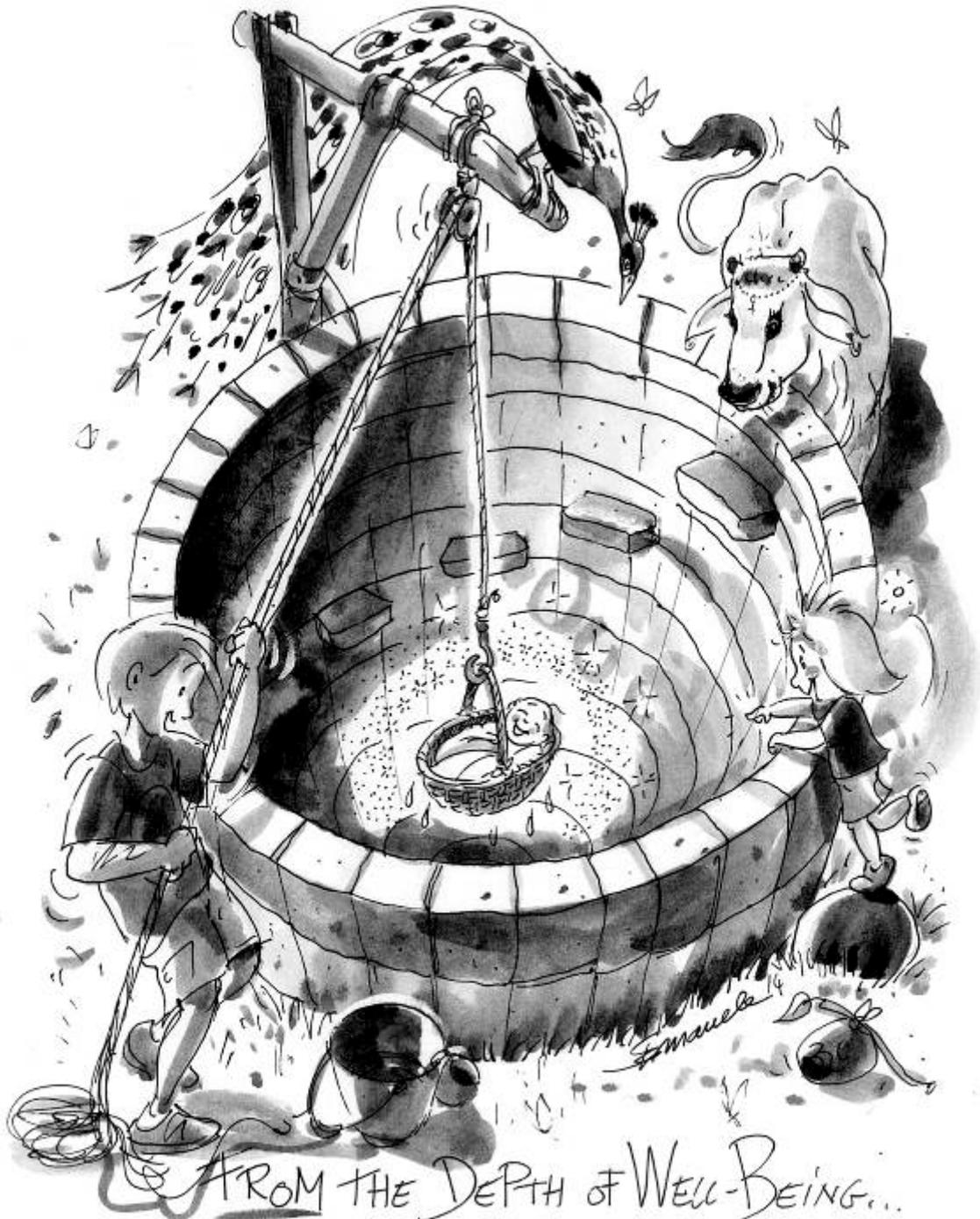


# News & Notes

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FROM THE DEPTH OF WELL-BEING...  
...THE UNEXPECTED!

# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Then, with regard to hard labour on *Savitri*, he wrote: "That is very simple. I used *Savitri* as a means of ascension. I began with it on a certain mental level, each time I could reach a higher level I rewrote from that level. Moreover I was particular - if part seemed to me to come from any lower levels I was not satisfied to leave it because it was good poetry. All had to be as far as possible of the same mint. In fact, *Savitri* has not been regarded by me as a poem to be written and finished; but as a field of experimentation to see how far poetry could be written from one's own Yogic consciousness and how that could be made creative. I did not rewrite *Rose of God* or the sonnets except for two or three verbal alterations made at the moment."

All this was written to me in 1936. Since then the work proceeded slowly and gradually until between 1939 and 1950 he succeeded to a great extent in achieving what he aimed at, as stated in the letter above. I am sure if he had more time at his disposal and could work by himself, he would have raised it to his ideal of perfect perfection. As it is, *Savitri* is, I suppose, the example *par excellence* of the Future Poetry he speaks of in his book *The Future Poetry*. Founder of the New Age, pioneer in the field of poetry, as in many others, he has left us an inexhaustible heritage of words, images, ideas, suggestions and hints about which we can only say - here is God's plenty. Rameshwar Gupta very aptly calls it *Eternity in Words*. [*Eternity in Words* (Chetna Prakashan, Bombay).] Generation after generation will drink in its soul's nectar from this perennial source. The life span of the English language itself has increased a thousandfold. Shakespeare, it is said, increased the life span of the English language by centuries. Sri Aurobindo said about Shakespeare, "That kind of spear does not shake everywhere." Now we find another far greater that will shake the world to its very roots. If for no other reason, the English speaking races ought to be eternally grateful to the supreme poet of the grand epic for this miracle.

Sri Aurobindo quoting in *The Future Poetry* these lines of an Elizabethan poet,

Or who can tell for what great work in hand  
The greatness of our style is now ordained? ,  
What powers it shall bring in, what spirits command?

writes: "It has since brought in many powers, commanded many spirits; but it may be that the richest powers, the highest and greatest spirit yet remain to be found and commanded." I believe that Sri Aurobindo's *Savitri* fulfils the sovereign potentiality he has foreseen.

Dr. Piper of Syracuse University says about *Savitri* that it already has inaugurated the New Age of Illumination and is probably the greatest epic in the English language... the most comprehensive, integrated, beautiful and perfect cosmic poem ever composed.... It ranges symbolically from primordial cosmic void, through earth's darkness and struggles, to the highest realms of supramental spiritual existence and illumines every important concern of man, through verse of unparalleled massiveness, magnificence and metaphorical brilliance. *Savitri* is perhaps the most powerful artistic work in the world for expanding man's mind towards the Absolute.

The Mother has pronounced the last word on *Savitri*. I quote some extracts from a long talk on it to a young aspirant:

"He has crammed the whole universe in a single book. It is a marvellous work, magnificent and of an incomparable perfection. You know, before writing *Savitri* Sri Aurobindo said to me, I am impelled to launch on a new adventure; I was hesitant in the beginning, but now I am decided.'... And the day He actually began it, He told me, I have launched myself in a rudderless boat upon the vastness of the Infinite.' And once having started, He wrote page after page without intermission, as though it were a thing already complete, up there and He had only to transcribe it in ink down here on these pages....

"It may then be said that *Savitri* is a revelation, it is a meditation, it is a quest of the Infinite, the Eternal.... Each verse of *Savitri* is like a revealed Mantra which surpasses all that man possessed by way of knowledge and, I repeat this, the words are expressed and arranged in such a way that the sonority of the rhythm leads you to the origin of sound, which is OM.

"...yes, everything is there: mysticism, occultism, philosophy, the history of evolution, the history of man, of the gods, of creation, of Nature....

"These are experiences lived by Him, realities, supracosmic truths. He experienced all these as one experiences joy or sorrow, physically. He walked in the darkness of inconscience, even in the neighbourhood of death, endured the sufferings of perdition, and emerged from the mud, the world-misery to breathe the sovereign plenitude and enter the supreme Ananda. He crossed all these realms, went through the consequences, suffered and endured physically what one cannot imagine. Nobody till today has suffered like Him; He accepted suffering to transform suffering into the joy of union with the Supreme....

"*Savitri* is the spiritual path, it is Yoga, Tapasya, Sadhana, everything, in its single body....

"*Savitri* is incomparable; it is truth in its plenitude, the Truth Sri Aurobindo brought down on the earth."

TWELVE YEARS WITH SRI AUROBINDO, chap.: *Savitri*

NIRODBARAN

*The  
Ponder  
Corner*

To become conscious of the psychic being, one must want to do so, make one's mind as silent as possible, and enter deep into the heart of one's being, beyond sensations and thoughts. One must form the habit of silent concentration and descent into the depths of one's being.

*The Mother* - ref. MCW, vol. 16, *Some Answers from the Mother*, p. 399

## Forest Group Meeting – Hermitage 01<sup>st</sup> August 2014

PRESENT: Shivaraj, Boobalan, Julia, Jessamijn, Jaap, Fabian, Dave, Kumar, Yuval, Jan, Bernd, Agnes, Balu, Arnold, Auronevi, Bindu, Clementine

### Topics discussed:

- **Hermitage:**

The steward of Hermitage has undertaken large rainwater harvesting in the canyons through the construction of huge earth dams. They have so far in the first phase (many more will follow) constructed 7 earth dams with a total length of 275 meters and an average height of 5 meters. The water holding capacity will be several millions of cubic meters of water. This is a project, which will transform the whole area, and is privately financed by Kireet and Bernd.

The steward was asking for an additional third watchman as the present two are not sufficient to guard the large area. With the additional work in the Peromboke canyon area Hermitage would like to have better protection of the land. The Forest Group advised the steward to communicate their request to Glenn and Diego to see the available budget. More frequent land confrontations have come up since outside private parties with financial power and influence have shown interest in this particular area.

- **Adventure Playground / Cricket field:**

Initially Auroville allowed the use of the 4 acres of Auroville land for playground activities. The steward reported the increased use of the land as a place for drinking and loud gambling activities throughout the day and night. The steward has had confrontations with known local people who dumped earth on the ground and destroyed a gate. Several other Aurovilians tried in the past to sort the problem but without success.

Three representatives of the Forest Group familiar with the situation will approach the Working Committee to update them on this non-agreed taking-over of Auroville land. They, with the Working Committee, should urgently invite the Panchayat President to discuss the matter and remind him of the original purpose of the land and the potential public order problem with the present use of the land.

- **Varuna Solar Fund:**

A recently constituted "Solar Fund" as well as a questionnaire organized by Auroville Consulting on the potential of feeding Solar-generated electricity into the TNEB grid (sent to some Forest Group members) was discussed. The Forest Group would like to receive more information on both the "Solar Fund" and the background of this questionnaire and will contact members of this fund as well as Auroville Consulting.

- **Mango Field Sewage Sludge deposit:**

Bindu - as part-time resident in the area - and Clementine - steward of Forecomers, brought the topic of opening Mango Field as a site for the deposit of Auroville sludge to the Forest Group to get its input. The Forest Group felt it unfortunate that the

residents of Mango Field were not present to enable an appropriate discussion.

Short background: The Botanical Garden - which had taken the ideally decomposed sludge of Auroville sewage treatment pits over the last 12 years - finally stopped any further dumping as it was meant to be a temporary solution limited to a few years and not a permanent one. To solve the precarious situation where no place to dump the sludge (around 140 tractor loads per year) was suddenly available, the residents of Mango Field offered the place as a temporary dumping site. This decision was apparently taken without much interaction with the neighbors which created some irritation.

