over the past one year more than 100 new connections have been provided. There has also been change of residences/email addresses and shifting of lines.

Subscribers are requested to check their details available at the online [Auronet Directory](#) and inform [Telephone Service \(telephoneservice@auroville.org.in\)](mailto:telephoneservice@auroville.org.in) of any changes or additions. The printed version will take data from the Auronet Directory.

Please do this for your friends/community/neighbours too.

Last date for corrections and amendments is 10 Aug 2014.

AVTS

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 Aryan Kolbert, in Ravena for a house.
2. Hans & Sowmya Van Baaren, Transformation, House Extension (Temporary)
3. Unity Transport Service, Service Area, Office.
4. Lakshmana. K., Kuilapalayam, House extension.
5. Visitors Center, Demo Bamboo Structure.

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.

Update on Guest Contribution refund system

Principle

The budget of Auroville is funded to a large extent by the financial participation of its residents. Aurovilians and Newcomers have to pay their monthly Auroville Contribution, and all categories of Guests, including Students and

Volunteers, are requested to pay a Guest Contribution (GC) of Rs 150/day.

To protect the Auroville economy from a degrading trend, certain changes are introduced in the system of payment/refund of this GC, on the request of the BCC and the Financial Service (FS).

The new policy will be implemented from August 4th.

Conditions to get a refund

- have an AuroCard (issued by a Guest House or the Financial Service)
- reside in an Auroville accommodation
- work in a City Service activity duly registered in Auroville
- commit oneself for a period of minimum 2 months
- work at least 12 hours per week
- receive no financial benefit from the work

Guidelines

1. Volunteers working 12 to 24 hours per week are eligible for a 50% reduction; volunteers working 24 hours or more can ask a full refund of the Guest Contribution. An upper limit to the weekly time should enable Volunteers to explore Auroville.

2. Volunteers working in a City Service for a period of at least 2 months are eligible for a refund. They should contact the Savi office (Unity Pavilion) in person for registration and updating their AuroCard (from Guest to Volunteer status); make the necessary deposit at Financial Service. FS will refund their GC at the end of their volunteer time.

3. Volunteers working in a commercial unit will have to pay the GC themselves or have it paid by the unit. The unit holder is required to acknowledge this acceptance:

- Before arrival, for the Savi registered volunteers, at the moment of their placement confirmation by mail,
- On arrival, for the "independent" volunteers (who have found their own place of work), at the moment of registration at Savi, by signing a Confirmation form.

4. Volunteers working for less than 2 months are not eligible for a refund. They may take part of the Active Participation Programs offered by the Guest Service (Solar Kitchen upstairs) and don't need to be registered with Savi.

5. Services' & Units' heads who take volunteers are required to report any change in the status/dates of the volunteer to the Savi office, so that records can be updated.

6. Volunteers working in a non-commercial unit for less than 2 months can exceptionally be eligible for a refund. The unit holder may contact the BCC (bccoffice@auroville.org.in) to ask for a refund approval.

7. Volunteers working for a period of at least 2 months who have no accommodation inside Auroville are not eligible for a refund, since Auroville cannot take the legal responsibility for people staying outside of Auroville.

8. The registration with Savi has to be done before the start of the volunteer placement. No refund will be given for days worked before registration.

BCC and Savi

O B I T U A R Y

Danapalan

Danapalan, father of Aurovilians Kanniappan, Nagappan and Arumugam passed away on Sunday evening, July 27th. He was in his eighties and was bedridden since a year.

Danapal has been working for Auroville from the very beginning, starting with the Matrimandir Nursery where he drove the first bullock cart of Auroville bringing compost from Pondicherry. In 1983 he started working with Bhavana for the Bliss garden where he did forestry work and remained active as watchman till 2013.

Meanwhile his children joined Auroville and he gave away his land to Auroville. The entire life of this dear friend, known and remembered by long-term Aurovilians, was dedicated to the building of Auroville, - our gratitude and love go out to him and his family.

May his soul rest in peace.

F O R Y O U R I N F O R M A T I O N

How do Aurovilians like their Houses?

Third Analysis of the Survey on House Satisfaction and Building Materials by Nourredine Kebaili under the guidance of Satprem Maini

First we want to say that we are happy to see more and more people joining in this survey. As you can see from the results below, some statistics have changed a lot.

Attitude on the houses

34% of respondents are slightly favorable to their houses, a drop from last week's results, which was 57%. 24% of respondents are quite favorable to their houses, also less than last week's results; which was 30%. 25% of respondents are neutral to their houses; which is more than last week's results. And only 1% of participants are extremely favorable to their houses. This is because most of the new participants are neutral in their attitude.

And here are some participants' characteristics

31.37% are female participants
68.62% are male participants

They are also:

47.05% of local residents
23.52% of Volunteers
20.58% of Aurovilians and Newcomers
8.82% of Guests of Auroville

Their houses are:

73.52% fired bricks houses
10.78% CSEB houses
14.70% houses of another building material

This shows that these primarily neutral attitudes come from a sample of people primarily living in fired brick houses. We are asking people living in houses built using other building technique to join in this survey.

The ways that people are responding to the survey

5.88% of participants answer the survey on line.
94.12% of participants answer on the paper format form.

Earth Institute encourages on line participation because it is more ecological and saves paper. It is why we invite more people to join in by using the following links:
<http://www.auroville.org.in/article/42884> and
<http://www.earth-auroville.com/survey.php>

A book: "Interacting with UNESCO during the Mother's years"

This 154 page book by Paulette, based on material extracted from the autobiography of Kailas Jhaveri (whom in 1966 the Mother appointed to be the "Secretary-in-charge, UNESCO section"), documents how determined the Mother was in ensuring UNESCO's support and cooperation, while at the same time allowing no interference from this or any other institutional body.

A first section of this book outlines initiatives based on the Mother's instructions, along with UNESCO-related major events. The *conditio sine qua non* for eventual inclusion of a project was the capacity to turn it into an Auroville undertaking. The controversy over the Design for Living project is one example of the rift between Kailas' uncompromising attitude (which was actually very close to that of the Mother), in stark contrast to the often short sighted, utilitarian approach of the CAA (Comité Administratif d'Auroville), headed by Navajata, the Secretary of the Sri Aurobindo Society.

Another major section presents the many papers that Kailas wrote to introduce to UNESCO the World University for Human Unity - from unending education that encompasses all levels of being, exploring all domains of knowledge, to reflection on the genius and soul of individual nations that, while retaining their

specific traits and essence, are destined to evolve into one. Significantly, in 1974 UNESCO recommended to all its Member-States the World University of Human Unity and its International Cultural Pavilions. But the fight between Auroville residents and the Sri Aurobindo Society aborted the initiative.

This book also comprises messages from the Mother to UNESCO; the transcription of the first talk by Dr. M. Adiseshiah, the Director-General, about whom the Mother said that he had turned into a channel of her force; photos and excerpts from The UNESCO Courier, 1972, celebrating Sri Aurobindo's Centenary Year - and, as a homage to UNESCO's ideals, excerpts on "the religion of humanity" by Sri Aurobindo; the four resolutions on Auroville passed by the General Assembly of UNESCO. Additionally, there are twenty-two pages of handwritten messages the Mother wrote to Kailas regarding her work for UNESCO; twenty four pages of photographs of the pioneers' life, to recreate the atmosphere of those heroic years; and eight pages of photographs of the Matrimandir, the soul of Auroville, today.

"Interacting with UNESCO during the Mother's years" is available at the Pour Tous Distribution Centre (PTDC, next to the Solar Kitchen) at a minimum price.

Submitted by Paulette

POSTINGS

Magzav

Dear Friends, if you recently made a contribution to Magzav (at the PTDC counter-blue sheet) this contribution sheet has been lost so if you don't see the 100 Rs deduction on your account kindly do consider contributing again to Magzav account number #251-282! Thanks so much - Renu (for Magzav)

To keep our cows happy, they also need some time off

Annapurna's cows will have a little summer break; they need to recoup from a year of giving us lots of milk. So you might find a little less of our organic dairy products on the shelves for a week or 6. We expect some newborns in the beginning of

September, so no worry, it will all be back soon. *Annapurna Dairy*

Sanjana Housing Project - some apartments are still available

Sanjana Housing Project (row houses between Arati and Sukhavati) has finished most of the ground floor walls and its first slab concreting. Completion is expected beginning of 2016 for all apartments with its varying sizes and cost. If you are interested for booking an apartment, please contact Sanjana@auroville.org.in.

Happy to hear from you, *Hélène and Gundolf*

AVAILABLE

Motorbike

As I am leaving Auroville, I would like to sell my RED, TVS Star City Spoke KS-110 bike, 5 years old in good condition with a Puducherry number. If interested please contact 8489477744 - *Isabel*.

