

News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

The whole principle of this yoga is to give oneself entirely to the Divine alone and to nobody and nothing else, and to bring down into ourselves by union with the Divine Mother-Power all the transcendent light, force, wideness, peace, purity, truth-consciousness and Ananda of the supramental Divine. In this yoga, therefore, there can be no place for vital relations or interchanges with others; any such relation or interchange immediately ties down the soul to the lower consciousness and its lower nature, prevents the true and full union with the Divine and hampers both the ascent to the supramental Truth-consciousness and the descent of the supramental Ishwari Shakti. Still worse would it be if this interchange took the form of a sexual relation or a sexual enjoyment, even if kept free from any outward act; therefore these things are absolutely forbidden in the sadhana. It goes without saying that any physical act of the kind is not allowed; but also any subtler form is ruled out. It is only after becoming one with the supramental Divine that we can find our true spiritual relations with others in the Divine; in that higher unity this kind of gross lower vital movement can have no place.

To master the sex-impulse, - to become so much master of the sex-centre that the sexual energy would be drawn upwards, not thrown outwards and wasted - it is so indeed that the force in the seed can be turned into a primal physical energy supporting all the others, *retas* into *ojas*. But no error can be more perilous than to accept the immixture of the sexual desire and some kind of subtle satisfaction of it and look on this as a part of the sadhana. It would be the most effective way to head straight towards spiritual downfall and throw into the atmosphere forces that would block the supramental descent, bringing instead the descent of adverse vital powers to disseminate disturbance and disaster. This deviation must be absolutely thrown away, should it try to occur and expunged from the consciousness, if the Truth is to be brought down and the work is to be done.

It is an error too to imagine that, although the physical sexual action is to be abandoned, yet some inward reproduction of it is part of the transformation of the sex-centre. The action of the animal sex-energy in Nature is a device for a particular purpose in the economy of the material creation in the Ignorance. But the vital excitement that accompanies it makes the most favourable opportunity and vibration in the atmosphere for the inrush of those very vital forces and beings whose whole business is to prevent the descent of the supramental Light. The pleasure attached to it is a degradation and not a true form of the divine Ananda. The true divine Ananda in the physical has a different quality and movement and substance; self-existent in its essence, its manifestation is dependent only on an inner union with the Divine. You have spoken of Divine Love; but Divine Love, when it touches the physical, does not awaken the gross lower vital propensities; indulgence of them would only repel it and make it withdraw again to the heights from which it is already difficult enough to draw it down into the coarseness of the material creation which it alone can transform. Seek the Divine Love through the only gate through which it will consent to enter, the gate of the psychic being, and cast away the lower vital error.

The transformation of the sex-centre and its energy is needed for the physical siddhi; for this is the support in the body of all the mental, vital and physical forces of the nature. It has to be changed into a mass and a movement of intimate Light, creative Power, pure divine Ananda. It is only the bringing down of the supramental Light, Power and Bliss into the centre that can change it. As to the working afterwards, it is the supramental Truth and the creative vision and will of the Divine Mother that will determine it. But it will be a working of the conscious Truth, not of the Darkness and Ignorance to which sexual desire and enjoyment belong; it will be a power of preservation and free desireless radiation of the life-forces and not of their throwing out and waste. Avoid the imagination that the supramental life will be only a heightened satisfaction of the desires of the vital and the body; nothing can be a greater obstacle to the Truth in its descent than this hope of glorification of the animal in the human nature. Mind wants the supramental state to be a confirmation of its own cherished ideas and preconceptions; the vital wants it to be a glorification of its own desires; the physical wants it to be a rich prolongation of its own comforts and pleasures and habits. If it were to be that, it would be only an exaggerated and highly magnified consummation of the animal and the human nature, not a transition from the human into the Divine.

It is dangerous to think of giving up "all barrier of discrimination and defence against what is trying to descend" upon you. Have you thought what this would mean if what is descending is something not in consonance with the divine Truth, perhaps even adverse? An adverse Power would ask no better condition for getting control over the seeker. It is only the Mother's force and the divine Truth that one should admit without barriers. And even there one must keep the power of discernment in order to detect anything false that comes masquerading as the Mother's force and the divine Truth, and keep too the power of rejection that will throw away all mixture. Keep faith in your spiritual destiny, draw back from error and open more the psychic being to the direct guidance of the Mother's light and power. If the central will is sincere, each recognition of a mistake can become a stepping-stone to a truer movement and a higher progress.

SABCL, vol. 24, Letters on Yoga, Section IV:
Transformation of the Physical, pp. 1506-1509

SRI AUROBINDO

*The
Ponder
Corner*

*Fix not time and the way in which thy ideal shall be fulfilled;
work, and leave time and way to God all-knowing.*

*Sri Aurobindo
Gems from Sri Aurobindo, First series, p128*

**Minutes of the 26th Meeting of
Auroville's International Advisory Council 1st - 3rd August, 2014**

All members of the newly constituted IAC were present including Mark Tully, Vishakha Desai, Kabiroddin Shaikh, Shaunaka Rishi Das and Julian Lines. As Dr. Karan Singh was unable to attend the meetings due to a brief illness, Mark Tully chaired the joint meetings of the IAC and Governing Board.