By now already some sludge has been deposited; Clementine strongly objects to this ongoing dumping; others, including Karl-Heinz - share the same view.

Based on Dr. Lukas' knowledge and some experiences of the pit in the Botanical Garden (not scientifically verified though so far) it was felt by some Forest Group members that the sludge would not pose an immediate risk. It was nevertheless remarked that the process to open the land without prior consultation of the neighbors was certainly unfortunate and lacking.

While according to Dr. Lukas the sludge is sterile after 1 year, Bindu and Clementine expressed their concern that before the period of one year was over, overflow during rains could cause contamination of the soil. In their viewpoint the site is not ideal, because unlike the BG site, which was flatter, it has a steep gradient. Even if the surface run off is sought to be checked, there will be underground percolation.

Doubts over the nature of the sludge were raised as there are seemingly no control mechanisms in place to ensure that it is only decomposed human waste.

Bindu offered to do the following:

- Raise the funds to do a proper soil test at the dumping site of the Botanical Garden to see if any contamination has happened
- Together, with LRM and others, search for options which could offer a better possible dump site than a place in the middle of an Auroville Forest.

She further pointed out that Tom has drawn a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) that the pit at Mango Field will be restricted to a period of one year after which it would move to another forest community.

Bindu will report back to the Forest Group on her progress or otherwise by next month's forest group meeting. In the meantime there seems to be no alternative but to dump the sludge in Mango field.

The overall topic of the disposal of waste (solid and liquid) needs certainly a much deeper introspection and discussion within the Auroville Community. To dump our waste - mostly generated in the city area - just somewhere out of sight (conveniently in the Greenbelt) cannot be a long-term approach. However, as the Forest Group was not able to appropriately discuss the topic (for a lack of valid data and representation from both parties) and come

to a unified decision, the dumping of sludge at Mango Field will likely continue during the following month. If however the soil tests show contamination as determined by experts and if an alternative site is found there should be no further dumping of sludge in Mango Field.

The next meeting will be on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at Fertile Field.

## Outcome of July 30th 2014 Meeting Between Auroville Council and Entry Service

Dear Community,

On 30th of July 2014, the Auroville Council met with the Entry Service. From this meeting we want to share the following three points with you:

### Material Conditions for Living in Auroville:

There is a need to remind the community of the Material Conditions for Living in Auroville which is a document stating the basic common points of understanding regarding our way of functioning here in Auroville. This document has been signed by all who have gone through an Entry Process since 1994, and was of common knowledge before that. It was felt that it is time to refresh everyone's memory. The Material Conditions were ratified in August 2012. The community has agreed that the conditions, which are not rules, but values, are set by the community and are based on higher Aurovillile ideals that we all, Newcomers and Aurovillians, accept to follow.

### Material Conditions for Living in Auroville

1. *People living in Auroville are expected to contribute to the collective welfare in work, kind and/or money. Essentially Aurovillians should give their full time and energy to Auroville by practicing Karma Yoga.*
2. *All activities, productive or service-oriented, must be part of the overall Auroville framework. All financial transactions should take place through the official channels of Auroville.*
3. *Lands, buildings, houses and other immovable assets are all the collective property of Auroville, and no claims of private possession or ownership can be made by anyone, whether an occupant or a donor. All the land that an applicant or her/his family owns in the master plan area of Auroville need to be disclosed.*
4. *Disputes among members will be solved without violence and within the community. There are no court cases allowed amongst Aurovillians.*

5. *The laws of the Government of India must be respected from people that come from abroad and by Indian citizens as well. People coming from abroad must have a valid passport and valid Entry Visa, P.I.O. or O.C.I. Foreigners and Indian citizens apply to join Auroville on the basis of being Honorary Voluntary Workers.*
6. *According to Indian law as well as the guidance of Mother, drugs are not allowed in Auroville.*
7. *There is no religion in Auroville.*
8. *Applicants do not come to Auroville for any personal economical gain, as a retirement plan, or as a way to get a visa to be in India or to provide alternative schooling for their children.*

I agree and I am informed,

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Entry Service Looking for New Members:

The Entry Service is currently in need of three full-time, committed, skilled members. Two members are leaving in August 2014. Three more will be ending their mandate in February 2015. Therefore it is very urgent to find new members for the Entry Service. The Service Team ideally must have a total of 9 members.

The profile suitable for the Service calls for committed members, working towards a long term presence, with prior experience and skills in communication, human relations, and conducting interviews. It is important that the person be fluent in English, with other spoken languages as a bonus. Some important aspects of the work include typing minutes, email follow up, listening, understanding and giving information on the entry process and on Auroville at the desk and during interviews. Above all, we encourage people to step forward who have a strong aspiration towards serving based on the community mandate with a good knowledge of Auroville's ideals. Kindly send a mail to [avcouncil@auroville.org.in](mailto:avcouncil@auroville.org.in) if interested.

### Auroville Council & Entry Service looking for an Entry Resource Team:

The Council is also calling for neutral resource persons, with the experience of working on drafting a workable mandate, to study the current policy for Entry to Auroville and to make suggestions to update it in close collaboration with the current Entry Team. The revised policy will be presented at a General Meeting and then go through the RA approval process of course. The September regular interactive meeting will happen along with the Entry Service.

Sincerely,

Auroville Council and, Entry Service Team (Chitra, Eva, Ishita, Kavitha, Kripa, Muthu, Umberto)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Sri Aurobindo's Room Darshan on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Tokens for Darshan will be registered on:

Days : Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August

Timings: 9 am - 12.30 pm and 3 pm - 6 pm

At: Pitanga, Samasti.

This is a service for Aurovillians & Newcomers only.

We inform you, dear friends, that from now on we will not be able to take requests by mail. (Sorry for the inconvenience)

So to register your name(s) for the Sri Aurobindo's Darshan tokens, we invite you to come or send someone to Pitanga with a requesting note. We will do our best for your requirements. Registration on the phone will be

taken only for people who are sick or not mobile.

Collection of tokens will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> at Pitanga from 9-12.30 pm and 3- 6 pm

Darshan timings: This time the tokens given by the Ashram enable you to go for Darshan between 12 noon and 4.30 pm with the limit of 24 persons per slot. The time slot 3.30 - 4 pm is reserved for Aurovillians taking the bus.

Transport: The bus will start from Matrimandir at 3 pm following the usual route and coming back to Auroville at 6 pm. The trip is restricted to those who are going for the Darshan.

### Reminder from the Ashram:

**Auroville will not be granted extra tokens, beyond a certain limit in numbers and time slots.**

Reminder from us: There are four ways to go to Sri Aurobindo's Room or Mother's Room without a token on Darshan days.

- You may join the queue of devotees at 5-6 pm on the previous day, spend the night waiting on the street and enter the Ashram compound for Darshan from 9 am onwards.

- You may go on the day itself, join the queue between 3 and 6 am.

- You may go in the morning of the Darshan day and get your token at the Ashram. In this case you will probably need to wait or come back later at the time indicated on the token.

- You may join the queue on Darshan day before 5 pm as the queue is generally over between 5 to 6 pm.

*Pitanga Team in collaboration with Kumar, Mallika, Meha and Susmita*

### Updating Solar Fund - Subsidy

To all the existing and new members using Solar/Renewable Energy-

The BCC has taken the decision to widen the solar subsidy/fund available to all the Aurovilians using off-grid solar power systems. However the existing list and data are inadequate and need to be freshly updated for the subsidy/fund to begin working-

If you are using solar/renewable energy please email: [avss@auroville.org.in](mailto:avss@auroville.org.in) (Abri) with the following information: (a) Name of the community, (b) names of the adult Aurovilians per household, (c) number of persons per household, and (d) if you are using 100% solar Photo Voltaic (PV) based energy system.

Basic info (a-d) - for further service development, please also include answer (e-i):

(e) If your household uses a partial solar PV based energy system, (f) if you use a solar water heater system, (g) if the community uses wind-mill for water pumping, (h) and/or solar-pump, (i) and/or any other type of energy source; (Pls specify)

a) Name of the Community

(b) Names of adult Aurovilians per household

(c) Number of persons per household

(d) Off-grid 100% on Solar

(e) Partial Solar (PV) energy user

(f) Solar Hot Water System User

(g) Community uses Wind mill to pump water

(h) Community uses Solar pump for water

(i) And/or any other type of energy source; (Pls specify)

Please answer before Fri 22nd of August.

You can also drop off your answers directly at Abri Solar Service. Downloadable form is also provided on AuroNet.

If you need more information, contact Solar Service (Abri): [avss@auroville.org.in](mailto:avss@auroville.org.in) Phone: 262-2263

*The Solar Fund Coordinators: Rama and Wazo*

### Feedback Process

Dear Community Members,

The Auroville Council in collaboration with Study Group, Koodam and with RAS as silent listeners, are starting a process to deal with "feedback" in relation to the upcoming re-selection of the new Working Committee, as has been requested by the community.

We invite all community members who feel concerned, to come forward and join as resource persons.

Community members are also welcome to propose names to be invited.

AVC will also be inviting resource persons whom we feel are relevant to be part of this work.

It is important that this work be well anchored in the community.

Please mail your name and contact information to: [avcouncil@auroville.org.in](mailto:avcouncil@auroville.org.in) subject "Feedback Process", latest by 15 August 2014.

*Rita, Matriprasad and Sindhuja for Auroville Council*

### 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. Uma Gimenez, Surrender, House extension.
2. Boobalan, Celebration, House.
3. Site permission for Didier for a house in Meadow.

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.

### FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N NO- 559 dated 09.08.2014

We would like to inform the community that our team decided to recommend the following persons as Aurovilians and Newcomers. We will wait two weeks for Newcomers and Returning Aurovilians and also one month for Aurovilians from this publication for your feedback before making our final decision.

#### AUROVILIANS:

John LOWRY ( UK) - Staying at Windara Farm, working as "Juicy Lucy" fruit & vegetable juice bar tender in front of the Solar kitchen.

#### RETURNING AUROVILIAN:-

Ivar JENTEN (Netherland) - Staying at Fertile, working in construction work with Johnny.

#### NEWCOMERS:

Maria de Los Angeles (Spanish) - Staying in Newcreation, working as a painting & Tailoring teacher at Newcreation school.

Wensheng LIU (Chinese) - Staying at Djaima, working as cook at PTDC kitchen and Visitor Centre Cafeteria.

Rong XIE(Chinese) -Staying at Djaima, working as a teacher at Nandanam.

Serge (Ishta) DE HILDEBRANDT (Belgian)- Working as arts and crafts teacher at Oli School and also working as part of the team at the guest service at the Solar Kitchen.

Ohad DANENBERG (Israel) - Staying at Realisation, working as care giver at AV Health Care.

Priscila DANENBERG (Israel) -Staying at Realisation, working as reflexologist at Quiet, Pitanga and Deepam School.

Jorinde FISCHER (Germany) - Living at Petite Ferme, working in administration and communication at Minvayu and Aha Kindergarten.

Jaya SIVAOLI( Indian from Edyanchavadi) - Staying at Saiier transport service staff quarters in the Service Area, Working as 5th grade teacher at Udavi School.

#### CHILD OF A NEWCOMER'S :

Yixuan LIU (Chinese) - born on 21/05/1998, studying at Last School.

Esther LIU (Chinese)- born on 03/12/2007, studying at Nandanam.

Shahar Daniel DANENBERG ( Israel) - born on 25/04/2006, studying at Deepanam.

Iam DANENBERG (Israel) - Born on 12/04/2012.