Yamaha Libero

A Yamaha Libero in good condition. Contact *Chris* at: 8489 477177

Kite Surf

Brand new kite surf with board small equipment: Sail Flysurfer "Psycho IV" of 15 m2 / Board Flydoor M, 155 cm long / Harness Storm 2009 / Anemometer and various spares - This equipment is almost new, as I tried to use it a few times on the Auroville beach. However, as I don't know well enough how to use it, I prefer to sell it to someone more skilful. Selling for half of the price that it cost - Please contact Satprem at Auroville Earth Institute, 262 3064, 262 3330 or satpremaini@auroville.org.in - *Satprem*

Bean bag and a single mattress

Please contact 9884035536. Thanks, *Shiv*

TVS excel

I bought it 9 months ago and would like to sell it as I am leaving Auroville. It's in good condition and actually black but I painted it in happy colours - green and yellow. I could remove the paint if you prefer that. If you are interested please contact *Alina* - 8489477666

Hero Honda CD 100 SS, Lady Atlas Cycle, Decathlon Cycle

Old Hero Honda CD 100 SS available and still in good condition. Classic lady Atlas cycle, green color, only 6 months old with light and big basket. Decathlon cycle, black color, 2 years old, 1-gear, if interested, please call: 8489477799. Thanks, *Daphne*

A female dog

Arabella is looking for a Home -_With only 8 months this small (40 cm), light brown, sterilized she-dog understands German fluently and also some English, French, Dutch and Tamil. She can guard your house and community, she is able to perform some tricks, eats everything, loves to be with people but doesn't need much care if she can run around freely. As I have to leave Auroville soon she is looking for a new loving family. Thank you, *Daphne*: 8489477799 and daphne.warzecha@yahoo.de

LOOKING FOR ...

Art teaching work

Hi, I am Arjun, I am an Art's teacher and I am looking for Art teaching work in Auroville I have a very good experience for this work Please if anybody is interested call this cell number: 9600583976

A white oleander!

If you have a bush in your garden we could prune (neatly) and make some cuttings for Auroville Botanical Gardens. We'll be

very grateful! Please contact *Nasim 7868001298 Julia 9486366725 "*

A mattress

180 cm x 200 cm. Contact Marike at: 9843838142 / Garciafer@gmail.com

LOST & FOUND

ATM Card (Found): ATM card of Mr.Masoom Jindal was found near Townhall Parking. Request him to contact darpan (09925387391) with identity proof.

THANK YOU



My warmest thanks...!

Now that I finally can return to Grace, I want to wholeheartedly thank the Auroville Services that helped me through the months following an unfortunate mid-April fall in my house, which resulted in a complex leg fracture. I here express grateful thanks to the Ambulance team & doctor who were straightaway on

the spot and expertly guided me through the first exploring where-to-go days; for the consistent support of the AVHS team after the operation; the pleasant ambiance and 2.5 month open hospitality and care of Arka; and the Video Lab for putting together a fine list of films to peruse.

And of course, I extend my warmest thanks to the friends who assisted me throughout this venture by the force of their personal caring and love. I was totally overwhelmed by it. Jay MA~

With love, -Mauna

To Selvam and the Water Service Crew

Early this past Sunday morning, water stopped running in the part of our Community that receives its water from the Elephant Tower. At 7 am, I called Selvam of Water Service. He and his crew jumped to the task of repairing a serious break in the pipe system. Thanks to their noble efforts, we could once again receive water by Sunday afternoon.

Thank you Selvam and the Water Service Crew.
Don from Prarthna

APPEAL

An urgent appeal

Dear Friends, / Beneficiaries of Ilaignarkal School, Auroville

Srija a little girl of 2 ½ years old, granddaughter of Mrs. Revethay of Sanjeevinagar has to undergo a special surgery at a Chennai hospital. Her heart is situated on the right side, a rare phenomenon with an extra valve which is to be closed. The surgery expenses is estimated to Rs. 1, 50,000/= (one lack fifty thousand only) the kid's family is unable to meet the heavy expenses for this urgent treatment presently. Mrs. Revethy had served as a teacher in Ilaignarkal School for more than 25 years and continues to serve our school as a resource person. She was the main instrument for teaching hundreds of first generation neo - literate workers through Auroville Educational Service.

To save the life of Revathi's granddaughter we request you to contribute to fill the pot with your kind hearts caring expression. A/C.No: 02367

Thank you,

Contact No:R. Meenakshi , Sumitra Manou (0413) 2623 773 K.V. Babu, B.Anandou. E mail: tamil@auroville.org.in
Staff, Students and Friends, Ilaignarkal Education Centre

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House-sitting_1

We are a newcomer family- Liron, Yasmin, Inbar and Gali staying at celebration and we are looking for a house-sitting from January onwards or even before, for short or long term. Pets are welcome! 9943311619 - *Yasmin*

House-sitting_2

Dear Aurovilians, my name is Makhno. I'm a 35 years old Frenchman. Serious and responsible, I worked for international NGO in Africa as food security project coordinator. I'm coming back to Auroville in order to develop an educational and environmental project. For that, I'm looking for a house-sitting, even for a short term, from the beginning of August. Thanks in advance for any information at: makhnosabet@gmail.com - *Submitted by Veronique Jobard*

TAXI SHARING

August 6th: I arrive at 8.20 am at Chennai Airport and am happy to share the cab back to AV. If you want to use the opportunity, get in touch with Mauna 9443168323 for details. Thanks, *Sylvia, Surrender.*

August 6th: To Chennai Railway station. Leaving in the afternoon. ajit@auroville.org.in or call 94435 35058. *Ajit*

August 10th: Returning from Chennai Railway station at 9:30 pm. Leaving from AV in the afternoon. ajit@auroville.org.in or call 94435 35058 Ajit

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for Help at PTDC

We are looking for newcomers & volunteers to help us in PTDC in the mornings. Team work and service atmosphere are guaranteed. And we will be deeply grateful for any work support that we can get any day/s. Please come to see us in the office or call us (2622746) if you can help us. Thank you, *PTDC team*

Need of computer teachers

Isai Amlabam School invites individuals who are interested in the use of technology to improve the learning of students. The individual should be interested in the education of children and not be limited to a computer instructor teaching children how to use the computer. Knowledge of using windows and Ubuntu machines is necessary and basic administration of Ubuntu and Windows systems is a plus.

Thanking you, with warm regards,
Isai Ambalam School,

HEALTH

Free check-ups for early detection of oral cancer

On the 21st of August, Dr.N.S.C. Charles MDS (Oral Maxillo Facial Pathologist) has kindly agreed to do the check-ups for Aurovilians, Newcomers and workers. Kindly contact the reception for appointment: 2622265 or 2622007.

Spiritual healing therapy at ARKA

Arka offers Spiritual healing therapy, especially good for getting relief from emotional and other subtle blocked energies.

My name is Christina. I was born in 1971. In 1998 I finished a 3-year education as a "Rudolf Steiner Pedagogue" or "Waldorf pedagogue", which is a holistic education focusing on caring for disabled and children.

In 2009 I finished a bachelor in Pedagogic and psychology. The subject of my bachelor project was P.T.S.D. (Post traumatic

stress disorder) in particular how to help children and their families who suffers from it.

I have been studying and practicing healing since 1991. I am educated as a Chi-Aura healer. <http://www.chiaura.com/> and use those techniques in my healing sessions. Off course I also draw on many other things I have learned. Chi-Aura integration can support releasing the energy of trauma, blockages and inner patterns. It is working in a very gentle way. You do not have to do anything and can just relax throughout the session. Clients often experience a feeling of deep relaxation and inner peace. When the energy in trauma is released it is possible to step out of the circle of repeating negative and painful patterns. An experience of more love and happiness. More energy and focus of what is good for them and what they want in their life.

Contact: Cristina -9585483662- Venue: Arka wellness center.

EATING OUT

Satchitananda raw, vegan restaurant

Dear Friends,

Welcome back home. Due to family, social obligation you would have eaten unhealthy foods during your travels. It is time to detox by eating organic raw vegan foods - Satchitananda raw, vegan restaurant serves lunch every day using 90% organic giving first priority for Auroville produce. Summer is ideal and the best season to eat these raw, juicy, cooling and delicious foods.

Situated near Ganesh Bakery, Kottakarai. Opening hrs.: 12 to 2 pm. Sunday closed. Advance booking is necessary in case of large group above 10.

With Love,

Anandi and the team.

Notes

Response to Famc regarding Architect Fees

Dear Members of FAMC,

We, the undersigned, practicing the profession of architecture in Auroville, read your posting in the News & Notes of 19 July 2014, regarding the recommended maximum architects fees for Auroville public and housing projects over one crore with interest.

We categorically reject this proposal as it has been decided without any consultation with us.

Moreover,

1- Your note does not outline what would be the role and responsibilities of the architect.

2 -If the FAMC decides to overrule the scope of works and scale charges and professional practice as recommended by the Council of Architects (COA) India, then it is obliged to justify this overruling.

If you have any objections to this please do communicate to us in writing and with reason thereof.