On Friday evening we heard a series of presentations from various working groups including Bharat Nivas, the Study Group on the Selection of the Working Committee, the Auroville Council, the Auroville Campus Initiative, the Sustainable Livelihood Institute, the Auroville Sports Resource Centre, Auroville Arts (concerning plans for the Auroville Festival in Chennai in 2015) and Accessible Auroville (outlining concerns for the young and the ageing in accessing buildings in and around Auroville).

On Saturday morning we met with the Working Committee. We then heard about "Acres for Auroville" and from the various land groups including the LCC, LRM and LFAU. We then met with the Vision Task Force and in the afternoon met with the Town Development Council (TDC).

On Sunday morning we met with Ashok Thakur, Secretary for HRD.

We had constructive meetings and enjoyed working closely with the Governing Board. We recognized a number of achievements by Auroville at a time when a number of problems are reaching a crucial stage.

We're encouraged that Auroville is using important tools and strategies in group facilitation, mediation and group process to further shared goals and values. Critical leadership and internal processes in the community must be resolved. Each presentation had its merits but we especially note:

The Campus Initiative (Min and team) is a
- Community wide consultative model
- Human scale

Submitted by the Working Committee

**Auroville Board of Services Annual
Gathering August 13th 2014**

Present: Alain G, Manickam, Prasad (Road Service), Alan (ABS/AV Today), Anandi (ABS/PTDC/Housing), Anne (ABS/Nandini), Vidya, Rosie (Nandini), Annemarie (ABS/Auronet/TH), Arumugam (Puncture Service), Chris G (Cycle Kiosk/Health Practitioners), Chris O (PTDC, Zephyr), David (Forest Group), Dominique (SAVI), Guna, Sandeep (Telephone Service), Isha (ABS/notes), Joseba (ABS/Housing), Nicole (ABS/BCC/VC/L'av), Peter CS (City Transport/VC Cycles), Raju (Vehicle Service), Renu (AVArts), Sonja (Housing/NC Group), Stefania (PTDC), Susmita (Accessible AV), Syllas (News & Notes), Toby (ABS/Water Service/FAMC/L'av), Umberto (Entry Service)

Regrets: Jocelyn (IHS), Natascha (Freestore), Pala (PCG)

Board of Services works with all kinds of services, the main focus is on fostering collaboration and with the services central to providing maintenance-in-kind so the basic needs of the community are increasingly met and supported through the work of the services. ABS holds these gatherings once a year, for people working in Auroville services to come together and share their news and views.

I. Service Updates:

AV Telephone Service (Sandeep): Since moving to the Service Area AVTS has reduced staff, and reduced the service charge to subscribers. They can support their needs through the rebate given by BSNL, and have used this to fund the new premises. There is now more clarity about BSNL taking charge for line faults, and AVTS has done much-needed reinstalling of old junction boxes all over AV. Gunasekaran has joined Sandeep in managing the service.

Pour Tous Distribution Center (Anandi): Thanks to a generous contribution, 2 containers are now in place and being readied for use to enlarge storage area for stock, and improvements will follow when space is freed up, both for the public area and for the kitchen facilities. Thanks also to Manu G for helping with refit work.

Nandini (Vidya): The staffing crisis has been solved, there is a new team of young people (working half-time) caring for the Distribution part of Nandini, while Anne supervises and keeps finances. They would still like to find a manager available to work full-time.

Housing Service (Joseba, Sonja): 27 apartments for NCs are now ready at Maitreye II. There is still a big need to finance more houses. About 20 new houses are built yearly. The problem is there is little to offer to young people who have worked years for Auroville, some born and raised here, but

who have no access to funds - and especially when these get married and become young families. There are about 10 requests for each house that comes available.

Road Service (Alan, Manickam, Prasad): A large amount of equipment has now been purchased, while income remains shared between GOI development funds and independent jobs. They have 30L of outstanding repayment to make. Prasad has joined the team since 2 and a half months. Neither he nor Alain take a maintenance for their work.

SAVI (Dominique): SAVI now has responsibility for processing contribution waivers for volunteers working in a recognized activity in AV. It has been seen that sometimes volunteers do not remain in the place they have chosen to help out, and SAVI will create a better way to assure this. While it is true that volunteers provide valuable help, it is not easy to show an appreciation in financial terms. While some volunteers are happy to cover their own costs of stay, others budget their stay by finding rooms outside of AV, and not getting the Aurocard, to save on costs while doing volunteer work here. Some feel that waivers are not always needed.

Entry Service (Umberto): ES have a difficult job to be an 'authority', many Newcomers get their AV experience from meeting and working with other Aurovillians, which forms their understanding of AV. It has become very expensive to join AV and a lot of NCs do not find it easy to cover their basic material needs (like housing). It is easier for NCs who have personal support, such as friends and family here. Volunteers may now get their visas extended so they may start their NC process, after staying and working in AV for one year.

II. Some New Services:

AVArtService (Renu): The activity is managed by Marco, Krishna D, Renu and Pushkar, with about 60 artists on file. They arrange shows (Pondy Street Show, AV Festival Chennai), a website, publicity, funding opportunities, and services for artists (incl. accounting). MAGzAV arts magazine is published by them, to showcase the works of AV artists.

City Transport (Peter CS): Coordinated at Visitors Center, the shuttle can be called for pick up and drop off anywhere within AV, also to Quiet Healing Center, 9:30 am to 6:00 pm on weekdays and up to 10:00 pm on weekends. They do not cover the costs of the service yet and some felt it was not well enough known, especially by people who use taxis for short trips (temporary disability, elderly, or disabled).