We have identified a lack of clarity in the communication and confirmation of status, as the announcements done in the News and Notes are for FEEDBACK ONLY, and sometimes, after announcement, there can be either an extension of status, or a decision to stop the process overall. We are adding another section of confirmation to avoid further confusion.

#### CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER STATUS:

Veronique MEILHAC (French)

Xavier MAYSONNAVE (French)

Nick KLOTZ (England)

Teresa ALEMAN (Spanish)

Tahir Kedir HUSSEIN (Ethiopian)

Anatoli DIANCHENKO (Ukraine)

Tetiana IEVSEICHYK (Ukraine)

Maria Del Milagro IBANEZ (Spanish)

#### CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMERS TO AUROVILIANS AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT IN N&N AND DUE CONSIDERATION OF THE FEED BACKS RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS:

Kiran KAMAL (Indian from Kerala)

Francesca PAPALE ( Italian)

Damien NAVINEAU (French)

Muthukumaran MALAYALATHAN (Indian from Kuilappalayam)

Anitha (Lakshmi) KATHIRVELU ( Indian from Edyanchavadi)

We are ready to soon invite you to fill in the B-Form request for meeting with the AV Foundation Secretary for interview and inclusion of yours names in the Register of Residents.

#### PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT AUROVILLE ON THEIR OWN:

Nadia LABIOD (French)

In case the above person wishes to come back to live and work in Auroville, (s) he will need to restart his/her newcomer process.

#### TEAM MEMBERSHIP:

The Entry Service is looking for new committed members.

Working towards a long term presence, prior experience in communication skills,

(Relay with communication, human relation, interviews).

Fluent English, skill such as typing minutes, email follow up, listening, understanding and give information on entry at the desk and during interviews.

#### **INFORMATION ON JOINING AUROVILLE**

Our office is open to general public on Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10 to 12 am and Thursday afternoon from 2 to 3 pm on appointment regarding B-Forms and Recommendation letters.

Please notice that the last week of each month we are closed for public. We will use this time for studies, field visits and internal office work.

The Entry Service team (Chitra,Eva, Ishita, Kavitha,Kripa, Muthu, Umberto).

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **A change in Volunteers policy regarding Guests Contribution**

Dear friends

You will read in the *News & Notes* published Saturday 2nd of August a change of policy concerning volunteers, interns and students.

This is the result of a long process of coordination between the various services concerned: BCC, FS, Entry, Guest Service, Guest houses and ourselves.

It aims at bringing more clarity as regards the grey zones with the volunteer system, in a way that ensures valuable resources for Auroville's growth, reduces touristic curiosity, and maintains the financial integrity of Auroville's economy.

Please refer to the text published in *News and Notes and AuroNet*.

In practical terms, for the payment and refund of the Guest Contribution of your volunteers, there will be a clearer differentiation between registered City Service activities (farms, schools, services, etc) and registered business units; volunteers will need to know, prior to your agreement, that they will have to pay the Guest Contribution if their workplace (commercial activity) do not agree to make the payment.

We, Savi, will need to get your committed agreement prior to registration in our files:

- Before arrival, for those who go through Savi, in the email you send to us to acknowledge a placement (this is our so-called "Savi-registered" process).

- On arrival, for those who go directly to workplaces without prior application in Savi, in the Confirmation Form that we ask you to fill and sign to get the volunteer registered (this is our "light registration" process).

The AuroCard system will be of great help in this process, to enable a shared view on the volunteers' events. It will be essential that you keep updating us with any change of Unit if a volunteer leaves: we want to keep this process based on trust.

This new policy will start next Monday August 4th, for the volunteers and students starting their stay/internship/voluntary mission from that day on.

Best regards, *Dominique [Savi coordinator]*

### **AV Singing Festival Announcement**

Dear all,

Those of you who would like to participate in the AV Singing Festival on 10th and 11th October 2014 and who have not yet registered should contact us at [avsingingfestival@auroville.org.in](mailto:avsingingfestival@auroville.org.in) so that we can send them the necessary form, which you can then fill-up and send back to us as soon as possible.

The first rehearsal will take place on Sunday 17th of August from 3 pm to 5:30 pm at Sawchu. Please bring your own musical instruments. Those wishing to be accompanied by one of our instrumentalists should bring their music sheet so that we can try to find someone to accompany them.

For the AV Singing Festival,

*Ananda (Co-coordinator)*

### **Talkin' Trash: Plastic Surgery**

Recently, an Aurovilian waste warrior brought a curious question to our attention. She said, "Do you have a plastic bag full of plastic bags in your house?" Chances are, most of us do. We've collected them over the years out of sheer habit of

saying, "Sure, I'll take a bag," or because we forgot to pack one along. Let's be honest: how many times did you actually need that plastic bag? Probably not many. And now you're stuck with a bag full of plastic bags, sitting in your house. Yes, we know that you use and re-use them until they're practically disintegrating in your hands when you finally put them in your waste bin. But think about this: every time you take a plastic bag, it's like a vote of support for the plastics industry. And you're still contributing to numerous forms of pollution, in how they're manufactured but also how they're disposed of. The inconvenient truth is that you're still part of the problem.

There are solutions, and you know what they are. Cloth bags. Backpacks. Small Steps. But it's time now to move from knowing the right option to choosing the right option. Pack a Small Steps bag in your purse. Put up a reminder to take cloth shopping bags with you in Pondy. Take a step today to ensure that you won't pick up a plastic bag tomorrow.

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

*Solid Waste Management Task Force*

## How do Aurovilians like their Houses?

Dear readers, some of the survey participants asked about the method used by the Earth Institute to calculate how much people like their homes and the CSEB building technique.

This method was developed by a very dedicated group of psychologists at the University of Illinois (USA) led by Charles Egerton Osgood to measure the connotative meaning of concepts, known as the "semantic differential".

As some participants already know, the circled numbers on the forms are added together and divided by the number of scales, which is 12. As the negative adjectives are not always on the low end of the scale and the positive adjectives on the high end, some numbers are inverted, making 1 become 7, 2 become 6, etc...

Other participants asked: What is this survey for? This is a very interesting issue because most of the time when people choose a home or build a house, they talk about the cost, the beauty & shape, etc...And then after living in their new home for some time, they may find that they are not really satisfied and desire a change. This is really confusing for people and for architects. Thus the survey is trying to pinpoint the most important criteria that lead to satisfaction. In other words the survey is looking for the best scales that reflect the attitude.

This will probably lead to a better interaction between people and architects who are asked to help people satisfy their needs for their space.

For more information you can come to Earth Institute or write to us at the following email: [earthinstitute@auroville.org.in](mailto:earthinstitute@auroville.org.in)  
Up to now, we have not reached the right statistical number of participants and Earth Institute encourages online 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.earth-auroville.com/survey.php>  
*Earth Institute*

## POSTINGS

### Repos beach closed on 15th of August

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, for Sri Aurobindo Darshan day and India's Independence Day, Repos Beach and the main entrance gate will be closed as it is every year. Thank you, *Repos beach community members (Vasu, Young Hee)*

### Newcomer program

The next Aspiration newcomer program has place for 2 Aurovilians who would like to refresh and update their Auroville experience.

Full time participation on the program is the only requirement. From Thursday 21st of August till Thursday 28th of August with Saturday afternoon and Sunday free. Write to either Rakhal or Sonja: [Sonja@auroville.org.in](mailto:Sonja@auroville.org.in)

### A New shop "ssmobiles"

Dear Community,

This is to let you know that we are happy to announce that we have opened a new shop called "ssmobiles". It is a registered unit of Auroville. We recharge your mobile phones (Vodo phone/BSNL and Airtell), we also recharge your satellite televisions (Tata sky/Airtell/Sun direct and Dish Tv) - Ayarpadi Farm, Kottakarai - Auroville / Mobile: 9489966761 - 9843600700 / Email: [sathyavan008@gmail.com](mailto:sathyavan008@gmail.com) - *Thanks by Sathyavan*

### Vegan products not available this week

For various reasons we will not be able to make vegan products (Cheeses, hummus and chocolate mousse) this week. We should resume the production next week. *Nandita*

### Auroville...bakery...will...be...closed...on...Friday...15.08.2014.

Please pick your Friday order on Thursday 14.08.2014. *Bakery team.*

### Baby born

She is Délia - Her mother is Sangeetha and her father is Alain G. She joined Auroville on 17 July 2014. *Alain G.*

### Where does your sludge go?

Dear Community, did you ask yourself where does the content of your septic tank goes, once it has been pumped into a blue tank.

There are contractors who just let it run out into an open field (Criminal but in fact quite common) - The Auroville Water Maintenance service has been delivering the sludge to the Botanical Garden for the past 12 years. The new chosen site is in the Forecomers forest. It was decided without the consent of the steward of Forecomers. Actually, she wasn't even asked. So far we are talking about 3-4 loads a week for at least one year, please do your math. Well, shouldn't an aspiring township not have a well-designed and well-built waste treatment plant? Imagine if we already had a pucca functioning plant in place? It would have such a positive impact on our neighbors, the city of Pondicherry and ever further away Chennai. Will keep dreaming, *Karlheinz (Forecomers)*

## AVAILABLE

### Hero Honda splendor

Model 2000. Contact *Segar* 8940486844

### An Amma

Renuka, a gentle, quiet, respectful and excellent Amma from Edyanchavadi, will be available full-time next month. Please contact *Ben* at 8940697001 if interested.

### Audio pro equipment

Soundcard firewire Presonus 4in/6 out. Multi-fix TcElectronics, Flight case, 22 inch. Samsung screen. Contact *Uriel*: 9047239964

### 5 sweet puppies

5 very sweet puppies are looking for a new home. They have lost their mother and are presently nursed by Teresa and Manolo in Quiet. They would make great companions for your kids! Please get in touch with them if you wish to adopt one! *Manolo*: 9159008653 / *Teresa*: 7867998952

### Hero Honda Super splendor

2008, electric start, 125 cc, super good condition. call *Sason* 9655654882

### Honda Shine

2009, good condition, electric start, blue color, 25,800 km. For more details call *Simha* 7639321362

### Plumbing

Dear Friends, I, Babu from Horizon, have started a new Unit called "The Babu Water Works" which will take care of all water related works. Plumbing work, Bore well work, Pump work, Water supply, Tractor and dipper is available for moving earth and other materials. Generator work, Drinking water tank cleaning with EM, Interior & Exterior toilet & bathroom plumbing & fittings works, Sledge & Septic tank, Drainage Cleaning, New Exploratory bore well drilling, de-silting, flushing & cleaning and maintenance of the existing bore wells. Please contact my mobile number: 9443085046 - *Sincerely, D. Babu*

## LOOKING FOR ...

### Anyone going to Bali or some place close

Please contact me. Thank you. [adil@auroville.org.in](mailto:adil@auroville.org.in) 04132622685 / 04132622724

### My Russian for your Tamil

I offer to teach Russian and I would like to learn Tamil. If you are interested, please call me at: 09943360811 or e-mail [ivanaverite@gmail.com](mailto:ivanaverite@gmail.com) - Kind regards, *Ivana*

### Ear-candling treatment

If anyone knows how to perform an ear-candling treatment (including the lymphatic massage), or if anyone has extra ear candles, please do get in touch with me :) - Thanks, *G* ([sattvig@gmail.com](mailto:sattvig@gmail.com), 0840 799 7970)

## LOST & FOUND

Hero Honda keys(found): I found a Honda Hero key along the paved road between Bharat Nivas and the Visitor's Center....It is on a key ring with partly broken metal chain...Looks worn/older....If it is yours, please contact me, *Noel*, at 2622816 or [earthyoga@hotmail.com](mailto:earthyoga@hotmail.com)....Thank you.