Regards,

Ajit, Andre, Anita, Sindhuja, David, Dharmesh, Dhruv, Dorle, Dorothee, Fabian, Eugen, Ganesh, Gundolf, Helmut, Jana, Lalit, Lata, Lara, Meera, Mona, Neha, Oleg, Peter, Piero, Pino, Poppo, Poonam, Rolf Redis, Rolfartist, Satprem, Prashant, Raman, Sheril, Sonali, Sreevatsa, Shailaja, Shama, Sigi, Suhasini, Tony, Tejaswini

Berijam

"I have heard the mermaids singing..." (T.S.Eliot, 1888-1965).

For 25 years (1981-2005) the Auroville's Summer Camp - its contemporary name is the Nature Camp - was situated near the Berijam Lake, 2148 m above sea level. For nine years (2006-2014) our camp has been near Kavunji village, about 1900 m. Every year a group of children and adults from the camp near Kavunji visits Berijam. It is very attractive and never forgot the spirit Auroville which our camps brought there.

Berijam belongs to the artificial reservoirs; it appeared about a century ago after people created a dam. Afterwards a lot of the pine plantations grew around it. Berijam's mermaids are healthy but in the world many mermaids are sick, they have hydrophobia after their waters were polluted.

The children arrived in our camps as the ugly ducklings. They know money, motorbikes, computers, mobiles but their ignorance about Mother Nature is limitless. The camps can transform these ducklings into beautiful swans.

During the trekking we met the red (above) mushroom and children said: it is poisonous. I took tiny pieces of the plant and ate them. Children were horrified because they have a wrong knowledge about the mushroom. It isn't really poisonous and has many names: "destroying angel", "toadstool", "flying mushroom", the botanical name is Amanita Muscaria. If somebody eats a little piece of the plant, it will be nothing.

The Greek philosopher Socrates (470-399 BC) said that "there is only one good: knowledge and one evil: ignorance".

Berijam is cool, almost like Findhorn. The invisible lake gives me some coolness in Auroville during the hot days. I like Berijam and its charming mermaids. For me it is a sacred lake with enchanted creatures.

Boris



A Hurried Humanitarian - A tribute to Rakesh Tewari

A few days ago another young soul, Rakesh Tewari, who found his destiny in Auroville, decided to move on to another journey leaving many of us and his family, teary-eyed; Probably he left in a hurry for reasons unknown & mysterious as life is at most times. These seem to be the testing times as I sit down to go down the memory lane, looking for bits & pieces of the puzzles of life one lives in a place like Auroville; Life in Auroville, where we come across wonderful souls, make instant friends for life in a matter of moments but sometimes, we move on from our committed relationships in an instant; Where adversities and challenges are a daily dose of energy and reassurance of your right path; where failures lead us to our goals & destinies; Life, where externally we feel lost at times, but grow leaps and bounds

internally through the intense experiences that this complexity offers.

Rakesh walked into my office looking for an architectural internship as a volunteer sometime in 1996-97. Quiet, unpretentious, very sharp and a silent observer, he was instantly accepted for his mannerisms, humbleness & keen interest to explore life in Auroville through his work; A few months as a volunteer, he made many friends, worked with us on some ongoing projects, which formed my memories of Rakesh then.

But I was pleasantly surprised to see him again in Auroville sometime around 2001, when he returned to work and live here, though he was rarely in touch during his early professional years as an architect in Lucknow, Bangalore and other places. This time I saw a different Rakesh, who was matured & grown up; clear in his resolve for life, work and goals. He joined the Matrimandir team and worked together with many Aurovilians forming strong bonds, friendships and integrating within the community as someone who was here for years. His transition was prompt and complete in a short period of time. He learnt and understood Auroville in all its complexities; dealing with many challenges light heartedly, he developed a strong sense of belonging and being grounded in reality.

While his early travels to countries like Bhutan showed his keen interest in various cultures, his work with Amrit at Certitude with the planning & development team for some times and the Matrimandir, was part of his Auroville Experience that moulded him for larger things in life. Precisely that happened to him as he went through those experiences in relationships, at work and in personal life leading him to his soul mate Violaine, whom he met while she was volunteering in Pondicherry.

One rarely heard from Rakesh in the years that followed but he kept in touch through occasional emails and messages on social media; But during his years with Violaine, whom he married, he found his destiny in humanitarian work and they both moved to Nice in France, which became his base to work in several countries with International aid agencies, working on sanitation, health and other complex issues in several developing countries. I was surprised to see him travelling the South American countries on these missions and the hardship that he described to be facing as one coming from the heart of the cultural capital of North India Lucknow, spoilt by the delicious food and mannerisms of his roots.

His last visit to Auroville about two years ago, he made a special effort to come and spend some time with my team, sharing and inspiring them with his work and experiences. He made a presentation of all the work he was doing where young architects saw what one learns in Auroville and then applies it to life in varying situations. How through his work around the world, he kept his connections with Auroville stronger and enhanced the international spirit of Auroville by working in remote corners of the world, living this dream as a wanderer & a humanitarian warrior. He adjusted to these challenges and found his own niche in this work too where he became part of the developmental work force wanting to improve the quality of life and living standards of the millions untouched and neglected in the world. The years that followed, he had been working in South American countries, travelling remote areas and villages for work, finally landing in Sudan where his recent assignment took him.

The news of his sudden demise in Amman, of a ruptured aorta, has still not sunk in as I write this tribute and memories of my brief times spent with him; He seems to be somewhere there around and will come by once in a few years to share his experiences; His wife Violaine is now pregnant with their first child in Nice, France, while Rakesh's sudden move to the far away worlds, suddenly brings back the mysteries of life to the fore, when one realises how a free spirited Aurovilian, who was contemplating his move back to Auroville and raise their child here, was picked by destiny to another world, unknown to him and all of us.

Rakesh, from my faded memories of your first arrival in Auroville to your destined move to the new worlds, you have left an impression that will stay for ever; you are my Wandering Warrior who is living the dream of Auroville in his own unique ways, making us all proud here, while we travel this dusty roads every day; forever I will miss your occasional smile on the roads & the profound work you shared on your last visit.

Adieu Rakesh. On this huge journey, those few steps I got to know you while travelling together will always inspire and guide many of us to our destinies! You are being missed!

By Dharmesh Jadeja

Thanks to you

Thanks to you that have made hearts on my way.

Cycling the hearts

I felt love in the heart.

Driving the hearts

The road became a warm smile.

By Anandi Realisation

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

Sunday August 3rd - 7.00 to 8.00 pm (weather permitting)

We will sing Mother's mantra "Om Namó Bhagavaté"

Joy and Jivatman (guitar) will guide the chanting

Everyone is welcome to join chanting or just be...

Please take your torch light for the steps. No photos please.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest card.

Amphitheatre Team

Av Singing Festival 2014

Call for participation for the children choir

Dear parents and children!

We would like to invite the children aged over 10 years old who want to participate as a voice of the children choir in the Auroville singing festival 2014. It would be on 11th of October in Bharat Nivas. They would sing 3 songs that were made in Auroville and have a great experience and feels harmony.

We are supposed to have the presentation to introduce our plan and songs on 15th of August at 10 am in CRIPA.

Parents and Children! Please bring your joy and aspiration to make a special stage!

For further information and application, contact us [avsingingfestival@auroville.org.in/](mailto:avsingingfestival@auroville.org.in) facebook.com/communityculturalcolors

Local Food Movement

Dear friends,

The next general meeting for the Local Food Movement will be at Solitude Farm on Saturday August 2nd at 10:30 am.

We will be going into practicalities of manifesting the following projects:

- Reviving the Saturday Farmers' Markets
- Creating a Local Food eatery and community space
- Growing food gardens in AV schools and communities
- Creating a seasonal chart of local produce

Localicious snacks will be served! Look forward to seeing you there.

Invitation for Art Chakra - The Volunteers' Open Art event

Sunday, 3rd Aug, 10:30 am - 12:30 afternoon

Hey Everyone! We are ready with a line-up of interesting performances and presentations for you!

We have in store for you- presentations of Paintings, photography, travel stories, fashion designs, martial arts, short films along with a stand up comedy show by Auroville Volunteers!

All power-packed in just two hours!

So join us this Sunday, the 3rd August at 10:30 am for the first session of ART CHAKRA! Cheers!

Venue: AV room , Kala Kendra, Near Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas

Inquiries: Gaurav (Resident Artist, Kala Kendra) - 9787897947, medimedia@gmail.com

Sunday activity at Repos

Nice Morning

Photo Exhibition, "PAST, PRESENT & ..." continues

Musical Evening

Open stage and dance floor

Special announcements for artistic spirit:

Looking for a chance to show your talent? We are also looking for you! Artists, willing to do an exhibition, or musicians, willing to entertain people, please contact us.

And Jode continues his story! ...

This week speciality at Nice Kitchen

Fruits Mela,

So hot! Isn't it? What about a fresh and chilled fruit juice or fruit salad? Ah! That's just so cool!

Enjoy this weekend speciality - Fruits - by the side of Repos.

Regular foods are also available.