Zephyr Cafe (Chris O, Nicole): Open 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm, the cafe creates a space for AVians of all ages and volunteers to be out in the evenings, offering a varied menu (all at cost price) and music, and often provides organized activities. A few more Auroville-run places that provide safe evening social environments are needed.

III. Open Discussion / Questions / Comments

Maintenances:

Many service managers do not take a maintenance, because they are able to support their own needs so they can give their time without it.

For most who rely on a maintenance provided through HRT, they find this is too low to practically cover basic needs even with the in-kind component, which still does not cover things like transport or housing in most cases. Currently it is hard to find people willing or able to take on a full-time responsibility running a service. Part-time work allows people the time to do other things to cover their material needs.

Services that generate income:

The topic of services which generate income has come up a lot recently. If some services accumulate funds by not providing at (or nearly at) cost price, then at what point do they need to contribute regularly from their surplus to the collective? Some think the solution is for everything to be centralized (all incomes to City Services and all collective needs (service budgets) covered centrally). Another view is that an internal

shift is needed - within the community each one can individually do a lot better to balance the amount of giving and amount of taking.

Pour Tous Purchasing Service (Aspiration) was brought up, asking what is happening around this. People are concerned that the large accumulated surplus (from what is charged to Aurovillians) does not fit the original idea of the service of old Pour Tous. The Board of Services has met several times with BCC and FAMC, and also with PTPS management, to look at this during the past year. We gave a recommendation to FAMC in June. The BCC want the surplus to come to City Services, as agreed earlier with PTPS management.

Funding:

In many cases services are supported either with personal funding, fully or partly, or with additional funds generated from an income-generating part of the same, or another, activity. Last year we discussed ways to centralize funding for equipment and infrastructure for services, because this is missing in AV's economic planning.

It was suggested to include service development projects in the request for government grants.

Projects:

Susmita at Accessible Auroville is raising funds to get a bus with accessible access for disabled people. This can be a help for everyone who has impaired movement.

Raju of Vehicle Service would like to promote a project for a driving school in Auroville.

Manickam of Road Service requests that waste rubble from AV construction sites be coordinated to be given to Road Service rather than sold to outside people.

For more information contact us at servicelink@auroville.org.in
Find us on Auronet at: <http://www.auroville.org.in/group/av-board-services-abs>

Previous reports

<http://www.auroville.org.in/node/2002/category/2363ory/2363>

Update on Kalpana

The project of Kalpana was announced in the N & N in January with two separate sites, one for a housing project on the crown and one for a sport center towards Vikas. Many feedbacks pros and cons were received; the major area of concern was the location of the sport center in the green area and its impact on Vikas community. After considering all the various points of view it was decided to confirm the location for the housing project on the crown and to move the sport center to another location, possibly on the other side of the crown on the verge of the Mahalakshmi park and next to the site of the proposed Multipurpose Center. The parameters regarding how to integrate the Multipurpose Center and the Sport center are under study.

The site permission for the housing project has been given on a plot along the crown of 7000 m2 that include 2000 m2 of area reserved for water drainage. The plot is located between Kailash and the Radial and the built-up area will not exceed 35% of the total surface, thus leaving ample space and open area.

The average size of the apartments is 40 sq mts. of carpet area for a studio, 47 sqm for 1 person apartment, 64 sqmts for 2 persons and 95 sqmts for 3 persons, which is within the range foreseen by the master plan.

The project will receive some subsidy as a donation by the project holders and the system for the allocation of the subsidy will be worked out by the Famc.

The project holders have informed L'avenir that they will be ready in the next few weeks to submit the revised drawings of the project. Once they are received L'avenir will proceed with the evaluation for the building application approval which will include the usual feedback period.

Submitted by L'avenir

From Housing board

Dear Community,

The Housing Board is dealing for the first time with this kind of issue in Auroville and we would like your feedback on the present situation:

LRD / Land Resource Development worked on several possible development of the land outside the master plans, and one of them is Sri Ma. The LRD proposed the Housing board in 2012 the following:

To create an income generating unit on a large scale by opening up Sri Ma as a Beach resort and thereby using existing housing assets for hospitality and creating more guest facilities up to 50 rooms. For this reason Sri Ma would no longer be a residential community but a beach resort and residents would move to the Center. Initially LRD looked at the possibility for a joint venture with the Casino group who would do the necessary investments. But Daniel from Tanto restaurant offered to take the initiative of the management and development of this place. Devaki and Bob's House was then handed over to Daniel and Daniel, in good faith, would sign the following letter of intension prepared by LRD and Daniel himself.

33% to City Service (unspecified)

33% to Housing Service (specified)

34% to development of SRIMA activities: Hospitality, Services, Education, Health and Recreation

It was understood that this contribution would start as soon as the phase of investment/renovation of the houses was done, and when the activity started running. Unfortunately till today it was never signed by the executives of TANTO: Sheril, Danielle, Paulo. New meetings followed and on the 8th of May 2014, this statement from the LRD TF and Housing service and Board was sent to the FAMC.

Dear FAMC members,

Following two meetings with Tanto-Sri Ma team, Housing Service and Housing Board plus a full team meeting of LRD TF, we have following recommendations to make for you to ensure that Sri Ma Hospitality project sets a new precedence in the spirit of Mother's Vision:

1. We recommend that SRIMA Project should be a separate unit not to be mixed with TANTO Restaurants and renamed appropriately. This will ensure integrity and development of the hospitality project to its fullest benefit and clear accountability.