## THANK YOU

### Thanks for making ART CHAKRA a successful event

Dear friends,

This is just a little thank you note on behalf of Kala Kendra, for all those who participated and presented their artwork/ performance etc, at the first session of Art Chakra on 3rd of Aug. Thanks also to the great audience who were part of the intimate and interactive group that this gathering was.

We intend to continue this initiative every two weeks and we will soon get back to you with an open call for entries for the next session of Art Chakra that is scheduled for Sunday, 24th Aug.

Thanks.

Peace n joy,

*Gaurav*, Ph: 9787897947, Email: [medimedia@gmail.com](mailto:medimedia@gmail.com)

## ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

### House-sitting 1

Dear all,

Ruby (an Aurovilian who has been living here for 12 years and working at "The Colours of Nature") is looking for a house-sitting for a short or long term with my 1 year old boy Joned. I have been house-sitting for a long time and we are a very quiet family and we love pets to take care of. Also we will be very happy to contribute for the house's expenses. You can get in touch with me on: [rubinansr@gmail.com](mailto:rubinansr@gmail.com) or call 7639282889.

## TAXI SHARING

August 14th: From Chennai airport to Auroville, leaving from Chennai at around 7am. Contact: [chandraauroville@yahoo.com](mailto:chandraauroville@yahoo.com) 2623 024.

August 15th: Leaving from Auroville to Chennai airport at about 5.30 pm, August 15th. Call 9443036133, 9786608199 - Krishna, or krishna travels [18@gmail.com](mailto:18@gmail.com). Thank you! *Wu Ya*

**August 17th:** I'll be leaving Auroville to be at Chennai airport at 9.00 am. Full on the way back but 1 or 2 places possible on the way to the airport. Tel: 2622693 or [avexist@gmail.com](mailto:avexist@gmail.com). *Matriprasad*

**August 18th:** Leaving Auroville at around 10 pm on 18/8 for early morning flight at Chennai Airport. Contact: *Jan, Gaia*, Cel 9943255972, [sabaki@auroville.org.in](mailto:sabaki@auroville.org.in)

**August 22nd:** Going to Chennai Airport (domestic flight) at about 1.30 pm, two seats are available. And/or empty taxi from Chennai Airport to Auroville at about 4.30 pm. Please contact Peter, mobile: 9943482149 / mail: [peter.loegstrup@gmail.com](mailto:peter.loegstrup@gmail.com)  
Thank you. *Peter*

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

### Savi needs a new team member

We need someone to interact with our Aurovilian partners (units and services), being a supportive resource in their work with Students & Volunteers: visits, contacts, documenting work opportunities, etc.

The candidate would also participate in the Volunteers administration tasks of Savi, to facilitate their stay.

Teamwork, interest/experience in education, international culture and communication skills are the features of this profile.

A maintenance is available. Please write to Savi with your interest and background ([study@auroville.in](mailto:study@auroville.in)).

### Creative teacher for applied math needed!

Future School is looking for someone who can offer a Math course for third year students (around age 17), which is focused on analytical thinking, logic, and applications in real life, using mathematical and problem-solving games and hands-on activities.

If you think you are that person who can make Math fun and engaging and interesting for teenagers, please get in touch with us: email [futureschool@auroville.org.in](mailto:futureschool@auroville.org.in) or phone 2622596 and 2622776.

Looking forward to hearing from you,  
The Future School Team

## SPORTS

### Auroville Sprite Internal Badminton (Shuttle) Tournament 2014 for junior boys and women doubles

Dear friends,

The Auroville Badminton club is organizing an internal Badminton tournament on 15th of August, 2014, for juniors below 16 years and women (No age limitation).

Those who are interested to participate in this event kindly contact Sundar 9489214020, Anand 96557 45136, Balaji 98436 00701 and Laxmanan 9786521942.

Note:

1. Registration last date 13.8.2014
2. Kindly come with your partner
3. Bring your shuttle racquet
4. Place New Creation community (inside Aikiyam School)
5. One day event - starts at 8.30AM

Thank you, *Auroville Badminton*

### New Era Secondary School Physical Educational

#### Boys Team

Dear All,

New Era Secondary School is happy to announce that 12 boys students have been selected for the District Basket Ball - Vanithamani Ammal Memorial Rolling Trophy at Thiruvanamalai. This tournament will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2014 and is hosted by the State Government of Pondicherry.

### Girls Team

Also our 5 girls students have been selected for the Frisbee Tournament on 14th of August from the Karnataka State of Bangalore.

Thank you,

*K.Senthilkumar and Kittu - NESS- Physical Educational Team*

### LCTB (Let's Connect Through Badminton)

#### Auroville Badminton Tournament at Certitude 2014

To celebrate The Sri Aurobindo's birthday and Independence Day, LCTB (Lets Connect through Badminton) team would like to conduct the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Badminton Tournament in Certitude Sports Ground. This time we will only have men's double matches which will include players from Auroville and the surrounding villages;

**Last Date of Registration: Sunday 17th August 2014**

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2014**

Venue: Certitude Sports Ground, Auroville

Categories: Senior Men's Doubles.

We would be extremely grateful if you could contribute towards this tournament to make it a successful event.

Our account number is 251947

For more information please contact: *Bharathy* : 9751110018, 9443617098. *Manickam*: 9443001761. *Palani*: 9443535172

## HEALTH

### Free check-ups for early detection of oral cancer

On the 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Tibetan doctor

Dear friends,

This is to inform you that the Tibetan Doctor will be in Auroville on Saturday the 23rd of August 2014. For your information and the consultation call 0413 2622401 or send an e-mail to: [kalsang@auroville.org.in](mailto:kalsang@auroville.org.in) The consultation will be in pavilion of Tibetan culture in International zone.

### Hypnotherapy and Chakras Healing at Arka

Marcella, Aurovilian, is a qualified Hypnotherapist and Past Life Regressionist from the reputed California Hypnosis Institute (India).

Languages: English, Italian / Contact: Tel. 9443338734 or email: [abalancedstate9@gmail.com](mailto:abalancedstate9@gmail.com)

#### Hypnotherapy

Hypnosis enables conscious access to the memory of a consenting person, which then provides the tool to therapeutically work with earlier experiences still influencing a person today. This includes fears and phobias, addictions, trauma, inner child work, pre-natal experiences, discovering

personal resources, transpersonal regression therapy. Anyone can be hypnotized, if you can relax and follow simple instructions you can enjoy hypnotic trance.

**Chakras Healing**

Our Bodies have numerous energy centers that move like a wheel and hence called Chakras. The chakras respond to our thought processes and there is a corresponding thought processes for every chakra. Our thoughts or thinking patterns affect our emotions (how we feel), these emotions in turn

affect the energy field of our body, and finally this field of energy generates changes in either our physical body or our physical space. It is possible to determinate the functioning of more than 80 chakras and using the relevant affirmations, it is possible to heal each chakra and hence heal physical, mental and emotional states.

**Kailash Clinic**

**Phone:** 2622803 • **email:** [lhs@auroville.org.in](mailto:lhs@auroville.org.in)

**Location:** Kailash Community (entrance from the Crown Road)

**For:** Aurovilians, Newcomers and registered Guests only

**Auroville Ambulance, Tel: 9442224680 (24x7)**

**Government Ambulance, Tel: 108 (24x7)**

**Consultation and treatment schedule**

**1. Morning consultations** - preferably by appointments, Drop-in patients will wait for a free slot.

<b>Dr. Aleksey</b>	TOS	8:30am- 12:30pm
<b>Dr. Igor</b>	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	8.30am- 12.30pm
<b>Dr. Ruslan</b>	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8.30am- 12.30pm
<b>Archana, Auradha Nisha &amp; Thilagam</b>	Monday to Saturday	8:30am- 12:30pm

**2. Afternoon consultations and treatments by appointments only.**

For appointments please call only in the morning between 8:30am and 12:30pm

<b>Dr. Berengere (Bee)</b> <i>Ayurveda</i>	Wednesday, Friday Tuesday, Thursday	9.00am- 12.30pm 2.00pm- 6.00pm
<b>Heidi</b> <i>Acupuncture</i>	Wednesday, Friday	1.30pm- 4.00pm
<b>Linda Grace</b> <i>Medical Shiatzu</i>	Monday, Tuesday Wednesday, Thursday	9.30am- 5.30pm 9.30am- 12.30pm
<b>Michael Z.</b> <i>Homeopathy</i>	Monday	2.00pm-5.00pm
<b>Veronica</b> <i>Naturopathy, Cranio-Sacral Therapy, Counseling</i>	By appointment	Tel:9443181240

**3. Home care service for bedridden patients**

Home Care Service ph: 9488726184	Monday to Saturday	9:00am – 6:00pm {call 9:00am – 5:00pm}
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For those of you who would like to help financially  
**Our Pour Tous account number is 251822.**

**E A T I N G**

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**Naturellement closed for the 15<sup>th</sup> of August**

We are closed on the 15th of August 2014 for Independence Day.  
*Naturellement Garden Cafe team*

**GREEN MATTERS**

**LOCALICIOUS AUROVILLE Farmers' Market**

*re-connecting to what our Earth grows*

of the Saturday FARMERS' MARKET - a celebration of community, local food, and creativity :)

Our first Farmer's Market this month is going to be on Saturday August 23rd.

To make it happen, we need the participation of: farmers, cooks, artists / musicians, designers of local handicrafts, volunteers for setup and transport, and...YOU, the lovely Auroville Community :)

If you would like to have a table, please do contact us as soon as you can. We are keeping the space for food and other items that are locally made with local ingredients/materials, organic, fair-trade, and eco-friendly.

Our friends at the Youth Center have offered their beautiful space for this event. We will be having a cleaning / setup session at the space on **Saturday August 9** from 3-5 pm, and could use your help. Please show up at the YC at 3 if you can volunteer.

We will also be having a meeting at the YC on **Thursday August 14** from 3-5 pm, to gather and work on practicalities of manifesting the farmer's market that will happen the Saturday after.

Looking forward to meeting you, your talents and your enthusiasm! Please contact us at: [localiciousav@gmail.com](mailto:localiciousav@gmail.com)

### School Garden Project

This week's school garden project will be held at **The Learning Community (TLC) Base Camp**, on **Saturday August 9** from 3-5 pm.

This is evolving into a mini-permaculture course that will also provide food for our schools, and we look forward to having your participation. Please bring gardening tools if you have them.

*The Localicious Auroville Team"*



### India, Jewel of Biodiversity at risk

India is home to one tenth of the world's plant and animal species and is considered a **Global Biodiversity Hotspot**, or area that should be prioritised for conservation. At least 49,000 plant species - 12% of the totality known on the planet - are found in this vast country with its multitude of climates and ecosystems. But with one seventh of the world's population crammed in 2.4 % of the global landmass, India's biodiversity is under enormous pressure.

Sadly, several animal species have become extinct in the last years, such as the Asian cheetah, the lesser Indian rhinoceros, the pink-headed duck and the Himalayan mountain quail. Environmental degradation, habitat loss and fragmentation, and poaching are among the main causes of the disappearance of our wildlife.

Ten years ago, 624 animal species were categorised as threatened; today the list reads over 929 species, many of them critically endangered. The IUCN (International Union of Conservation of Nature) ranks India in its global "shame list" of nations struggling to conserve its species diversity, the country having slid to seventh place next to China.