Available in weekend: Acupuncture Dr.Mohamed Sahel Ansari - For appointment contact: 9994208068

Available everyday: Tanto Pizza

To be informed about our activities Like our Facebook page: Repos' Nice Kitchen

Repos Beach management, G.Vasu(Repos), Boomi (Technica), Jayamoorthy(Eco) and K.Vasu in Collaboration with MultiDimention, Mr.Jayanta Chakrabarty, Kazi Tina, wish you a wonderful weekend!

Contact: 9787099955

Announcement: Looking for Full-time volunteer(male)at Repos beach and part time (Male/Female) food and accommodation provided.

For more information contact: 97870 99955 or Email: Reposbeachmanagement@auroville.org.in

Repos Beach management, Auroville.

THE TENTH HEAD

A play, presented by Adishakti,
Saturday 2nd Aug. 2014 at the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium

Gates will close at 8 pm sharp

Duration of the play: 1 hour 15 mins / Language : English

In The Tenth Head, the ten heads of Ravana become a metaphor for the tension that exists between the individual and the collective. In the play, nine of the ten heads of Ravana are a company who are quite happy to conform to a common way of seeing things. Their individuality is limited to each representing one of the nine emotions/ bhavas, from the traditional Indian aesthetic. The tenth however is the odd man out. He does not fit in graphically or psychologically with the other nine heads. He does not want to dumb down so as to be the average man in the collective. And he believes that nine heads on a torso make greater geometric and aesthetic sense than ten. Tentatively, he looks either for independence from the others or failing that, he seeks an equitable relation with them so that he can give free expression to his unique thoughts. He asks a group of artists to work around the conundrum of his visibility in graphic representation.

However it becomes increasingly apparent that the tenth head is quite different from the other nine; for he has a totally unique take on Ravana's actions with regard to Kubera, war, flying and Sita, among other issues. In the end he quietly finds his own solution to the problem, while the artists highhandedly impose their skewed interpretation of the ten heads on the world and posterity.

Director: Veenapani Chawla: **Script:** Vinay Kumar KJ: **Performers:** The tenth head: Vinay Kumar KJ, Artists: Suresh Kaliyath, Nimmy Raphael, Arvind Rane: **Animation:** Anoop Davis : **Animation & Sound Operation:** Apoorva Arthur: **Light Design:** Vinay Kumar KJ: **Light Operation:** Anoop Davis: **Musicians:** Suresh Kaliyath Chenda, Nimmy Raphael: **Vocal & Mizhavu:** Arvind Rane Edikky: **Costumes:** Vinay Kumar's costume - Sonam Dubal: **Artists costume:** Veenapani Chawla
Acknowledgements: Anmol Vellani: music composition for song "Call me Head".

Nidratvam & Hanuman Ramayana

2 Plays, presented by Adishakti
Sunday 3rd of Aug. 2014 at 7 pm
At the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium

Nidratvam by Nimmy Raphael - Script, Direction & Performance
Duration of the play: 55 mins / Language: English

Kumbakarna and Lakshmana, brothers each to the two protagonists of the Ramayana, are connected by boons that dramatically alter their cycles of sleep and wakefulness.

Kumbakarna along with his brothers, Ravana and Vibhishana performed a major yajna and penance for Lord Brahma. When the time came for asking a boon from Brahma, his tongue was tied by the goddess Saraswati (acting on Indra's request). So instead of asking Nirdevatvam (annihilation of the Devas) he asked for Nidratvam (sleep) and his request was granted.

Laxmana on the other hand was allowed to give up his sleep completely and bequeath it to his wife, Urmila, for the fourteen years of his exile.

In the course of time both boons seem to acquire the dimensions of a curse, as they each have an uncomfortable outcome.

Cast and Credits: Veenapani Chawla - Creative guidance: Vinay kumar - Light Designer & Operator: Arvind Rane - Musician & Text support: Apoorva Arthur - Music Operator

Hanuman Ramayan by Suresh Kaliyath - Script, Direction & performance
Duration of the Play: 40min / Language: English

[An Impressionistic rendition] It is an attempt to expose the raw power of ritual and improvisation to link modern audiences with ideas in the centuries old epic Ramayana, where human complexities are involved in its narration. As a trained "Ottan Thullal" performer, Suresh Kaliyath got inspired from the traditional performing format and created a contemporary version of Hanuman's [the first story teller] narration. Hanuman is worshiped as a symbol of strength, perseverance and devotion and here he talks about the different hungers in life.

Hanuman starts juggling the entire Ramayana story the way he conceives it, because his perception is entirely different from that of a Human being.

Cast & Credits: Veenapani Chawla - Creative guidance: Nimmy Raphael - Musician: Arvind Rane - Musician: Vinay Kumar - Light designer & Operation

Singing & Dancing Circle

Around the fire in Yatra
Friday, 8th of August 7.30 p.m.
Joyful songs from all over the world

From Hari Om to Halleluja !
Keyboard and drums - Antje, Osiva, Rani and friends
Please bring your instruments and join with us!
Yatra Arts Foundation

Visit of Jan V. Vanek and Estelle Koluda from 30th of July to 17th of August 2014, Auroville.

Monday, 4th August, 8.30 to 9.15 am: Music workshop at Udavi School, only for students.

Saturday, 9th August: concert, 8 pm, CRIPA, Kalabhumi, Auroville.

Sunday, 10th August: 10.30 am, Hall of Harmony, Sri Aurobindo Ashram School, Pondicherry

Tuesday, 12th August: Unity Pavilion: at 7.30pm: musical interactive dialogue with musicians from Auroville

Saturday, 16th August: Concert at 7 pm, Restaurant Satsanga, Pondicherry

Sunday, 17th August: Departure for France

Host: Francis MALAN - International travel is contributed by Francis MALAN. Further voluntary contribution is welcome from all - in kind or cash to cover the local costs of accommodation, food, transport, sound/lights and usage of public halls from all to share part of the expenses incurred in Auroville. Please send it to AC No: 252124 specify: For musicians.

Collaborators: Pavilion of France, Francine FINK, Mathew, Aurelio and Tapas. Those who wish to experience an exceptional musical adventure are invited to note in their agenda when the full program will be published in the following issue of *News & Notes*.

For more information, please contact Francis MALAN: 7598146288 OR 2622290/ Tapas BHAT: 9442121315

Nota bene: Please check the schedule as some corrections have been made to last week's schedule announcement.

Garden Party at Ganesh Garden!

To launch their new unit "Avatar Design" and introduce their brand "Takla Makan".

Vikram and Melissa are inviting you to a green festival in their new showroom!

Sunny will be presenting his recycled products (Speck) and his yummy organic food from Pony Farm!

Meet also the latest Auroville talents with Lilith Fashion School and many more!

Join us in our garden for a day full of events and poetry!"

Call me if you have any questions - Catherine 9597203061

GREEN FESTIVAL!

TAKLA MAKAN
Ethical Couture



Creative Fashion. Recycled Crafts. Organic Food.
Fusion Dance and Live Music.

Vikram and Melissa are launching their new AV unit, **Avatar Design**. Come to discover their brand **Takla Makan** and many other AV's talents in Ganesh Garden showroom!

In partnership with:
* **Speck**: Recycled creations by Sunny
* **Lilith Fashion School**

We yearn to gather people around ethical, sustainable and **responsible ways of consuming**.

Be green and spread the love!

The flea market:

Fashion for women and men, jewelry and accessories, second-hand books.

Organic Food corner:

Yummy sandwiches and cakes, juice bar straight from Auroville farms!

For children:

Magician and puppets show with Rajan, crystal ball, face painting and music!

Live events:

Fashion show, fusion dance, stand-up comedy with Cedrik and live music with Shakti and Vera!

Saturday, August 9th - 4 to 10 pm

More information on our Facebook event:

www.facebook.com/taklamakancouture



AVATAR DESIGN

Showroom: Ganesh Garden
AV Main Road - Behind Shakti Community
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avatar@auroville.org
www.taklamakan.fr

CLASSES , WORKSHOPS

Inner-Work-workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

6th August (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: 'Synthesis of Yoga'

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

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

Workshop: Astrology for Non Astrologers

A one-day workshop on the basic tenets of Astrology, and the tools that an astrologer uses for analyzing a birth chart. This includes topics such as Signs, Houses, Planets, Elements, aspects, transits, planetary periods, divisional charts, etc. We will also touch on topics such as the philosophy and rationale of Astrology, why and how it works, responsibilities of the astrologer and the querent and so on. The workshop will end with an evening on star gazing, identifying some of the zodiacal signs and planets. This will be the absolute basics, and could provide a foundation for further study.

Conducted by: Vikram Email: vikram@auroville.org.in, or call 9843948288 for queries

Date: 2nd August, Saturday

Open to: Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers and Guests

Fees: No charge for Aurovilians and Newcomers. Contribution of Rs. 600 for Volunteers and Guests

Number of participants: 8+1 facilitator

Schedule:

08:45 to 09:00: Registration in Hall of Light - Creativity

09:00 to 13:00: Session 1 in Hall of Light - Creativity

13:00 to 14:00: Time for Lunch

14:00 to 17:30: Session 2 in Hall of Light - Creativity

17:30 to 19:00: Break for dinner

LEELA the game of the self-knowledge

Come discover the game of your life. The karmic dice will help you understand your evolutionary path and will guide you to your divine being. With this universal tool, 3000 years old, you will play your role on the large board of dharma.