2. We recommend one independent executive in addition to 3 executives already nominated.

Additional executive should be chosen by FAMC with concurrence of SRIMA Team, Housing and LRD

3. We recommend that the copy of quarterly Trial Balance sheet should be shared with Housing and LRD as per the norm proposed by the Auroville Foundation.

4. The contribution from the Guest House for the Financial Year 2014-15, should be based on billing of the guest house turnover and distributed as follows:

20% of turnover for city services

20% of turnover for housing service

With 10% escalation every financial year

Until a review of the projections in view of future development of the project.

Based on turnover projection, the above figures should be not less than:

Rs 8.00 Lakhs per year unspecified for Housing Service

Rs 8.00 Lakhs per year unspecified for City Services

For other incomes generated at Sri Ma, the normal 33% of Net Profit will be applicable.

This recommendation was again not accepted by Daniel and we are still at a point where the HB is asking for a clear signed agreement. The value of the land is 17.5 crores and the housing assets close to 1.5 crore. This is an Auroville asset, and the Housing Board is concerned that it should serve the community in its greatest priority of the moment which is an income generation for both Aurovilian maintenances and Housing assets.

The HB does acknowledge Daniel's income generating capacities, but we think that we cannot give a full community without a clear agreement - we feel we are not fulfilling our responsibility given by the community in our Policy.

We are noticing that since Repos recreational resort function has disappeared, more Aurovilians are using Sri Ma for their Sunday outings.

We do not object to this of course, but the initial project for the utilization of this place as a beach resort and a source of substantial fund for Auroville should also be taken care in a transparent manner.

Clearly the executives are not focusing on the previous plans and objective of 50 rooms, with a business plan and communication as a beach resort and with higher prices for the rooms.

The community needs to be aware that the contributions of quite a few commercial units are diminishing. Therefore an alternative source of income has to be found. We think that Sri Ma has the potential if a proper agreement is prepared respecting the initial plans for a beach resort with a capacity of 50 rooms and at higher standard room price.

Housing Board members.

Call for resource persons on the topic of eligibility criteria / code of conduct / feedback process

Dear Community,

The Auroville Council is inviting more Resource Persons to join the existing group, consisting of: Grace (Pump house), Helenab, Dominique (Simplicity), Thiru, Vinodhini, L'aura, Taj, Ramnarayan, Jo, Eliza, Paulette, Jayavel, Bertrand, Isha (Swayam), Inge.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Aug 30, 3 to 5 pm, at Unity Pavilion. Please come.

Let us work together on the topic of 'Eligibility criteria/Code of conduct/Feedback (process).

An important question has already been raised: "Can we find a new way?"

Thanks!

Rita on behalf of AVC

LRM Report June & July-2014

JBC work near pebble Garden: It has been notified to us that near pebble garden a JCB created an access to private land. LRM examined the operation in order to prevent the encroachment. Attempt on creating access over AV land was averted. The place is being under LRM monitoring.

Access issue at Auromodel: Since a long time an AV resident was using part of a private land (belonging to Ashramites living in Kolkata) as an access - with mutual agreement. The access has been re-surveyed with the presence of the concerned people. Now the mutual

agreement has been materialized on paper. This agreement brings a permanent solution to the AV residents and others.

Encroachment attempt at Puthurai: An encroachment attempt on AV land was imposed by the adjacent land owner. Much greater efforts are anticipated by LRM staff to repossess the land. After a dialog, an amicable agreement was found. Further, respect on the ground is implemented by the adjacent land owner by erecting RCC slab fence. The problem is now solved for a longer duration.

Encroachment in front of Bamboo Centre: Bamboo Centre brought an encroachment issue to our table. LRM's survey team had carried out a primary survey. The survey suspects the encroachment could be on AV land. A solid conclusion could not be reached due to incompleteness of the survey. The natural fence and bushes are disturbing the survey line. Therefore we will hire a GPS- survey team in order to identify the accurate boundary line. Thereafter the real encroachment will be marked.

Site proposal for sludge disposal: Wazo & Tom reported us that there is an urgent need to identify a new location for sludge disposal since their regular site (Botanical Garden) is not available to further disposal. We have suggested/given information to them about 3 locations including New Farm. They reported back that 2 locations are not possible since there is no access and they are interested in New Farm. The New Farm site proposal was sent to L'avenir but no immediate decision was being met. Meantime, Wazo & Renu volunteered, with a big heart, to offer temporary site on Mango field at Forecomers. Our vision towards a better suitable location is still on.

Boundary problem at Auro Orchard: The adjacent land owner has cleared 2 meters of AV land. LRM survey team inspected the area and talked to the concerned person. The concerned person agreed to erect a RCC slab fence on the right boundary line. The information was conveyed to the in-charge person of Auro-Orchard.

Casuarina Harvest: In 2011, with an agreement, we have leased out AV land to an outsider for Casuarina cultivation. All the cultivation expenses are met by a leasee. This agreement brings 50/50 share ratio on total harvest sales. In the month of July the leasee has intimated us that the crops are ready for harvest. An evaluator estimated that Rs. 28,000 (twenty eight thousand only) could be the sale price. Accordingly the leasee deposited the 50% of AV share Rs.14, 000.00 (Fourteen thousand only) into AV Unity Fund account before commencing the harvesting work, as earlier agreed upon.