Just one percent of India's 8000 km coastline, where a fifth of the population lives, is protected from poorly planned and illegal developments. Coral reefs and fish are threatened by overfishing, and development projects like ports and power plants. An example close to home is a planned coal-fired 'Ultra mega power plant' in **Cheyur** near the ECR (two thirds of the way from Pondy to Mahabalipuram). Thanks to vehement protests by local farming communities, scientists and activists, who warned of its destructive effects on environment, water bodies and human health, and petitioned the National Green Tribunal, the project looks presently on hold!

A few good tidings are there. Last year, the Zoological Survey of India reported 248 species of newly discovered animals (mostly insects), and a few endangered animal species have started to make comebacks. With only 70 % of India's total area having been mapped in terms of its flora and fauna (some 150,000 species are documented), the figures of newly discovered and extinct species are obviously relative.

The '*National Mission for a Green India*', approved by government earlier this year, is an ambitious plan to create or improve 10 million hectares of forests. Today the country's forest cover, officially estimated at 23% of its total surface, is still shrinking. The presently used satellite mapping is not detailed enough to show selective logging in protected areas, and control is difficult due to corruption, as well as a lucrative international trade of precious woods involving well-organised gangs.

Proud national emblem and vehicle of goddess Kali, the **tiger** is another example of the race between conservation and poaching. About half of the world's remaining 3,200 tigers live in India, most of them in reserves. A few years ago their numbers were showing a comeback; unfortunately illegal hunting has proportionally increased. Every year India organises a nation-wide tiger count, and tigers straying into the vicinity of villages are fitted with radio devices for tracking their movements and minimising conflicts with humans.

Concerted efforts are needed in many fields: All of the country's biodiversity needs to be mapped; critically endangered endemic plants of the Eastern Himalayas need to be saved. Lions, elephants, rhinos and countless other species need urgent protection. Mining of riverbeds needs to be curbed, rampant construction and massive power projects need to be strictly monitored, having caused devastating man-made floods, and disrupted ecological systems everywhere. Irresponsible mining operations have affected health, water and the environment, destroyed livelihoods and displaced entire communities (Himalayas, Goa, Karnataka), as have other unsustainable projects imposed on local populations.

Until now, 'development' and economic empowerment have been seen as incompatible with conserving Nature. This has been the story of the West, and the 'developing' world has followed in its tracks; today we are brought to face with the results at every step. A look at our bioregion starkly reveals the effects of rapid development, and Auroville's struggle in trying to protect its precious lands and Greenbelt!

**A new mind-set:** There is growing realisation in many places that we cannot go on with business as usual, living in opposition to and domination of Nature. One quarter of India is made of forests, grasslands, wetlands and other ecosystems, and a large part of her population directly depends on these for their living. "**Biodiversity is core to our livelihood**", exclaims a senior official of the Ministry of Environment & Forestry, and adds that he doesn't know what will happen to hundreds of millions of people if we continue to ignore it! And a top official of the National Rural Livelihood Mission, where innovative approaches are being actively invited and pursued, recently opened a presentation with the following contemplation (shortened for space):

*"There is diversity and existential equality around us everywhere. [...] What we have, including knowledge is merely with us as trustees for the time being, and to be shared with all. [...] Humility helps in flowing with the universe's infinite intelligence [...] Living with, and loving all nature..."* - When these things happen, there is truly reason for hope!

(Sources: *Pallava Bagla; BBC Science and Environment, The Hindu, SLI & others*)

The Auroville Green Center invites you to share 'anything green' for a healthy Auroville, Bioregion and planet Earth. [avgreencenter@auroville.org.in](mailto:avgreencenter@auroville.org.in)

For AV Green Center, Lisbeth, Jasmin & Bridget

## From The Laboratory of Evolution (Loe)

'WHY TO CELEBRATE THE DAY WHEN SRI AUROBINDO WAS BORN'

It sometimes happens that people new here say with a little irritation, 'But really, what new thing did Sri Aurobindo bring about, that he should be considered different from all the saints or yogis in Traditional Spirituality...?'

Before the 15<sup>th</sup> of August comes, the date of both his own birth in 1872 and of Free India in 1947, it might be useful to explain what Sri Aurobindo has said, and most important, has DONE, which justifies that the Mother, his spiritual collaborator, has used such strong words about it:

*"What Sri Aurobindo represents for the Earth is not a teaching, not even a revelation, but a decisive ACTION straight from the Supreme."*

Especially on this coming August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the Laboratory of Evolution wants to present a Mini-Exhibition about the 'Arya', the monthly magazine that this day will mark the Centenary of, for in spite of the beginning of WWI, its first issue was published (deliberately) for Sri Aurobindo's birthday on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1914, during the first visit of this remarkable French lady, Mirra Alfassa, whom he recognized as the embodiment of what in India they call the Divine Mother, and who recognized in him the mysterious being with whom she had been working inwardly already for years.

But all the magnificent books Sri Aurobindo would write in the 'Arya' (all of them simultaneously, chapter after chapter!...), from 1914 to 1921, like 'The Life Divine', 'The Secret of the Veda', 'The Synthesis of Yoga', 'The Ideal of Human Unity', etc., which have purely and simply revolutionized our human understanding of everything and have made Sri Aurobindo a most celebrated 'philosopher' - all of those 6000 incredibly impressive pages still are nothing compared to what he has DONE for the Earth, so discretely, through the next thirty years of intensive, ceaseless inner labor, on a gigantic scale: sacrificing in the end even his physical body in 1950, he finally managed in 1956 to bring all the way down into the terrestrial atmosphere and matter, directly, this Energy from beyond all traditional spirituality, which he called the Supramental Energy.

This all-powerful specific vibratory frequency, just as he had foreseen, activated then in the depths of Matter the very same Supramental Energy that, like a Sleeping Beauty, had been since eons waiting for that kiss from her Prince Charming, to start manifesting upon Earth that Power, inaugurating a new evolutive Era, the Supramental Era. This Power will in time give birth to a new species, moved by Divine Love and the Unity between all that is: the Supramental Beings. But it will be the Human Beings interested (ourselves, if we so desire, as all humans have the same potential) who will constitute the bridge, with the possibility of reaching finally a full supramental transformation which will enable them to share in the life, literally divine, that those Supramental Beings will spontaneously live.

This new race will manifest upon Earth the divine all-powerfulness, in its wonderful Truth: not a Power cruel and terrifying as in Hitler's Nazism, in which all the true characteristics of the new evolutive step were horribly inverted, but on the contrary at last a Power full of Love and Compassion, expressing a spontaneous Joy of living in a divine Harmony with all other forms of Being.

It is this evolutive future of happiness for the Earth that the 'Arya' was already announcing. Sri Aurobindo dedicated his

whole existence to it and it is for the birth of this New Era that he finally gave up his life, knowing that once started, its growth would be irresistible: no one can stop Evolution.

This is why on August 15th, the day when Sri Aurobindo took birth in his physical body, deserves to be celebrated with gratitude not only by all his disciples, but actually by all human beings as well - for all, whether they know it or not, are now benefiting from the secret but massive spiritual help brought in, also for our bodies, by the ever-growing action of this Supramental Power that Sri Aurobindo came to activate upon Earth.

*Submitted by Bhaga*

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## Thank you for all this!

This is a note of gratitude to all those who have been consuming locally-made and organic. This applies not just to food, but everything we put on our body (soap, shampoo, clothes, and accessories) and everything we buy for our home (cleaning, laundry, etc.). Every time you walk into a store (or distribution center), you have the choice to buy (or collect :) something that is mass-produced and comes from far away, or something that is grown or produced in Auroville. *Did you know...* that when you make the latter choice, you are supporting yourself and Auroville in the following areas?

**ECONOMY** - We all know that Auroville is in a difficult financial situation. It's all over the News & Notes, AV Today Newspaper, and even written on people's faces! The problem is multi-faceted, and so are the solutions. However, there is one thing we can all do to strengthen the AV economy - buy local! When you buy a product from an outside supplier, a portion of Auroville's money (through your PT account or Aurocard) is sent outside Auroville to support this supplier, when we may have an alternative supplier here who is more eco-friendly, fair-trade, etc. Sometimes we buy things from outside because they are a few rupees cheaper, but when everyone acts like this and the AV economy takes a hit, our prices rise and public services suffer so we all lose in the long-term. A good example of thinking Individually vs. Collectively! Also, isn't it strange that many outside items are cheaper? If Auroville were its own country or state, there would be an 'import duty' or tax on bringing in products from outside, so that it would not hurt the local economy. Auroville isn't trying to be its own state or country, but that's something interesting to think about :)

**ENVIRONMENT** - What exactly is involved in bringing that food or product to the shelf? Where was it grown/ made and under what conditions? What side-effects did the manufacturing process have to the environment? How far did it travel to get here? Where will the packaging end up after you have used it - in the landfill at EcoService, or sent outside to someone who claims to recycle it, and how will their recycling process further affect the environment? These are all good questions you may have asked yourself. We can't be too sure how outside suppliers grow their food or make their products, but we have a better chance of knowing how things are done in Auroville - by visiting the farms and units themselves. Because locally sourced items travel a much shorter distance to the shelves, there is less vehicular pollution through transport. And finally, we have the opportunity to buy some Auroville food and household items in bulk, without creating packaging waste. So thank you for supporting this!

**HEALTH** - The body has a natural intelligence that tells us what is good for us, through cravings and aversions. However, after a lifetime of being around chemicals in our houses and offices, and eating food that is processed or out of season, this intelligence gets affected to the extent that the healthy cravings are replaced by perverted cravings for items that

create toxicity - such as white sugar/salt, artificial oils, nightshades, synthetic cosmetics, etc. In this case it is not the body that craves - it is the disease or state of imbalance that has taken a hold of the consciousness and is perpetuating itself. By consuming local, seasonal, and organic, you have been reclaiming your consciousness from inferior energies and restoring your body's natural intelligence! Your body is thanking you...

**EVOLUTION** - Auroville has as one of its main ideals - to manifest the divine consciousness here on Earth. Our human bodies and minds are just instruments that are used by the highest power, but also by the ego and inferior energies. If we look at all the people in history that have fully manifested the divine consciousness in their being (who are considered 'enlightened') we will see that they have a certain level of purity in body and mind. Think about it this way - before you invited God into your house, wouldn't you clean it up a bit?

However, our bodies and minds today carry high levels of toxicity. How do we accumulate this toxicity? Through disharmonious thought and action, and also - through what we breathe, eat, drink, and apply on our body. The mind, and all the 5 senses are involved! It's a complex and intense world and we can't control everything that happens around us, but at least we can try our best to support processes that we know are local, organic, and eco-friendly - for our health, the environment, the economy of Auroville, and the evolution towards a super-conscious race.

WOW! Did you know that you made all these contributions every time you made that consumption choice? You are more powerful than you realize. Don't lose hope, and keep up the good work :)

*Love and light, G Vig*

# For your calendar



## AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

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

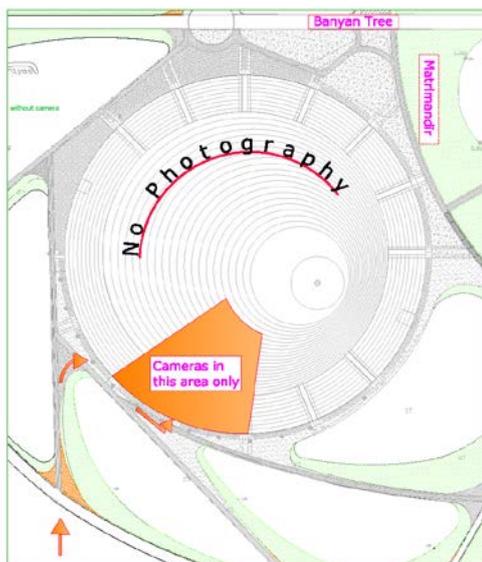
Timing still from 6 pm to 6.30 pm

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*



## Meditation on Sri Aurobindo's Birthday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2014 At the Amphitheatre, Matrimandir

There will be a collective meditation with Dawnfire on 15<sup>th</sup> August at the Amphitheatre, Matrimandir.