Finally a game where everyone is a winner!

Every Sunday, 9.30 am, at Svedame, Butterfly Barn (please park outside of the community) Bring a small object that represents yourself and a notebook. (In English, German, Spanish, Russian and français)

Contact Véronique j. for information: 948 85 12 678

Dance therapy in Arka

FUX METHOD "Let's find the method! Beyond expectations, the body dances its wonder..."

The seminar is open to both men and women of all ages

It will be held in **AUGUST on SATURDAY the 9TH, the 16TH and the 23RD** from 8:30 am to 11:30 am in **ARKA WELLNESS CENTER**

Chiara, conductor from Risvegli School of Milan, would like to meet you, for the first time, with a short introduction and Discussion.

Maria fux is today 93 years old and she is the founder of this method and lives presently in Buenos Aires. She has found a new way to educate the body to a deeper awareness. She was a Dancer who wants to bring her dance in our daily life. She started to dance with deaf people because she was convinced that everybody was able to dance and she succeeded! This methodology uses physical objects like balloons, sticks, fabrics, colored papers, etc... that facilitate the relationship between

the body and its deep emotional feeling. This Methodology uses music as the essential instrument that makes the body change in order to find new possibilities to move the body into space by finding new ways to relate with people and the Environment.

For Registration: Call Arka Reception office: 0413- 2623799 from 9:00am to 12:00 or e-mail: chitarrilli@gmail.com

Locally grown vegetables

A series of "learning to cook, prepare and taste sessions"

The first session will be on 2nd of August 2014 (Saturday) at 10.30 am, at Life Education Centre, opposite Isaiambalam School.

Life Education Centre team

Mudra chi

From the Himalayas and the Ganga Ma...

We'll resume classes in August.

At Savitri Bhavan: Tuesdays at 4.45 pm, starting on the 5th.

At Last School: Sundays at 2.45 pm. Starting on the 10th.

Everybody welcome,

Anandi

Awareness through the Body ATB1

A two-day introductory workshop with Amir on Saturday the 9th and Sunday the 10th of August at the ATB hall in Transition school, Auroville. From 09:00 to 17:00 daily.

ATB has been implemented in Auroville schools since 1992, by Aloka Marti and Joan Sala. Over the years they have adapted, added to and incorporated knowledge acquired from a wide variety of disciplines, into a coherent, sequential curriculum. All this, based on their personal experience following the integral education and the spiritual path of integral yoga of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo.

"Whatever you may want to do in life, one thing is absolutely indispensable and at the basis of everything, the capacity of concentrating the attention. If you are able to gather together the rays of attention and consciousness on one point and maintain this concentration with a persistent will, nothing can resist it." - The Mother

ATB aims to assist individuals in developing the capacity for attention, concentration and relaxation, in refining the senses and in cultivating the ability to notice what one is experiencing.

We hope to provide tools and a space to enhance introspection so that we may become aware of the different planes that form our being and have the possibility to enter in contact with our deeper self. All the activities, within their particular focus, work towards that goal. The exercises and games are creative and often fun.

For more information visit the ATB website <http://awarenessthroughthebody.com/> to sign up: mail me at tamaramir@auroville.org.in or feel free to contact me at 9751257709.

SCHEDULES



Verite

Please contact Verité to register for the following workshops: 0413 2622045 or programming@verite.in
Contributions requested from guests/volunteers (Volunteer reduction by advance application only)

DISCOVER YOUR MISSION IN THIS LIFE with Serena

Friday - Saturday, August 8 - 9 from 9 am to 5 pm

Everyone has talents and we are all here to share those talents with the world. This is a deep work of brainstorming around whom you are and what you want. Finding out your mission gives more meaning to every single action.

After many different jobs from journalist to personal stylist, from producer to advertising director, SERENA studied coaching and had an epiphany after discovering the concept of the life mission. Serena aims to add magic and lightness into lives, by encouraging individuals to share their talents and value their expression.

FATE OR CHOICE? (FAMILY) CONSTELLATIONS with Yuval

Friday & Sunday, August 8 & 10 from 9 am to 5 pm

Fate or Choice?

An episode in an unremembered tale / its beginning lost, its motive and plot concealed / a once living story has prepared and made our present fate, child of past energies - *Sri Aurobindo, Savitri*

In our lives Hidden Dynamics can cause results we never intended. Unconsciously these Dynamics create our Fate. To become aware of them, can bring back Choice. Applying (family) constellation techniques we can, in an intuitive way, find the insights and energy to choose consciously for the changes we want.

YUVAL is life & business coach.

CLASSES in Vérité - August 2014			
Days	Drop-in Classes	Timings	Facilitator
Everyday	Meditation (new students: please arrive 15 mins early)	6 - 6:30 am	Ivana
Sunday	Group Meditation	9 am - 12 noon	Pierre
Monday, Wednesday & Friday	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	6:45 - 8.15 am	Olesya
Monday	Sound Bath (starting Aug 11)	5:15 - 6:30 pm	Aurelio
Tuesday & Thursday	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	5 - 6.30 pm	Olesya
Wednesday	Somatic Explorations	5 - 6 pm	Maggie
Saturday	NIA Holistic Dance	5:15 - 6:15 pm	Ursula
WORKSHOPS in Vérité - August 2014 (Registration required)			
Fri - Sat, Aug 8 - 9	Discover your Mission in this Life	9 am - 5 pm	Serena
Fri & Sun, Aug 8 & 10	Fate or Choice? (Family) Constellations	9 am - 5 pm	Yuval
Sat, Aug 16	Consciousness as Medicine	9 am - 12:30 pm	Dr. Yogesh Mohan
THERAPIES in Vérité - August 2014			
Therapist	Modality	Contact for appointment	
Krupa	Art Therapy	krupa@auroville.org.in or 9486287495	

Please note: To support the work of the presenters and staff, we ask all participants to please come in time for all classes and workshops. Thank you!

Please contact Vérité: 0413 2622045 or programming@verite.in. See the regular events section for on-going classes. Contributions requested from guests/volunteers (Volunteer reduction by advance application only).

CREATIVITY HALL OF LIGHT - AUGUST 2014 ACTIVITIES

CLASS/WORKSHOP/SEMINAR	PERSON IN-CHARGE	DATE & TIME
Kriya Yoga	DHARA Mobile No. +91-7639869108	Monday to Thursday, From 6.30 to 7.45 AM
Astrology for Non Astrologers	VIKRAM	Saturday 2nd August from 9 AM to 5 PM
AV Therapists Meeting	SIGRID	Friday 22nd August from 3.30 PM to 6 PM
Space available for quiet activities. If you are interested, please contact margarita@auroville.org.in		

NEW THERAPIES AT QUIET HEALING CENTER

In addition to our regular therapies, we have two new therapists who offer the following treatments:

AYURVEDIC ACUPRESSURE MASSAGE (1.5h)

Therapist: Karim

Ayurvedic Acupressure massage is highly recommended for overall relaxation and physical well-being. Apart from its anti-stress and detox effects, it is also used to alleviate many health complaints (muscle pain, digestive disorders, headache, sciatica, spinal difficulties, shoulder and neck pain, etc.). The treatment involves a generous use of oils and a thorough, rhythmic process of tracing, kneading, stretching and twisting the body.

MEDICAL MASSAGE THERAPY (1 h.)

Therapist: Krishna

Medical Massage includes techniques of deep tissue and friction. The therapist has further developed her own massage style with her knowledge of Shiatsu, Meridian massage, and Acupressure. The massage is individually tailored according to the client's needs. After the massage the body enters into a deep state of relaxation. It feels lighter and movement returns to those areas of the body that were previously stiff.

VISIONARY CRANIOSACRAL BODYWORK (2 hrs.)

Therapist: Krishna

Visionary Craniosacral Bodywork aims for a clear mind, an open heart and a free body. It uses soft touch to listen to the rhythm of your craniosacral wave. Slowly the knots in your body unwind with the help of your inner healer. Deep relaxation is attained, and sometimes old pains and injuries disappear (such as cluster headaches, migraine or trauma from accidents). It also helps releasing emotional issues, stress and deep sorrows. Please drink a lot of water prior to the treatment for maximum result!

WARM WATER SESSIONS

Quiet's warm water pool is open again and offers delightful Watsu & Liquid Flow sessions. Enjoy a unique sense of weightlessness while being moved on the surface and under water (optional). Let go of holding patterns, deepen your breathing and increase your flexibility. No need to be able to swim; ideal to resolve fear of water and traumas related to birth and near-drowning experiences. Build trust in yourself and others, while diving into a space of deep connection and inner freedom...