Land problem at Mango Garden: In middle of the Mango garden there is about 45 cents of private land. The subjected land has been looked after by the community for a long time. Now the land owner sold the land to a thirty party. The current land owner is attempting to take possession of the land. His action is blocking a resident permanent access and disturbing another existing AV resident house. The situation is extremely complicated, the new land owner has no access to enter into his land

(surrounded by AV lands), an AV resident has no access to enter into her house. We have begun a dialog with the private land owner for land exchange/sales and he agreed for a land exchange. The subject has been forwarded to the LCC for the negotiation. The subject is on the LCC table.

Newlands Issue: In connection with our previous reports, the problem is still ongoing with the adjacent land owner, on different levels. After all, it was felt by all that an official survey will be the ultimate solution. In order to execute/apply for the survey the boundary lines needed to be cleaned all along the subjected land (with one meter width). We had hired outside workers to complete the task. An excellent work has been carried out by the hired workers. The steward was happy about the work too. A re-survey has been applied for the subjected land. The AV Foundation representative agreed/volunteered to put some special effort to bring the Government surveyor. It is believed that the official surveyor will be available soon. (New survey-application had to be registered).

Fencing work: Rita from Aurodam has longstanding fencing problems with adjacent land owner/villagers as well as cattle intrusion. On her request, the place has been inspected by the LRM team and fencing was found to be necessary. The work has been completed.

Gokulam Land protection: 108 meters RCC slab fence & 139 meter chain-link fence have been erected at Gokulam. During our initial work process it emerged that a strong bund with rubble or stones was necessary for the better protection of the land (from the water). What we have done until now is not enough, after our initial survey of Fortuna's dilapidated buildings they seemed to be a good source of rubble for Gokulam. However we realized that the erosion at Fortuna was even greater than at Gokulam so we used most of the rubble from Fortuna at Fortuna and rubble from Gokulam at Gokulam, but it's still not enough. An additional entrance for Gokulam's neighbors is also needed. Until now their entrance was through Gokulam, but it needs to be stopped and an alternative needs to be provided.

Court cases: In the reported period 17 no's of hearings have been attended by LRM legal desk section at Vanur and Tindivanam courts for different cases.

Internal Survey: 9 numbers of internal surveys have been conducted for Land exchange, fence work, boundary line identification and boundary disputes.

Government Survey: No new survey has taken place. We have renewed 12 old registrations. Now, on advice from the Foundation, pending cases have been re-registered.

Wood Sales: June to July 2014 LRM sold firewood's and timber for Rs.1, 34,658.00 (one lakh thirty four thousand six hundred and fifty eight only).

O B I T U A R Y



Madeleine Gosselin

Christian Feuillette of AVI Canada informs us that Madeleine Gosselin, who with the blessings of the Mother founded the Montreal Sri Aurobindo Centre in 1965, peacefully passed away at the age of 87 on August 26th.

The Centre honours her deeply in gratitude for her having brought to Canada the Mother's presence and spirit.

Jay M

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture's Library

Dear friends, Tashi Delek,

We are happy to share with the community that the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture's Library will be open for the public from the 1st of September onwards. We will start with two morning openings on Tuesday and Thursdays from 9.30 am till 12.30 pm. All are welcome.

Pavilion of Tibetan culture (International zone.)

From The Laboratory of Evolution (Loe)

Still for the time being in the same small building kindly kept for us since so long by the Bharat Nivas Group, we find it is becoming too small even for just our Specialized Research Library. And yet it is the only space we have to also house our LOE overall Office, and as much as we can of the other aspects of our work, such as the small exhibition on the Centenary of 'ARYA' that is currently there. The various workshops we give have had since many years to be given, very inconveniently and inappropriately, in our own homes - or in other places separate from our present premises.

To obtain the new spaces we need, we must find ways to make our activities more visible, more present in the Auroville collective awareness.

This is why the texts I sometimes publish in the N&N, which come out usually just as a personal opinion or 'sharing', when in reality they are the expression of the results from my constant research work about the New Evolution, including Human Unity, for forty years, these texts will henceforth be published openly as such, that is, as 'RESEARCH NOTES from the LOE', be it by me or by any other member of our team. Whenever suitable, extracts from posts on my Research Blog may be used as well. Also, our workshops will be more widely announced, at whatever temporary location we will be able to secure.

From the beginning of September, to make myself available again at the LOE itself for people wanting to meet me, I will resume my presence at my desk upstairs on Wednesday mornings from 10 to 12 and on Saturday afternoons from 2.30 to 4.30 (this means also that on Saturday afternoons our Library will be open, which is not the case now).

Bhaga

Auroville City Transport

Auroville City Transport offers a quick "Pick up and Drop" Shuttle Service in a clean and comfortable Maruti Omni 4-seater van, based at the Visitors Centre.

It operates on a per passenger fare schedule to be convenient and accessible for individual users, e.g Rs.60/- per single passenger trip inside the city area, up to Rs.150/- for 4 passengers.

Destinations up to Aspiration / Auromodele, and Repos / Quiet are also served (with a supplementary fare schedule).

Please note this is not a taxi service, the vehicle operates on a Pick up and Drop basis and will not wait for you at your destination for return or onwards trip. You will have to call again for that if you need it.

Phone Visitors Centre main gate 262-2611 or to the driver directly on 94876-50951 daily 9.30am-6.00pm and Fri-Sat-Sun evenings up to 9.30pm (10.00pm for return trips).