The fire will be lit at 5.00 am.

Entrance from 2nd Banyan gate only. Gate opens at 4.15 am.

All are requested to come early and be seated by 4.45 am.

Please remember to bring along a torch light and leave your pets and cell phones at home.

Those with camera are requested to take their seat on the southern side of the Amphitheatre, at 'the PHOTO SPOT' as specified on the map. Photography without flash please.

Access will be limited to the Amphitheatre and up to 7 am only.

A special request to all to help us create and maintain an atmosphere of silence and concentration.

Visitors are requested to either carry their Aurocard or collect personally free tokens available at the Visitors Centre (upstairs) on:  
13th and 14th August between 3 pm and 5 pm.

*Bonne Fete and see you there!*

### Moment of Silence

Mother first mentions: "Auroville, the township for those who want to prepare for a new life"  
50 years ago on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1964

**Invitation to a moment of silence on 14<sup>th</sup> of August at 7 am. at the Banyan tree, Matrimandir**

On the occasion of Sri Aurobindo's Birthday

After the bonfire, a light breakfast will be served on August 15th at the Town Hall at 7.00 am.

All are welcome.

**INVITATIONS**



## Auroville Design Consultants and Auroville Bamboo Centre

Invites 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 18 September. His recent activity includes 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.

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### Dustudio

Dear Friends and Aurovillians,

In more than one way, you have been an inspiration, guide or a co-traveler in our evolution as an architectural design studio in Auroville. At this threshold of our journey, with joy and a sense of fulfillment, we happily invite you to join us for celebrations, this 15<sup>th</sup> of August, as we invoke new energy and inaugurate our much awaited studio space- **Dustudio, at Swayam**, with the community of Auroville.

It would be a pleasure to share, brainstorm & rejuvenate ideas with you in the new space that awaits your blessings and positive energies that would take Dustudio to the next stage of its evolution as a collaborative practice, committed to the ideals of Auroville.

**Invocation and Inauguration: 4:30 to 7:00 pm on Friday the 15th of August, 2014**

We do hope that you will join at this stage of our journey, to inspire, support and encourage us with your presence and experience.

Warmly,  
Team Dustudio & Team BuildAur

Kala Kendra - Bharat Nivas Presents

### Creative expressions from Auroville

Book launch and artists interaction

4.30 pm, Friday, 8th of August  
At Kala Kendra

All are welcome

### Sunday activity at Repos

Nice Morning

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

Musical Evening

Shri Sangra Paranan (aurovillian artist): South Indian classical vocal (Karnatic music)  
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.

This week speciality at Nice Kitchen: Wraps and Baguettes ( Enjoy a succulent pan fried wrap filled with a variety of tantalising salad and fillings. Or Baguette a continental bread roll, loaded with salad and smothered with a verity of topping Available for take away or to enjoy at our restaurant

Available in weekend: Acupuncture Dr.Mohamed Sahel Ansari - For appointment contact: 97870 99955  
Available everyday: Tanto Pizza

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

Repos Beach Management Team - Contact: 9787099955  
In Collaboration with MultiDimension wish you a wonderful weekend!

Announcement: Looking for Full-time volunteer (male) at Repos beach and part time (Male/Female) food and accommodation provided. For more information contact: Call: 97870 99955 or Email: [Reposbeachmanagement@auroville.org.in](mailto:Reposbeachmanagement@auroville.org.in)

**EXHIBITIONS**

## ONE ASIA 2014 in Taipei and A Special Exhibition Preview

**ONE ASIA 2014 TAIPEI**  
Special Preview: Miniature Painting Exhibition  
**Mahaveer Swami** From Bikaner, Rajasthan, India  
15th and 16th August 2014

Opening hours  
- Morning:  
From 10 am to 12 noon  
- Afternoon:  
From 3pm to 5pm

at  
Jyoti & Isha's residence  
Swayam, Auroville  
(next to Luminosity/Prayatna)  
Mobile: 9489887192

Do you remember ONE ASIA 2010 in Auroville -the Auroville Asian Cultural Month- which took place during February with the programs of performing arts, visual arts, Asian tea ceremonies and dinner evenings?

After that we held a successful ONE ASIA 2012 in Delhi at the India International Centre and the Sri Aurobindo Ashram Delhi Branch.

Now we are happy to announce ONE ASIA 2014 in Taipei which will take place from the 25th of October to the 5th of November. Some Auroville artists and staff will go to Taiwan along with other visual and performing artists from all over Asia. This time we collaborate with one of the National Universities in Taiwan and some other cultural institutes are joining this event. Of course some past participants to ONE ASIA program will also join.

For this occasion we would like to invite Aurovilians to a two day special preview of the miniature painting works by our friend master painter Mahaveer Swami from Bikaner, Rajasthan. It will be held at Jyoti & Isha's

residence in Swayam community.

After the preview all his works will be sent to Taiwan for the exhibition during ONE ASIA 2014 in Taipei. The programs will be seen on our website: [www.oneasiaproject.org](http://www.oneasiaproject.org)

Now we are going to launch a Crowd funding campaign through IndiGoGo on the 15th of August. So far we have reached almost half of the minimum required budget. Total amount to be raised is Rs 17,13,350.

If you are willing to help for this event to manifest please transfer your donation to our FS account #251646 or to Auroville Donation Gateway [www.auroville.com/donations](http://www.auroville.com/donations) - Please specify: "ONE ASIA project".

Your support is precious. Unity of Asia was one of the Five dreams of Sri Aurobindo. Art & Culture are two great means to go beyond the boundaries. We wish to contribute our work to help to realise this great dream of ONE WORLD. We appreciate your support.

*Jyoti Swayam for the ONE ASIA project -9489887192*

### TALKS, SEMINARS

#### CANCELLED

The Dr. M.V. Nadkarni Memorial Lecture to be given at Savitri Bhavan on August 13, 2014, 4-5 pm

By Dr. Prema Nandakumar  
Has regretfully been cancelled

### CULTURAL EVENTS

## Green Festival and Garden Party at Ganesh Garden!

On Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 10 pm

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, Rio and many more!

Join us with all your family in our garden for a day full of events (fusion dance, magician and puppets show, stand-up comedy, live music, etc.) and poetry!

*The venue is in Kuylapalyam: Just behind Shakti Community and the Language Lab. Few hundred meters after NESS School, in the same street as Athvika Guesthouse. On Auroville Main road, towards the ECR, turn right just after a temple, follow the "Purple" board and a yellow board saying "Athvika Guesthouse". Pass the guesthouse, the house is on the right, just after a small turn on the left.*

More information on our Facebook event: [www.facebook.com/taklamakancouture](http://www.facebook.com/taklamakancouture) / Contact details: Catherine 9597203061"

#### Reminder: Musical dialogue

On Tuesday 12th August 2014

Venue: Unity Pavilion

Time: 7.30 p.m.

Presented & led by visiting guest artists: Jan.V. Vanek- guitar

Estelle Koluda- violin

All music practitioners: Instrument and voice are welcome to join in- improvise, find the harmony and Joy. Listeners and music lovers are welcome to attend.

For information: Francis Malan tel: 7598146288

Support bodies: French Pavilion & Kalakhaj

#### MUSIC CONCERT AT ARKA

Sri Aurobindo's Birthday Concert

**On Friday August 15th, 2014 [5 - 6.00 pm (sharp)]**

With Australia's leading sacred music duo Kim Cunio and Heather Lee  
Also come to celebrate Indian Independence Day

Kim and Heather bring the combination of scholastic excellence and transformative spiritual practice together. They have played at the White House and United Nations, played around the world, been commissioned for the Olympic Games, and taught for years in the Conservatoires of Australia. The concert will include their commissioned setting of the Dead Sea Scrolls, music of the first woman composer Hildegard of Bingen, part of Chapter 9 of the Gita in Sanskrit and the music of Tagore on the Centenary of his Nobel Prize.  
*They will be joined by Babu on tabla.*

**Venue: Arka multihall**

## **"TOUT VA DE TRAVERS"**

**Performing at Svedame on 16th of August 2014**

**7:00 pm: Dinner - world food**

**8:00 pm: Cedric Verdure - Comic (Extract from his One Indian show)**

**8:30 pm: CONCERT: Juliette Katz Singer and Ben Benoliel Guitarist**

Juliette Katz known is a romantic woman, yet blunt, sentimental yet deep.

With her slightly hoarse voice, like a soul diva, she explores music with the same mix of frivolity and engagement, confidence and candour. She gave her first concert in Pondicherry and since then has had the desire to come back

Her wish is about to come true as she will perform her first album "Tout va de travers" with the guitarist Ben Benoliel

**10:00 pm: Music and Dance - DJ: Manu and Jessy**

## **CLASSES, WORKSHOPS**



### **Mudra Chi**

Mother's Mudras in a Tai Chi Form.

Every Tuesday at 4.45 pm at Savitri Bhavan .

*Facilitator Anandi*

*"You join the world  
when you are not  
opposing it"*

### **Locally grown vegetables - Session 2**

The first session held on 2nd of August described the properties and ways of using Banana Stem, in its raw form.

The second session will discuss in detail how to use Banana Stem, in its cooked form.

**It will be held on 16th of August 2014 (Saturday) at 10.30 am, at Life Education Centre, opposite Isaiambalam School.**

For those of you interested in having recipe notes, we will make them available for you.

The aim of these classes is to make you confident enough to prepare by yourself for your consumption at home. Allowing us to become aware of and using locally grown vegetables, the optimal use of mild spices and oil with good cooking techniques, will enhance the taste and savour, besides helping in avoiding spending money on expensive non-seasonal vegetables.

Looking forward to see you there on 16th August, where we will see, learn, do and ask questions!

*Life Education Centre team*

### **FLAMENCO IN CRIPA EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**From 4 to 5.30 pm. Starting 13th of August.**

We will practice the flamenco position and attitude for dancing, the movements of hands, arms, body, legs and feet.

We will listen to flamenco music to understand the roots of this dance. We will create a flamenco choreography.

Come and enjoy with us. *Flamenco team.*

### **SOMATIC MOVEMENT WITH MAGGIE**

**Saturday 23 - Sunday 24 August 2014 (2 days)**

**Timings: 9.30 AM - 4.30 PM (10 hours)**

**Participants: max. 20**

**Bookings: Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)**  
A 2-day neuro-muscular re-education (mind-body training) workshop in the tradition of Thomas Hanna.

Somatics is a system of slow mindful movements. It is a gentle, easy and effective way to help manage chronic and acute pain. Other benefits include more ease in the body, better posture and deep relaxation. You will learn a daily practice in order to maintain better flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance - resulting in a decrease of aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging.

The workshop is open to all as anyone can benefit from less stress and more ease and comfort in the body and mind.

Facilitated by Maggie, a qualified professional trained at the International Institute of Somatic Movement Education, UK.

### **WATSU® & LIQUID FLOW BASIC WITH DARIYA & DANIEL**

**Wednesday 27 August - Monday 1 September 2014 (afternoons only!)**

**Timings: 1.30 - 6.00 PM (27 hours)**

**Bookings: Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)**  
Watsu & Liquid Flow are aquatic bodywork modalities given in a warm water pool. Watsu Basic introduces movements and body mechanics to work with someone on the surface; Liquid Flow Basic offers a unique under water experience (with a nose clip).