Aquatic bodywork, a holistic warm water treatment, is a quickly growing wellness modality recommended by physiotherapists and health practitioners around the world.

SAVITRI BHAVAN

August 2014

EXHIBITIONS

Meditations on Savitri: Books Two and Three

110 paintings made by Huta under the Mother's guidance

Sri Aurobindo: A Life-sketch in Photographs

Exhibition prepared by the Sri Aurobindo Archives, Pondicherry

GUEST SPEAKER

The 5th Dr. M.V. Nadkarni Memorial lecture

'Living with Savitri'

will be given by Dr. Prema Nandakumar on August 13, 4-5pm

FILM

Monday 6:15 pm

August 25: *Meditations on Savitri -Book 8: 'The Book of Death' and Book 9: 'The Book of Eternal Night'*

Film by Manohar of Huta's paintings, illustrating passages from *Savitri*

Read by the Mother and accompanied by her own organ music. Duration: 47min.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sundays 10.30-12 noon: *Savitri* Study Circle

Mondays 5-6pm: The Integral Yoga in *Savitri*, led by Dr. Ananda Reddy

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays 3-4 pm: *Yoga and the Evolution of Man*, led by Dr. Jai Singh

Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4-5pm *L'Agenda de Mère* : listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi

5-6 pm: *Savitri* study in Tamil, led by Sudarshan

5.45-7.15 pm: OM Choir (*details below*)

Wednesdays 5.30-6.30 pm: Reading "*The Life Divine*", led by Shraddhavan

Thursdays 4-5 pm: The English of *Savitri*, led by Shraddhavan

Saturdays 5-6 pm: Sat Sangh

Resuming from August 5

MUDRA CHI led by Anandi

Tuesdays 4.45 - 5.45pm

OM Choir

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

In 1961 the Mother gave the *adesh* to Narad to bring down a new music. She said that one must go far above words and bring down the pure Music. Mother told us to sit in a circle and have no preconceptions as to what we would sing but to 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. We sing only OM, the creative and effectuating word after starting with warming-up and voice exercises given by Narad.

Full Moon Gathering
Sunday 10th 7.15-8.15pm in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue

Digital Library: multimedia facilities for individual study

Savitri Bhavan offers individual computer access to a large range of audio-visual materials. All the recordings of courses, guest lectures and special events held at Savitri Bhavan are available, as well as much more. Aurovilians, visitors and volunteers are invited to make use of this opportunity to increase their knowledge and understanding of the vision of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and the aims and ideals underlying the experiment of Auroville.

Office, Exhibitions, Reading Room and Digital Library are open Monday to Saturday 9-5

Everyone is welcome

ARKA WELLNESS CENTER - AUGUST- 2014 THERAPIES

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Ayurvedic massage, Lomi Lomi massage & Cranio Sacral	SILVANA by appointment 9047654157	Monday to Saturday
Acupuncture	Dr. MOHAMMED SAHEL ANSARI by appointment 9994208068	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Body Logic, Soft Massage And Deep Tissue Massage	PEPE by appointment 9943410987	PEPE by appointment 9943410987
Yogic Healing Therapeutic Massage	BASU - by appointment 9443997568	Monday to Friday 8 to 9:30 am & 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Saturday & Sunday Mornings
Reiki, Mind Therapy, Foot Reflexology, Courses of Reiki & Ayurvedic Massage. (Also Individual)	GIANNAKA by appointment 9487629648	
Foot Reflexology, Lomi Lomi & Vedic Astrology.	Vikram-by appointment 9843948288, 0413 2622952	
Psycho Spiritual Tarot, Deconditioning Self-Inquiry, Innervoice Dialogue, Graphology	ANTARJOTHI By appointment 0413-2623767 or Email : antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Also in French.
Spiritual healing therapy	Cristina-by appointment 9585483662	
Siddha Treatment (Discover the traditional Medicine)	Shivaraj - 93454 54232	Monday, Wednesday and Friday From: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm by appointment.

BEAUTY PARLOR

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Holistic Reflexology, Face Massage, Cleaning, manicure, pedicure, threading, waxing, henna & hair coloring.	MEHA by appointment 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Beauty care (Herbal facial). Dieting/Nutrition consultation. Hair cuttings for Indian hair only.	Semantini by appointment 9943387428	Tuesday and Thursday mornings
Hair dressing	LADINA (Certified Hairdresser) appointment - 9787337465	Monday to Saturday
Hair dressing	YUVAL appointment 7639291546	Monday to Friday

REGULAR CLASSES IN THE MULTIPURPOSE HALL - 1ST FLOOR

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Acro-yoga	Mark - 8940001088 email- mark@auroville.org.in Damien - 9047722740	Sunday morning at 8:00 to 10:00 am
VOCAL YOGA VY®	Clare Fanning - 9442318775 & Giridev	Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 7:30 am to 9:00 am

Internet facility is available in Arka Monday to Saturday - 9am to 5pm.

Auroville Design Consultants and Auroville Bamboo Centre

Invite all to a Presentation on Bamboo in India and South-east Asia by Kamesh Salam

Date: 14 August

Time: 3:30 - 5:00pm

Venue: Auroville Bamboo Centre Kottakarai

Kamesh Salam is a native of North-East India and a recognised authority throughout the world on all things bamboo from plantations and through the value-addition chain to construction and Govt. legislation. He is a former President of the World Bamboo Association (WBO), the leading international bamboo committee. He is also the founder of World Bamboo day, globally celebrated annually on 18th of September. His recent activities include organising the Kerala Bamboo Fest in December 2014 and the Global Bamboo Summit in Vietnam earlier this year. He is a key person for establishing the National Bamboo Mission of India. An Expert Member of National Bamboo Mission (NBM), Ministry of Agriculture and Coop, Government of India and consultant to State Bamboo Missions. He is currently also consulting to the UN for a bamboo project in Myanmar and for other SAARC bamboo projects. This is a free information session for anybody interested in bamboo development particularly through India and South-East Asia. This includes architects, builders, growers and others. Kamesh is an accomplished, experienced and very knowledgeable speaker.

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB



NEW SCHEDULE OF CLASSES - 4th of August 2014

Sharan will be available 4th of August on Monday to meet all the English students of all levels to customise with them their level, day of teaching and the timing.

Graziella will be available 4th of August on Monday at 2pm until 4pm to meet all the French students Beginners, Intermediate and Level B.

We are Happy to welcome Meghan who is long term volunteer and would like to give a French Conversation class for all levels. She will meet all the students 4th of August on Monday 5pm.

For these three classes we ask you commitment of two months to join the class who can be resume after if you interested.

We are looking for German and Korean Teacher.

LANGUAGE	CLASS/LEVEL	TIMING	DAY	TEACHER
ENGLISH	All Levels	04.00 - 06.00pm	Monday to Friday	Sharan
FRENCH	Beginners and Intermediate	02.00 - 03.00pm	Monday Tuesday Wednesday	Graziella
	French Conversation for All Levels	5.00 - 6.00pm	Monday Tuesday Wednesday	Meghan
	Advanced Level B2	03.30 - 04.30pm	Day to be Discussed	Graziella
	Advanced Level B1	09.30 - 11.00am	Monday to Friday	Anny
HINDI SANSKRIT	Beginners, Intermediate	By Appointment	Tuesday Friday	Chandrima
ITALIAN	Beginners	05.00 - 06.00pm	Monday Wednesday. Thursday	Piero
	All Levels	By Appointment (Open)	Monday to Friday	Piero
TAMIL	Beginners	04.00 - 05.00pm	Tuesday Wednesday. Friday	Premalatha
SPANISH	Beginners	11.00 - 12.00pm	Monday Wednesday. Friday	Elvira
	Intermediate	By Appointment	Monday Wednesday Friday	Elvira

The Language Lab is open Monday - Friday 9:00am - 6:00pm
Location: Shakti Community, next to the Pyramids, on Last School Campus
Phone: 2623 661, 9585207962 Email all@auroville.org.in



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KAYA BODHA WORKSHOP - The Sense of Movement with Hans, Tue, August 12th, Weds 13th and Thurs 14th, 10.00 am-12.00pm. Gentle movements of contraction and loosening that release tension and improve agility, relaxation and mental calm.

Workshop given by Hans

ANIRVEDA WORKSHOP - Tue, August 12th, Weds 13th and Thurs 14th, 4.00pm-6.00pm. Confidence and posture in self-defence. We interact on psychological aspects and learn a few basic reflexes that help to gain confidence and also efficiency in defending oneself should the need arise. There is no sparring, and it is open to all. Workshop given by Hans

KAYA BODHA - Tuesday 12 august 7.00-8.30 am. Gentle movements of contraction and loosening that release tension and improve agility, relaxation and mental calm.