Contact visitorscentre@auroville.org.in for enquiries and suggestions: we are trying to fine-tune the service to meet users' needs.

POSTINGS

Baby Born

Baskar and Pratheepa are happy to announce the birth of their son "VIRUTHICK" on August 18th, 2014 at Ashwini Maternity Hospital, Pondy. Love & light, *J.Baskar & B.Pratheeba [Afsaneh's Guest House]*

New Choir at Savitri Bhavan

Dear all, the New Choir (Le Choeur) has started rehearsing "Amazing Grace" for the AV Singing Festival in October. Anyone who would like to join can come at Savitri Bhavan on Sunday 31st August at 4 pm. The song is not difficult and the text will be provided. Ananda (ananda@auroville.org.in)

Pour Tous Snack Bar re-opens

Dear Aurovilians and guests of Auroville, We, the PT Purchasing Service Team, are thanking all of you for being kind to us for all this time. We are reopening the snack bar for Ganesh Pooja on Friday 29.8.14, at 8.30 am. Please come and enjoy your favourite idlies. Thanking you, *PTPS Team*

Tanto request

As Tanto crosses the Rs.100, 000 in pending payments due from Aurovilians towards meals made to the best of our ability with choicest ingredients at almost cost price to us, we humbly request you to come and clear your balance with cash or by

putting money into your F/S accounts. Those who are unable to do so please come have a word with us.

Special Sale at Wellpaper

If you look for gifts or you need some baskets and accessories, we would like to offer you Wellpaper's products at very low prices!

Timings: from the 01/09 until the 05/09, Mondays to Fridays from 09:30 am till 16:00 pm.

Directions: The sale will take place in Wellpaper workshop in Kottakarai - Wellpaper workshop is located close to Bamboo center in the Mangalam site. In the middle of the way from the Town Hall "Mushroom" toward Ganesh bakery, turn left toward the Kali temple. Follow the road till Wellpaper arched building. Please call us on 2622219 for any assistant or additional information

You are all welcome, *Wellpaper team*

Please be aware

The other day, an ex-employee of the Boutique d'Auroville in Pondy approached an Aurovillian whose face she remembered and appealed for financial help after telling her sad story. Afterwards this Aurovillian informed us. At this point we feel the need to issue a warning. Please be aware that over the years we have come to know that a number of the Boutique's customers, both Aurovilians and Ashramites, have been approached, but that your kind-hearted contribution may not be used for the purpose it was asked for.

Submitted by Bhoomi, Boutique d'Auroville, Pondy

AVAILABLE

Creativity (Hall of Light)

After resolving the acoustic problem in the Hall of Light, we open the space for any person who is interested in giving workshops, regular classes, conferences, seminars etc. The Hall of Light has chairs, cushions, yoga mats, blackboard, and connection for devices. If you are interested, please call *Asha*: mobile 9443069335.

Av Computer

Hi to all, a quick announcement about my service of computer repairs and sales. I will be available for help with any computer related work with the best of my knowledge. My office is placed at the entrance of New Creation. Contact number: 9786521688 or 04132622580. Thank you, *Sandar*

Space Available for Rent

Well protected building opposite Aurelec (ex-telephone service) North side space (around 47 sqm.) which is ideal for an office. Workshop and show room is available for rent with generator back-up, 24 hours security, parking and canteen facilities.

Also there is about 26 sqm. partitioned space inside Aurelec (ADPS) with air-conditioner is available.

Interested people may contact Mr. Siva at Aurelec in person, or by phone to 2622293/294 or e-mail adps@auroville.org.in

Bikes

Hero Honda splendour + 2008 model with very good condition fully serviced

Hero Honda glamour 2007 with self-start with good condition Contact *Pravs* 7402163960/9025153069

Guitar

A beautiful Black Guitar is looking for a new home. One year old, hardly used. Ashton SPC44BK - Please contact leela5656@gmail.com. *Leela*

A female kitten

A female kitten needs a good and friendly home. She's about 2 months old and has white/orange/brown/black fur. She's toilet trained and friendly with humans and other creatures. Contact *Fiorella*: 9943873430

LOOKING FOR ...

Volunteers

Hi, Auroville dear guest friends, I am Balu from Azhagu-bhoomi forest and I am looking for volunteers for my place. If anybody is interested call: 9786807071 (or) e [mail:sbalu.av@gmail.com](mailto:sbalu.av@gmail.com) *Sbalu Veerappan*

Items

We, a family of 4, having just moved to Auroville. Looking for gear bicycles (also for a child of 8), a motorbike/scooter, and a washing machine. Please contact *Symon*: 09843049656, or email: sophiekoers@gmail.com - Thanks! *Jessamijn*

Bike

A bike in good condition, specify mileage, brand and price. Contact: roby.long@yahoo.it. *Roberto Longo*

Someone coming back from Russia?

Dear All,
Are there any Aurovilians or friends of Auroville coming back from Russia? I have got a small bottle of herbal medicine for my cough and it had worked wonders. I would be forever grateful if someone were able to bring a bottle back for me.

Big thanks and lots of love, contact me at: always_stav@yahoo.com or call 944-338-5662 - *Stav*

Guavas and Nartangas

Dear friends,
We always need more guavas and nartangas for our organic production. So if you have more than you can use please contact us, we can come and pick them up or even pick them from the trees. We will preferably pay you in kind, (our products or in our restaurant) or if you so want in cash. *The Naturellement team*

Full Time Gardener

A person having experience in planting, mulching, weeding - we have a full time job. Person with some English knowledge & references will be given preference. Contact: *Shama*: 9443413471. shama@auroville.org.in

Steel cupboard

Steel cupboard needed for one of Tamarai's village projects. If you have one please contact *Bridget* 9442270640.