During this course, you will learn basic techniques and qualities of being and moving another person in water. You will experience floating people and being floated, on the surface and under water, creating a space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit. You may also discover that this kind of bodywork is something you would like to further explore, in which case this course serves as a perfect precursor to Liquid Flow Essence, Watsu 1, Oceanic Bodywork Aqua 1 (OBA 1), or WaterDance 1.

No previous experience is required. Watsu Basic (16 hours) is recognized by WABA (Worldwide Aquatic Bodywork Association) as part of the Watsu learning program. Liquid Flow Basic (11 hours) is part of the Watsu India learning program and recognized as a supplemental class with WABA.

## “CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS”

Every week-end, Reiki and Reflexology Massage By Jannaka at Arka  
Individual course in 3 sessions also on week-days by appointment

**REIKI COURSE** activates your hands to be connected with the Cosmic Energy which cures physical diseases and the emotional conflicts through the contact. It teaches to practice self-treatment and session to other people.

**Very important: Reiki is not a personal power but just an opportunity to channel the Healing Energy in one's own Center, as in Meditation!**

**REFLEXOLOGY MASSAGE** heals organic dysfunctions and their psycho-somatic causes, not only through the massage on the reflex map of the foot but also with pressure on “marma points” in the legs and arms.

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

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

## DANCETHERAPY 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 9<sup>TH</sup>, the 16<sup>TH</sup> and the 23<sup>RD</sup>** 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 actually in Buenos Aires. She has found a new way to educate the body to a deeper awareness. She was a Dancer that 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, color 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 9:00 to 12:00 am or e-mail : chitarrilli@gmail.com

## INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

**13th 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: 'Self-Realization'**

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

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

Led by Ashesh Joshi. Contact: 9489147202, 2622922

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

All are welcome

For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit [www.integralyoga-auroville.com](http://www.integralyoga-auroville.com)

## NEW YOGA CLASSES IN ARKA

Shri Ankur Kumar, an experienced Yoga teacher from Sivananda Divine Life Society Rishikesh - India, who has been teaching in Fanling Yoga Centre, Shanghai, China is in ARKA, Auroville.

He has some expertise in Hatya, Pranayama, Mudra, Bandha, Kriyas Chakra, Raja, Kundalini, Asthanga and Yoga Asana with Spiritual Chanting that can help to cure Asthma, Diabetes, High Blood pressure, Low Blood pressure, Obesity & Navel displacement.

Contact: ARKA, Auroville, Ph.: 09159834055 & 2623799

## ACROYOGA RETREAT

AcroYoga is a practice that blends yoga and acrobatics to provide physical and mental health benefits. Damien and Mark will facilitate a 2-day Retreat, 9 am to 5 pm on both days, along with Awareness through the Body sessions during the day (with Amir). This is Level 1 of the Retreat and no previous experience in yoga, AcroYoga or acrobatics is necessary. Tea, snacks and lunch will be provided. You can bring your own yoga mats, or use the ones we have. Dates: August 15th and 16th (Friday and Saturday). Participation by registration only. Call 9843948288 or email [info@aurovilleretreat.org](mailto:info@aurovilleretreat.org) to register.

## **S C H E D U L E S**

### VERITE WORKSHOP

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

### CONSCIOUSNESS AS MEDICINE with Dr. Yogesh Mohan

**Saturday, August 16 from 9 am to 12:30 pm (by registration)**

A consciousness approach to deal with stress, common health problems and diseases. Recent research and experiential knowledge of my patients' healing journeys have shown that a higher consciousness heals beyond what is written in medical texts. Join to learn my practitioner's perspective on inner healing, developed over more than 20 years of inner work.

DR YOGESH MOHAN, MD (JIPMER), PGPM (ISB). Founder, Consciousness as Medicine, Professor and Head Medical Education, Saveetha Medical College, Ex Head Integrative Medicine Apollo Chennai, Ex WHO Consultant, Visiting Faculty Sri Aurobindo International Institute for Integral Health and Research.



## Programme for August 2014

## Y o g a - I y e n g a r

Āsanas	beginners (regular students)	Mon	07.30 - 09.00	Tatiana
Āsanas (*)	intermediate (regular students)	Mon	17.00 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsanas	drop in all levels	Tues	11.00 - 12.00	Angela
Āsanas	beginners(regular students)	Tues	15.30 - 17.00	Angela
Pranayama	regular students	Tues	17.00 - 18.30	Tatiana
Āsanas	All levels in Russian( start in Sep.14 )	Tues	18.30 - 20.00	Tatiana
Āsanas for women	drop in all levels	Wed	07.30 - 09.00	Angela
Āsanas(*)	advanced (regular students)	Wed	17.00 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsanas for women (*)	intermediate (regular students)	Thurs	07.30 - 09.15	Tatiana
Āsanas	Restorative all levels	Thurs	15.30 - 16.30	Angela
Āsanas	beginners(regular students)	Thurs	17.00 - 18.30	Tatiana
Āsanas for the spine	all levels	Fri	07.30 - 09.00	Tatiana
Āsanas	intermediate (regular students)	Fri	17.00 - 18.45	Angela
Āsana- open practice (*)	intermediate (regular students)	Sat	07.30 - 09.30	Tatiana
Āsana	drop in all levels	Sat	10.30 - 11.30	Tatiana
Āsanas for the spine	drop in all levels	Sat	16.30 - 18.00	Angela

(\*) = Open to Aurovilian & Newcomers only

## Y o g a - m i x e d s t y l e s

Āsanas (*)	for teenagers	Mon, Wed	16.00 - 17.00	Natascha
Yoga Therapy	all levels	Mon, Wed, Fri	08.30 - 10.00	Gala
Āsanas	for children 7-9 yrs.	Sat	10.00 - 11.00	Gala
Yoga in Tamil (*)	all levels	Sat	16.00 - 17.00	Muthu

## O t h e r E x e r c i s e s

Pilates all levels	Tues	07.45 - 08.45	Teresa	
Pilates all levels	Wed/Fri	17.30 - 18.30	Teresa	
Discover energy body	children, 7-9 yrs.	Sat	11.00 - 12.00	Gala

## D a n c e

Odissa Dance (*)	Regular practitioners	Tue	16.00 - 17.30pm	Kanchana
Odissa Dance	beginners	Wed	15.30 - 17.00pm	Kanchana
Odissa Dance (*)	Regular practitioners	Fri	15.30 - 16.30pm	Rekha

(\*) = Open to regular practitioners only

## M a r t i a l A r t s

Aikido	all levels	Tue/Thurs	06.00 - 07.30	Surya
Aikido	beginners	Tue	18.00 - 19.00	Surya
Aikido	beginners	Sat	06.00 - 07.30	Surya/Cristo

The timings of Children classes are not mentioned here. Contact Cristo 2622356, email: [cristo@gmx.fr](mailto:cristo@gmx.fr)

## W o r k s h o p

Kaya Bodha with Hans Tues, Wed, Thursday 12, 13, 14 august 10.00-12.00 am and tuesday 12 august 7.00-8.30 am  
Anirveda: posture and confidence in self-defence with Hans Tues, Wed, Thursday 12, 13, 14 august 16.00-18.00

## H e a l t h C a r e a t P i t a n g a

Homeopathy & Bach Flower Remedy, Marika Mon, Fri: 09.00 - 12.00 Tue, Thurs: 15.00 - 17.00

**For the following therapies & treatments please book your appointment on phone, 2622403/2622994**

Ayurvedic Oli Massage with Teresa, Cranio Sacral Therapy with Elena, Energetic Therapy and life Coaching with Vani, Facial Treatment with Svetlana, Lomi Lomi oil massage with Ann, Reiki with Betty, Reflexology with Pircilla, Releasing through Awareness - with Rosa, Thai Yoga Massage - with Juan and Teresa

Homeopathy & Bach Flower Remedy Service has resumed at Pitanga with Marika and Isha available from Mon, Fri: 09.00 - 12.00 and Tue, Thurs: 15.00 - 17.00

Pitanga - Cultural Centre, Samasti Community.  
Open Monday - Saturday 8.00 - 12.30 and 14.00 - 18.00  
(0413) 262 2403 - [pitanga@auroville.org.in](mailto:pitanga@auroville.org.in)

## F I L M S



C I N E M A - S R I A U R O B I N D O A U D I T O R I U M - B H A R A T  
N I V A S

**NO FILM SHOW ON FRIDAY 15 AUGUST**  
Happy Birthday to all! See you next Friday...Aurofilm



**"The Eco Film Club**

Sadhana Forest, August

15,  
18

## Friday at 7 pm

### DISCOVERY OF INDIA

Bharat Mata Ki Jai, the Beginnings

Documentary (Historical Drama) - 80 minutes, 1988. Directed by Shyam Benegal. Hindi w/subtitles in English

Coinciding with the Independence Day of India, we're showing the first two episodes of the series "Discovery of India" based on the book by Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru. The first episode begins with the story of India starting from the ancient civilizations in the valley of the River Sindhu (Indus), which has lent its name to India and Hindu. To Nehru, there is something unique about the continuity of a cultural tradition that spans 5000 years of an unbroken history. It goes on to examine the question of what defines the idea of India with its vastness and diversity, its rivers and seas, with her richness of life and its renunciation, of growth and decay, of birth and death.

It takes us through the caves of Ajanta that tell us about India's culture, the forts of Agra and Delhi where the stories from India's past emerge and through Saranath, near Varanasi, where one could almost hear the Buddha's first sermon.

The second episode looks at the people of the Indus Valley and its cities to see the link between modern India and the birth of a civilization around the ancient cities of Mohenjo Daro and Harappa five millennia ago. How did that India connect to other ancient civilizations of Persia, Mesopotamia and Egypt? Who were the Indus people and where did they come from? What could be the possibilities to fill in the many gaps in this 5000-year-old story?

Slowly, we see the long panorama of India's history unfolding itself before us with its ups and downs, its triumphs and tragedies from the perspective of the man who was the first prime minister of India.

Before the movie at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work!

After the film you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!!

Free bus service to the TOUR OF SADHANA FOREST and the ECO FILM CLUB

DEPARTURE SOLAR KITCHEN: 16:00 and RETURN FROM SADHANA FOREST: 21:30

Free bus service to the ECO FILM CLUB

DEPARTURE SOLAR KITCHEN: 18:00 and RETURN FROM SADHANA FOREST: 21:30

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at 2677682 or 2677683 or [sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in](mailto:sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in)

## Visitors' Center Movie Show

### Friday 8th August 8 pm

#### CAPTAIN PHILIPS (2013)

Genre: Drama/Biography/Thriller

Dur: 2hr 14min / Rated:PG13

Dir:Paul Greengrass / Cast: Tom Hanks,Barkhad Abdi and Barkhad Abdirahman

Storyline: Based on a true story. The film focuses on the relationship between the Alabama's commanding officer, Captain Richard Phillips (two time Academy Award®-winner Tom Hanks), and the Somali pirate captain, Muse (Barkhad Abdi), who takes him hostage. Phillips and Muse are set on an unstoppable collision course when Muse and his crew target Phillips' unarmed ship; in the ensuing standoff, 145 miles off the Somali coast, both men will find themselves at the mercy of forces beyond their control.