CLASSES

ODISSI DANCE CLASS with Kanchana - Advanced Tuesday 4.00pm-5.30pm from August
- Beginners Wednesday 3.30pm-5.00pm from August

ODISSI DANCE CLASS with Rekha - Fridays 3.30 pm-4.30 pm from August

Rekha is resuming her Odissi dance class at Pitanga, this class will start with basic alignment building to a performance. The class is open to anyone interested in learning Odissa dance but regular attendance is expected for 5-6 months

Rekha has a very distinctive approach to class work. She introduces dance technique with reference to the principles of yoga, and repertory with an understanding of theory. This combined practical and theoretical approach is aimed at stimulating ownership of traditional movement, individual thought and creativity. Grounding dance in the principles of yoga helps to work on form from inside out. For further information on Rekha www.danceroutes.com

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti Community (0413) - 2622403, email pitanga@auroville.org.in

REGULAR CLASSES

Note from the editors: The *Regular Classes* column is published once a month. Guest-houses are kindly requested to put this page up on the notice boards. **Kindly inform us of any changes/cancellation in your regular event** - The next regular events schedule will be published on September 6, 2014. - Editors.

AcroYoga: Every Sunday 8 to 10am at Arka. A beautiful blend of partnered yoga, acrobatics, and Thai massage. No need to bring a partner. Flexibility, power, & surrender are all combined... experience in yoga (particularly Ashtanga or AcroYoga) is very helpful.

Aikido classes' timing: For the children: Mondays 4 to 5.00 pm for the smaller ones - and 5 to 6.00 pm for the elder ones. Saturdays 8 to 9.00 am for the elder ones and 9 to 10.00 am for the smaller ones. For the youngsters and adults: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 6 to 7.30 am. Beginners: Tuesday 6 to 7.00 pm and Saturday morning for all levels - For the beginners (and for a "re-start") it is the optimum time to join us! Guests and Volunteers are much welcome if they can commit for some time at least (with contribution to Pitanga). Please come 10-15 minutes before the class starts; wear long, large and comfortable pants and large T-shirt with sleeves, or your martial art outfits if you have any. For additional information that you may need, kindly contact Surya: 0413-2623.813, 96.55.48.54.87 or call/see Pitanga Reception tel. 0143-2622.403.

Alcoholics Anonymous: meeting (open) every Saturday 6pm, Centre Guesthouse (Merriam Hill Centre). Contact: Ingrid 9443843976 or Shankar 9442010573.

Argentine Tango: Mondays: Beginners' class 6.00pm to 7.00pm @ New Creation Sports Resource Center, Kuilapalayam. Wednesdays: Practica (tango dance space open to all) 7.30pm @ Sawchu, Bharat Nivas. Fridays: 'An hour to study' 8.00pm @ Naturellement. For milongas or further information please contact: tango@auroville.org.in Bring socks or danceshoes.

Astrology, its holistic approach: Astrological Chart by Uma Giménez. You are welcome to call and fix an appointment at 2623080 or 9443697972 (Surrender). The reading can be held in English, Spanish, French and Italian.

Authentic Tamil culture

Meena, a Tamil Aurovillian, would like to offer a course on the discovery and beauty of the authentic Tamil Culture every Sunday morning, meeting point at Courage Gate. The course may include: 1. cooking lessons, 2. How to make kolam, 3. How to wear a sari, 4. Henna design on hands and feet, 5. How to make flower garlands 6. Tailoring. If you are interested, please call Meena to talk about the details of your class and fix the time. During the day call: 9787702180, after 5 pm you may use the landline: 0413 2623263. Meena

Bioregion Tour: Date: Every Saturday - Time: 12 pm till 7.30 pm. Meeting point: 11.45 am at Lively Boutique, Kotakkarai Plaza. Please contact us on 0413 2623806 or at mohanamprogram@gmail.com. Tour will only take place once a minimum of 10 bookings has been received. We aim to run this tour every Saturday, dependent on number of bookings received. Contribution amount is confirmed on enquiry. Transportation will be arranged according to the number of people.

Bollywood & Odissi Dance Class with Tejas: Group Class: Thursdays at New Creation Studio 6 - 7 pm Beginners welcome Private Classes held in Felicity at The Shakti Dance School Call +91-8489477222 email tejas@shaktidancetroupe.com www.shaktidancetroupe.com

Capoeira: Monday & Wednesday - 5 pm at SAWCHU with Dendê. Tuesdays - 5 pm in Vérité until end of April. With Instructor Camaleao (Jeremy). For further information, contact us: capoeira@auroville.org.in

Circus class: Regular class, every Monday from 4 pm to 6 pm / Age: from 9 years to 14 years. Contact phone for more

information and your registration, Kalou: 9787332791 / email: eluciolecircus@gmail.com

Clay classes for children and adults with Saraswati and Anna. Please mail to aurokatrusya@gmail.com for details. Regards Saraswati 9787571633

Cooking class: Every Monday from 10 am to 2 pm there will be a cooking class for 4 months starting from December. These classes will include north Indian, Italian and Thai cooking. Anybody interested to learn these mouthwatering recipes are most welcome and I assure you that by the end of the sessions you will be able to please anyone with your cooking talents. Contact number: 9443635114. Meha.

Creativity Hall of light: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am to 12:30 - nadabrahma yoga with hamsini Tuesday and Friday from 4:45 pm to 6:00 pm - hatha yoga classes with Olesya. Wednesday from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm - family constellations with Shanti. Aurovillians, newcomers and volunteers no contribution. suggested rs. 150 contribution for guests.

Flamenco dancing: Elvira will start her flamenco dancing classes on October 9th and every Wednesday from 2 to 4 pm at CRIPA. Thanks. Elvira.

French classes at Savitri Bhavan, House of Mother's Agenda: French classes at House of Mother's Agenda, every Monday and Friday from 5 pm to 6 pm.

From the Food Lab: Horizon. (In front of Sve-dame). Mon., Tues., Thurs. 4.00 to 6.00pm. Call Lorenzo before coming at 09443362274. All relevant information about the after effects of food on your body for e.g. allergies, intolerance, chronic pathology. Homeopathic Immunopharmacology is available.

Ikebana weekly class: Ikebana, the Japanese ancient art of flower arrangement (Sogetsu School of Tokyo) Weekly classes for all levels at Creativity Community "Hall of Light". Contact Valeria, 9442992827, valeriaraso@hotmail.com

Impro Theater Friday, at 4.30, SAWCHU, Barath Nivas, free workshop, just come and enjoy. Contact Jeff 948 64 75 367

Introduction to Sustainable Food Growing: Every Monday 10.00 am till lunch time in Buddha Garden. Contact Priya for more details at priya@auroville.org.in or 94432 22653

Kuthuvarisa, a Tamil Nadu Martial Art / Self Defense: Monica and Victoria have been attending this class for several months and enjoy it and find it very interesting. The classes are on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7am to 8am in Arka. Please come and join us! Participants of all ages wanted!

Landscape Drawing: Every Tuesday at 2:15. We leave the studio at Creativity to go for landscape drawing/painting. Anyone is welcome. There is no charge and materials are provided if you have none. Not connected with the landscape work is Figure Drawing from 5-7 Tuesdays in the studio. Materials are also provided if you have none. Call Audrey @ 2622641 for questions.

Leela: the game of the same knowledge (2000 years old): come play the game of your life. Sunday, 9.30 to 12 (above 15 years old) Info, Veronique J., 948 85 12 678 - SVEDAME, Butterfly Barn in German, English, French, Spanish and Russian.

Meditation for Peace and Healing: Join us from 5:00 to 5:45pm every Thursday around the Peace Table at the Unity Pavilion to build and 'hold' a Collective Space for Healing and Peace. Please offer your Presence to help in this collective

experiment, whether you need healing yourself or simply want to support others in their healing and well-being.

Modern Jazz Dance: Margherita would love to start a regular modern jazz dance classes for all levels at Cripa every Thursday from 4.45 to 6.00pm. The Class will start from the 12th of December. Call for more information 9585335776

For NVC (Nonviolent Communication) and RC (Restorative Circles) in Auroville, please contact L'aura (9442788016, laura.joyful@gmail.com).

Odissi & Bollywood Indian Dance: AuroTejas is teaching Odissi & Bollywood Indian Dance Classes at her dance studio in Felicity (last house on the right). Learn sculptural and graceful temple dances from East India with Tejas. All ages are welcome, beginners and advanced. For more info please call 8940882126 or email tejas@shaktidancetroupe.com

OM Choir: "The voice that chants to the creator Fire, / The symbolled OM, the great assenting Word" Every Tuesday at Savitri Bhavan, 5:45/6:00pm - and at the OM Choir in the Ashram School, opposite the Ashram Entrance, Pondicherry, Fridays at 7:00pm.

Online Events Calendar: The schedule of events for the week can be accessed by all, including guests, on the Auronet login page: www.auroville.org.in (no need to log in!)