THANK YOU

A Word of thanks and appreciation..

Successful Three Weeks Artists Residency of Estella Koluda (Violin) and Jan V Vanek (guitar & piano):
On behalf of Francis Malan, Pavillon de France and Kalakhoj, we wish to express our sincere thanks to all those who helped, supported and participated - both in kind and in cash - to organise the visit, concerts & workshops for Estella Koluda and Jan V Vanek from France: Aurelio from Svaram, Francine FINK from AIF France, Suresh, Kalabhum (drums), Cripa, Unity Pavilion, Future School, Sri Aurobindo Ashram School, Udavi, Tapan Chowdhury and Madame Charles, Director of Lycee Francais, Shradhanjali, Daniel from Tanto, Laxman, Rubens and Rolf for sound, Jean, Mahi and Janaka for lights, Swar for Cripa, Claude Jouen for coordination and financial support and least but not last: Francis Malan for covering the major expenses of international travel, local transport and guest house costs.
Tapas Bhatt

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House sitting 1

We, Julie (Nandini Distribution) and Rashid (volunteer), are looking for a house-sitting from the beginning of September for as long as possible. We are responsible people, we will take good care of the house and we will be happy to take care of animals and garden. Contact : 9843884312. julieplot18@gmail.com - *Julie & Rashid*

TAXI SHARING

September 1st: A taxi will be leaving Auroville on September 1st at 10.30am to Chennai airport. Contact *Ghada*: 9943275146. Thank you

September 1st: (Monday) time: at 5.30 pm. 2 people will ride, another 1-2 seats are available. If you would like to ride with us, please contact me 7867998956. Thanks, *Minori*

September 2nd: Taxi to airport on September 2nd in the morning. A taxi will come from AV to reach the airport around 8.30, places available on both ways, please contact *Marie Noelle*: framatim@yahoo.fr

September 4th to Chennai-City: leaving Auroville 8.30 am ... returning same evening. 2 seats available both ways
Contact: 948 848 3348 or peter@auroville.org.in

September 6th: A taxi will be leaving Auroville to be at Chennai airport for 16.30. For sharing it both ways, please call: 2622943 - 9047654157. *Silvana*

September 10th: Taxi to share on September 10, between Chennai Airport and Auroville, both ways can be shared. Departure from Auroville 10 sept. around 5.30 am. Departure from Chennai Airport on 10 sept. around 8.30 or 9 am. The timing is flexible, please contact: krishnabrigitte@auroville.org.in

September 11th: A taxi is leaving Auroville on September 11th at 4:30 pm for Chennai Int.Airport. If interested please call 9486749317. *Swar*

September 11th: From Chennai Airport around 9am to Auroville. Contact by mail only: gilles@avonde.fr. *Gilles*

HEALTH

Psychotherapy and Psychological help is again available.

Get your appointment by phone or pass by in Madhuca. Tel. 2623489 Mobile 9443752847 *Michael O.*

ARKA WELLNESS CENTER - SEPTEMBER- 2014 THERAPIES

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Acupuncture	Dr. MOHAMMED SAHEL ANSARI by appointment 9994208068	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Body Logic, Soft Massage And Deep Tissue Massage	PEPE by appointment 9943410987	
Yogic Healing Therapeutic Massage	BASU - by appointment 9443997568	Monday to Friday 8 to 9:30 am & 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Saturday & Sunday Mornings
Reiki, Mind Therapy, Foot Reflexology, Courses of Reiki & Ayurvedic Massage. (Also Individual)	GIANNAKA by appointment 9487629648	
Thai yoga massage	Mark-by appointment 8940001088	
Psycho Spiritual Tarot, Deconditioning Self-Inquiry, Innervoice Dialogue, Graphology	ANTARJOTHI By appointment 0413-2623767 or Email : antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Also in French.
Spiritual healing therapy	Cristina-by appointment 9585483662	
Hypnotherapy and Chakras Healing	Marcella- by appointment 9443338734	
Siddha Treatment (Discover the traditional Medicine)	Shivaraj - 93454 54232	Monday, Wednesday and Friday From: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm by appointment.

BEAUTY PARLOR

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Holistic Reflexology, Face Massage, Cleaning, manicure, pedicure, threading, waxing, henna & hair coloring.	MEHA by appointment 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Beauty care (Herbal facial). Dieting/Nutrition consultation. Hair cuttings for Indian hair only.	Semantini by appointment 9943387428	Tuesday and Thursday mornings
HAIR DRESSING	ONGKIE - by appointment 9843930178	Monday to friday
Hair dressing	LADINA (Certified Hairdresser) appointment - 9787337465	Monday to saturday
Hair dressing	YUVAL appointment 7639291546	Monday to friday

REGULAR CLASSES IN THE MULTIPURPOSE HALL - 1ST FLOOR

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Acro-yoga	Mark - 8940001088 email- mark@auroville.org.in Damien - 9047722740	Sunday morning at 8:00 to 10:00 am
VOCAL YOGA VY®	Clare Fanning - 9442318775 & Giridev	Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 7:30 am to 9:00 am
Hatha yoga	Ankur -9159834055	Mon, tues, thurs & fri at 5:00 to 6:15 pm

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

Arka: Hatha yoga mixed with pranayama and meditation

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

He has expertise in Hatha, Pranayama, Mudra, Bandha, Kriyas Chakra, Raja, Kundalini, Ashtanga Yoga, Spiritual Chanting, that are capable to cure Asthma, Diabetes, High Blood pressure, Low Blood pressure, Obesity & Navel displacement.