### Saturday 9th August 8 pm

#### PARANOIA (2013)

Genre: Drama/Thriller

Dur: 1hr 46min / Rated:PG13

Dir: Robert Luketic / Cast:Liam Hemsworth,Gary Oldman and Harrison Ford

Storyline: The high stakes thriller Paranoia takes us deep behind the scenes of global success to a deadly world of greed and deception. The two most powerful tech-billionaires in the world ([Harrison Ford](#) and [Gary Oldman](#)) are bitter rivals with a complicated past who will stop at nothing to destroy each other. A young superstar ([Liam Hemsworth](#)), seduced by unlimited wealth and power falls between them, and becomes trapped in the middle of the twists and turns of their life-and-death game of corporate espionage. By the time he realizes his life is in danger, he is in far too deep and knows far too much for them to let him walk away.

## The French Pavilion presents

"We found the water memory"

Documentary in French of 52 MN

Directed by Christian and Laurent Lichtenstein

Film shown on French TV: France 5 in 2014



On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 5.00 pm.

Cinema Paradiso, Town-Hall

With the presence of Bhagwandas, water researcher & executive of Aquadyn.

"The day we accept that the waves can change, we can act and be treated by the waves. This is a new field of medicine that scares the pharmaceutical industry," says Luc Montagnier.

Deceased in 2004, Jacques Benveniste, a researcher at Inserm, had been the centre of a worldwide controversy with his thesis on the memory of water. Applying this theory to his own research, the Nobel Prize in medicine Luc Montagnier made a surprising finding that may cause a revolution in the medical field...

The origin of life on Earth, water is essential to the survival of the species. In the 1980s, a doctor renowned immunologist, Jacques Benveniste, claimed to have discovered that water was able to retain the properties of the molecules with which it was in contact, even when they were not present any more. An astonishing theory that became the subject of considerable controversy. Quickly, the validity of his work was questioned and Benveniste rejected by the scientific community. But out of curiosity, Luc Montagnier, Nobel Prize in Medicine for the discovery of the HIV, renewed his search. From the first experience on the blood plasma of infected AIDS patients, he detected electromagnetic waves - "It was a real surprise. I did not expect it and I was fascinated by this phenomenon," recalls the doctor virologist who immediately thought about medical applications. To highlight the amazing properties of water discovered by the man he considers "the Galileo of the twentieth century", Luc Montagnier decided to lift the veil on his ongoing research and proposed to carry out, on camera, a surprising experience: The transduction of DNA.



# Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film programme 11 August 2014 to 17 August 2014

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

**Indian - Monday 11 August, 8.00 pm:**

**MARIYAAN**

India-Namibia, 2013, Writer-Dir. Ganapathy Bharat w/ Dhanush, Parvathi Menon, Salim Kumar, and others, Drama-Thriller, 150 min, Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated: G (U) Mariyaan is an aggressive fisherman who is attracted to the feisty Panimalar who is also crazy about him. But Theekkurissi, a local moneylender, sets his eye on Pani and wants to marry her in return for the huge loan that her father had taken. To get Pani, Mariyaan decides to go and work in Sudan as a construction worker for two years. But on the day of his return, he along with his co-workers is abducted and held for ransom. Can Mariyaan escape?

**Italian - Tuesday 12 August, 8:00 pm:**

**LA MIA CLASSE (My Class)**

Italy, 2013, Dir. Daniele Gaglianone w/ Valerio Mastandrea, Docudrama, 92 min, Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: G An actor plays a teacher holding Italian classes attended by a group of immigrants who play themselves. They are working in Italy and need to learn Italian to get their papers, become integrated, and make a living. Since they come from a variety of countries, each brings his or her own world into the classroom. During the shooting, however, something happens, and reality takes over: when the director shouts "Cut!" the whole cast invades the set. Now they all become actors in the same true story, all in one "true fiction" film!

**Cultural - Wednesday 13 August, 8.00 pm:**

**CARMEN FLAMENCO**

Germany: 2003, Dir. Thorsten Simon w/ Helena Martin, Francisco Guerrero and others, 130 min, filmed live in Hamburg, Spanish, no subtitles needed /N R The Ballet Theatre Español presents Rafael Aguilar's unique dance theatre production, *Carmen Flamenco*. Based on the story and music of Bizet's masterpiece *Carmen*, Spanish choreographer Rafael Aguilar has created a fascinating dance drama that fuses the expressionism of modern ballet with traditional Spanish dance with subliminal dance scenes and sensual choreography. Using these elements in *Carmen Flamenco*, Aguilar has created an amazing performance enthusiastically acclaimed all over Europe and Japan.

**Spanish - Thursday 14 August, 8:00 pm:**

**ARRUGAS (Wrinkles)**

Spain, 2011, Dir. Ignacio Ferreras, w/ Tacho González, Álvaro Guevara & Mabel Rivera, Animation/Drama, 89 min, Spanish w/ English subtitles. Rated: NR A cocktail of friendship, resistance and life set amongst the landscape of an elderly care facility.

**International - Saturday 16 August, 8:00 pm:**

**Cosmopolis**

Canada, 2012, Dir. David Cronenberg w/ Robert Pattinson, Juliette Binoche, Sarah Gadon and others, Drama, 109 min, English, NR

Riding across Manhattan in a stretch limo in order to get a haircut, a 28-year-old billionaire asset manager's day devolves into an odyssey with a cast of characters that start to tear his world apart.

**Children's Film - Sunday 17 August, 4:30 pm:**

**THE SECRET WORLD OF ARRIETTY**

Japan, 2010, Dir. Hiromasa Yonebayashi, w/ Bridgit Mendler, Amy Poehler, Will Arnett, 94 min, Animation-Adventure-Family, English, Rated: G

14-year-old Arrietty and the rest of the Clock family live in peaceful anonymity as they make their own home from items that they borrow from the house's human inhabitants. However, life changes for the Clocks when a human boy discovers Arrietty.

**John Cassavetes Film Festival @ CINECLUB**

America's first truly independent filmmaker, Cassavetes is an iconoclastic maverick whose movies challenged the assumptions of the cinematic form. He was obsessed with bringing *small feelings* to the screen that he believed were suppressed by the American society at large. Cassavetes' work favored character examination over traditional narrative storytelling to explore the realities of the human condition. A pioneer of self-financing and self-distribution, he led the way for filmmakers to break free of Hollywood control.

**Ciné-Club - Sunday 17 August, 8:00 pm:**

**A CONSTANT FORGE**

USA, 2000, Dir. Charles Kaiselyak w/ Seymoure Cassel, Carole Kane, and others, 200 min, Documentary-Biography, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

It is a long look at John Cassavetes's films and life. It is composed of Cassavetes's words spoken by an off-screen narrator, clips from his films, photos and clips of him on and off the set, and family, friends, and colleagues talking about his films and what it was like to work with him. The movie explores his focus on emotion, the way he drew out actors, his collaborative process, his energy and joie de vivre: how adults behave, interact, and seek love rather than how a plot works out.

**MMC/CP: change of film for the 9th of August**

**International - SATURDAY 9 August, 8:00 PM**

**LOOPER**

USA, China, 2012, Dir. Rian Johnson w/ Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Bruce Willis, Emily Blunt and others, Science Fiction, 119 min, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

In 2074, when the mob wants to get rid of someone, the target is sent into the past, where a hired gun awaits - someone like Joe - who one day learns the mob wants to 'close the loop' by sending back Joe's future self for assassination.

**We'll publish the Essentials services only next week due to heavy News this week**

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

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**The ACRES FOR AUROVILLE land fundraiser  
Phase 1: the Matrimandir & International Zone areas**

The City of Dawn will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its inauguration in 2018, and the **Acres for Auroville** land campaign intends to mark the occasion! We're planning a beautiful birthday gift for Auroville - securing and consolidating the lands the Mother envisioned for the City of Dawn. And we invite you to join us!

So much has been achieved - the miracle of a universal township of 49 nationalities aspiring to human unity and spiritual living, a green zone arising from an eroded plateau, a center of environment-friendly material innovation, a cultural effervescence of East and West, a pioneering example within Sri Aurobindo's vision of modern India's role and destiny.

**Acres for Auroville** aims at a step-by-step acquisition of missing Auroville land. **Phase 1** is dedicated to securing two vital zones -- the Peace area around the Matrimandir, which the Mother wanted to be protected, and the International Zone, which she designated as a point for materializing human unity. Ten percent of the land in these core areas at Auroville's heart remain to be acquired. Pondicherry's boom has increased land values, a trend for the future. Auroville's cultural wealth makes the unsecured plots a target of choice for speculators and outside developers.

*Acres for Auroville* is a joint effort between **Auroville International** and **Lands for Auroville Unified-LFAU**, which is the fundraising arm of Auroville's Land Consolidation Committee (LCC). In cooperation with the LCC and Auroville Financial Services, a dedicated account has been set up with a corresponding button on the Auroville Donation Gateway. Donations held in the **Acres for Auroville** account will be aimed at land plots in the City area, in proximity to the Matrimandir area as well as in and around the International Zone.

The campaign kicks off on the auspicious date of **August 15<sup>th</sup>**, and will be re-launched every three months - November 24<sup>th</sup>, February 21<sup>st</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, April 24<sup>th</sup> -- corresponding to significant dates in the lives of Sri Aurobindo & the Mother, and of Auroville -- the Mother's dream.

Through the **COLAAP** website (**Collaboration for Auroville Area Protection**) donors will be able to track the use of their contributions. A Success Barometer, in the form of the **Mother's Symbol**, will show our collective success as plots of land available for purchase are secured. Donors will receive a Certificate of Contribution testifying to their loyal support for Auroville, as well as a packet of Auroville's red earth, a material link to the City of Dawn.

Sri Aurobindo and the Mother's vision and action gave us the gift of Auroville. Together, let's give a gift back in return! This year's **Acres for Auroville-Phase 1** aims at building one essential part of the gift -- working for the consolidation of Auroville's heart and center. We invite all of Auroville's friends and wellwishers, believers in Humanity's future, and in the Mother's dream to join us for this memorable action! Let's start building our gift now!

# The ACRES FOR AUROVILLE land fundraiser

Securing and protecting the Matrimandir & International Zone areas



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*"The City envisaged by the Mother is under serious threat from speculative developers..."*

*"If we do not get the land, we will not be able to build the city"*

*Dr. Karan Singh, Chairman of the Auroville Foundation*

Everyone's support is **urgently needed** to acquire the missing lands for **protecting the consecrated Matrimandir area**, and for developing the **International Zone as a center of human unity**, as the Mother envisaged.

**Each acre of unsecured land is in peril! Each year is another year of danger! How can we allow this risk to continue at the heart of Auroville**, the risk that vital land in Auroville's center could be lost forever to outside developers?

Let's secure the land the Mother wanted for the City of Dawn!

**Auroville's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday is coming in 2018, so let's start building our gift now.** When the campaign kicks off on August 15th, join us in this urgent action!

Organized by Auroville International & Lands for Auroville Unified - LFAU

## HOW TO SEND YOUR DONATION

- **Through the** Auroville Donation Gateway [www.auroville.com/donations/](http://www.auroville.com/donations/)
- **By check payable to the "Auroville Unity Fund" specifying "Donation for the Acres for Auroville campaign" at Auroville Unity Fund, Town Hall, 605101 Auroville, TN, India**
- **By direct bank transfer to: Auroville Unity Fund, State Bank of India – Auroville Township**
  - **For donations from outside India:**  
Branch Code – SBIN0003160/Swift Code – SBININBB474 / Account # 10237876508
  - **For donations from within India for ordinary receipts or for 50% tax-exempt receipts:**  
IFS Code – SBIN0003160 / Account # 10237876031
  - **For donations from within India for 100% tax-exempt receipts:**  
IFS Code – SBIN0003160 / Account # 10237876042

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