Pizzas Nights: The Youth Center welcomes you to re-join for delicious fresh pizzas from a cyclone-wood-fired oven. Every Saturday evening 7:00pm onwards

Psycho-spiritual work, tarot and other sessions: To bring more clarity and freedom on life issues where there was confusion and entanglement in order to allow new steps in life. Tarot, deconditioning self-inquiry, "inner personalities" discovery and balancing, guided meditation and other tools... by Antarjyoti in English or French, tel(land): 0413-262 37 67 or email: antarcalli@yahoo.fr

Sat Sangh: a gathering for spiritual upliftment; Savitri Bhavan, Saturdays 5-6 pm

Skyworks: Tree Climbing Workshops: Recreational tree climbing workshops. You want the experience without learning all the knots? The ropes are already positioned in the trees. The knots are tied and tested before. You "hook on". After being fitted with your "saddle" and some short instruction on safety and climbing techniques, you are off and climbing! Call Satyaaji for conditions and appointment 958 516 58 82. Thank you

South Indian Classical Dance (Bhratnatyam): Bhratnatyam dance classes offer by Bhratnatyam Dance classes offered for beginners. Weekly twice. The classes are offered for children

and adults. If you are interested please contact me after 4pm on my mobile. S.Caveri: 7598368514

Spanish Tertulia: A gathering for cultural exchange, every Friday from 4pm to 6pm at La Terrace. We welcome anyone interested in Spanish culture and those who practice colloquial language.

Sri Sanskrit Research Institute: Promote and preserve the Sanskrit Language and make It available To All. Conduct Researches into Sanskrit for Benefit of All Mankind. Come discover the most eternal language of the soul. We offer for beginners and intermediate students. Please contact: sri@auroville.org.in Mobile: 9345400559. 9751394347
Sri Sanskrit Research Institute Team

Réception francophone: Tous les mardis de 17:00 à 18:30 à La Terrace, en haut de la Cuisine Solaire, Ananda et Michiko sont à la disposition des visiteurs francophones qui voudraient poser des questions sur Auroville. Les auroviliens et newcomers francophones peuvent aussi participer.

At Tai Chi Hall: Tai Chi @ Sharnga: Chi on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7.30 am-8.30am. 24 form on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 8.30am-9.30am and on Friday evenings from 4.30pm-5.30pm. 108 form on Thursdays and Fridays from 7.30am-8.30am. And 127 form on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 7.30am-8.30am.

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Tamil Literary Classes: - Ilaignarkal Education Centre organizes Tamil Literary Classes every Thursday evening 5 pm-6 pm. Regular attendance is appreciated. Lectures by seasoned professors in Tamil Literature, history and culture are opened to all / Now we are ready again to continue our Classes on sewing, hand embroidery, drawing, painting and simple handicrafts for Auroville workers, their wards and Aurovilians interested. Better fix your schedule with our craft instructor / - We have created facilities for simple natural Beauty Corner for women only. Contact Ms. Fathima, Trained beautician working with us in our school. R. Meenakshi (Ilaignarkal Education Centre, Phone No: 0413 - 2623 773, Email:- tamil@auroville.org.in)

Ultimate Frisbee: Every Saturdays & Mondays, 5pm till sundown at Certitude. Helps improve stamina, hand/eye coordination, and focus through running, throwing, & catching the disc; along with patience & teamwork. Bring running shoes if you have them. Contact mark@auroville.org.in with any questions or just come ready to play.

FILMS



CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY 8 AUGUST- 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

AZUR ET ASMAR (AZUR AND ASMAR, The Princes' Quest)

Animated film directed by Michel OCELOT, France, 2006 / With the voices of: Cyril Mourali, Karim M' Ribah, Hiam Abbass, Patrick Timsit

Synopsis: Once upon a time there was Azur, blonde and blue eyed son of a landlord, and Asmar, dark black-eyed son of the nurse who raised them as brothers in a country, green and in bloom. Life separates them abruptly. Azur does not forget the companions of his childhood nor his nurse's fairy tales, in the land of the sun. Grown up, he travels to the land of his dreams, in search of the djinn-fairy. He finds Asmar, as determined as he is, to find and win the fairy, braving all

dangers and spells of a world of wonders ... A bedazzlement of colours and shapes, and a lovely story for all -by the director of "Kirikou and the Sorceress". Original French version with English subtitles- B & W - Duration: 1h.39'



"The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, August 8, Friday at 7pm

HIDDEN KINGDOMS - UNDER OPEN SKIES

Documentary - 66 minutes, 2014. BBC

Hidden Kingdoms is an innovative new series from the BBC's Natural History Unit. For the first time it takes the viewer into a unique and unexplored miniature world, immersing you into the action-packed lives of the planet's smaller animals.

What a tiny grasshopper mouse lacks in stature, it makes up for in attitude. It's a fearsome creature capable of disarming the desert's deadliest scorpions and venomous giant centipedes twice its size. It warns others of its presence like a tiny wolf,

standing on hind legs, throwing back its head and howling at the moon. The power and athleticism of the tiniest creatures escapes our notice until the Hidden Kingdom cameras get close to the action.

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
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Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film programme 4 August 2014 to 10 August 2014

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

Indian - Monday 4 August, 8.00 pm:

BHAAG MILKHA BHAAG (Run Milkha Run)

India, 2013, Dir. Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra w/ Farhan Akhtar, Sonam Kapoor, Pavan Malhotra, and others, Biography-History-Sports, 186mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: G (U)

It is the true and inspiring story of the "Flying Sikh". The world champion runner and Olympian Milkha Singh -- who overcame the massacre of his family during the India-Pakistan partition, homelessness, and many other challenges to become one of India's most iconic athletes. It is a well-acted, well made and acclaimed film, which is a tribute to the athlete. *Definitely worth a watch!*

German - Tuesday 5 August, 8:00 pm:

MAN FOR A DAY

Germany 2012, Dir. Katarina Peters w/Diane Torr, Documentary, 96 mins, German-English-Hebrew w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

In collaboration with Goethe Institute/Max Mueller Bhavan

Katarina Peters casted and observed a Berlin workshop taught by Diane Torr, in which a group of open-minded women came together to discover the secrets of masculinity. What makes a man a man and a woman a woman? Each of Torr's workshops represents an open-ended laboratory experiment in social behavior in which the question is posed. The audience receives an intimate view into the lives of the participants before, during and after their transformation to newly found men.

Interesting - Wednesday 6 August, 8.00 pm:

BEWARE OF MR. BAKER

USA, 2012, Dir. Jay Bulger w/ Ginger Baker, Femi Kuti, Eric Clapton, and others, Documentary, 100mins, English, Rated: NR

Drummer Ginger Baker looks back on his musical career with Cream and Blind Faith; his introduction to Fela Kuti; his self-destructive patterns and losses of fortune; and his current life inside a fortified South African compound.

French - Thursday 7 August, 8.00 pm:

• **9 MOIS FERME (9 Months Stretch)**

France, 2013, Dir. Albert Dupontel w/ Sandrine Kiberlain, Albert Dupontel, Nicolas Marié, Comedy, 82mins, French WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES, Rated PG.

Ariane Felder is pregnant! It's quite surprising since she is a young judge, confirmed single with very strict morale. According to DNA tests, the father of the child is a criminal wanted for an atrocious aggression. Ariane does not remember anything...

International - Saturday 9 August, 8:00 pm:

• **FRANCES HA**

USA, 2012, Dir. Noah Baumbach w/ Greta Gerwig, Mickey Sumner, Adam Driver, Comedy Drama, 86mins, English w/ English subtitles, NR

A story that follows a New York woman (who doesn't really have an apartment), apprentices for a dance company (though she's not really a dancer), and throws herself headlong into her dreams, even as their possibility dwindles.

Children's Film - Sunday 10 August, 4:30 pm:

• **GULLIVER'S TRAVELS, PART 2**

USA, 1996, Dir. Charles Sturridge, w/ Ted Danson, Mary Steenburgen, James Fox, 90 mins, Adventure-Family-Fantasy, English, Rated: G (for >6yrs old)

An Englishman returns after a long time abroad and tells his strange stories about the lands he visited which are allegories about the real world.

Satyajit Ray Film Festival @ CINECLUB

Ciné-Club - Sunday 10 August, 8:00 pm:

AGANTUK (The Stranger)

India, 1991, Dir. Satyajit Ray w/Utpal Dutta, Dipankar Dey, Mamata Shankar, and others, 97mins, Drama, Bengali w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

A well-off middleclass family has an unexpected visitor, a man claiming to be the woman's long lost uncle. The initial suspicion with which they greet the man slowly dissolves as he regales them with stories of his travels, tales that are at odds with their conventional perspective of the world. This remarkable film is in many ways a self-portrait of Ray because he was none other than an anthropologist and philosopher in the true sense of playful, childlike wonder. This is the story of how a life of curiosity and wonder has to survive in this cruel and foolish world, which judges everything in materialistic terms.

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.

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

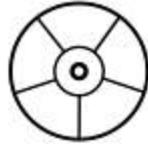
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*Sunday, 10th August : 10:30 a.m. Hall of Harmony, Sri Aurobindo Ashram School,
Pondicherry*
*Tuesday, 12th August : Unity Pavilion: at 7.30 pm interactive dialogue
with musicians from Auroville*
Saturday, 16th August : Concert at 7.00 pm, Satsanga Restaurant, Pondicherry

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