Mon, tues, thur & fri at 5:00 to 6:15 pm

Contact: ARKA, Auroville, Ph. : 0413-2622443, cell: 9159834055

T R A V E L

Latest News from the Travel-Shop - Inside India

Note: in mid-September we shall re-locate our office to Auroshilpam, Inside India office - behind Auromode. Our contact information remains the same as given below:

Our office hours: Monday to Saturday 9:00 - 13:00 and 13:30 - 17:30

travelshop@auroville.org.in, domestic@inside-india.com

Kuilapalayam, Tel: 2622 604, 2622 078 and already at Auroshilpam, Tel: 2623030, same timings doulat@inside-india.com

Inside India - Ticketing in Auroshilpam

A member of our team is now available at Inside India office in Auroshilpam - behind Auromode building.

The following service can be availed: Bus Ticketing, Train Ticketing, Domestic Flight Ticketing, International Flight Ticketing, Travel Insurance. Please call 0413- 2623 030, e-mail: doulat@inside-india.com

Spice Jet is offering for domestic travel, tickets starting from Rs. 999.

Air Asia has introduced offers for domestic travel. They also have special offers to Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore.

Air Austral has promotional offers to Bangkok.

Oman Air offers special fares to London, Paris, Frankfurt, Munich, Milan and Zurich (Block out period applies).

Kindly book in advance; to avail of special discounts.

We strongly advise to always check the departure timings before heading to the airport, especially for return flights.

Caution: Due to the security warnings issued by the USA, all passengers traveling to any part of the world should be aware of what not to take in hand and checked baggage. In case of suspicion the Custom and / or Airport Security will rip open any luggage; without any concern about the damage caused. To avoid this: It is advisable to not lock or to use a special lock meant for "USA travel", that can be opened with a master key that the security agencies have.

E A T I N G O U T

Programs at Le Zephyr

Le Zephyr, on the Visitors' Centre first floor, is open for dinner and snacks to Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers and Guests with Aurocards, everyday except Mondays, from 6pm to 10.30 pm. No cash transactions!

In addition to our regular menu we now offer North Indian snacks such as Bhelpuris and Sevpuris.

Le Zephyr also offers the following entertainment and activities:

Tuesdays and Fridays from 6 pm onwards: Art Corner with Krupa

Wednesdays at 8 pm: Screening of old Auroville movies

Thursdays at 8 pm: Hindi movie (see details below for the first screening on Thursday the 4th)

Saturdays at 7 pm: animation movies for the young and everybody else!

Come and enjoy! *The Zephyr team*

Thursday 4th September at 8pm upstairs at le Zephyr:

YEH JAWAANI HAI DEEWANI (This Youth is Crazy)

Time: 2hrs 30min, Hindi (with English subtitles)

Summary: It is a story of the relationship between two characters, Bunny & Naina, at two separate but defining times in their lives... first, when they are just out of college and standing on the crossroads of multiple decisions that will shape who and what they become... and then later on, in their late-twenties when they meet again, holding on to certain fulfilled and certain unfulfilled dreams, at a crossroads of another nature this time... How these two characters affect, change, befriend and eventually fall in love with each other is the journey the film aspires to take us on...

Pour Tous Snack Bar re-opens

Dear Aurovilians and guests of Auroville,

We, the PT Purchasing Service Team, are thanking all of you for being kind to us for all this time. We are reopening the snack bar for Ganesh Pooja on Friday 29.8.14, at 8.30 am.

Please come and enjoy your favourite idlies.

Thanking you, *PTPS Team*

News from the Morgan Cafe

To survive, one has to adapt and evaluate. Le Morgan café is facing tough times now, due to the difficult economical situation and also because of a difficult environment.

So we are changing our formula. From 8 am to 5 pm, we will serve the whole day long, juices, tea, snacks and cakes. We will keep the lunch, but in a more simple way (one non veg dish, one veg, one salad and one rice meal for instance), but will go on, at that time to propose omelets, chips, samosas. As ever, we will offer you a good and fast food, from a clean kitchen.

And with Mother's grace our nave will keep sailing to the islands of bliss.

GREEN MATTERS

Dear friends!



THANK YOU so much for making our first Farmer's / Community Market such a success! We had local food, farms, handicrafts, music, songs, games, and laughter!

The talents of many Aurovilians and visitors found a healthy expression. And many people found that sense of community that they have been missing in Auroville recently.

We plan to have our next Community Market next Saturday - September 6.

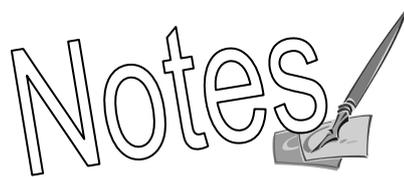
Please save the date, and if you'd like to participate, please email: localiciousav@gmail.com or show up at our Prep / Setup meeting that we have every Thursday at 3 pm at the Youth Center.

This Saturday, August 30, we will have a Local Food Movement meeting at Solitude Farm at 10:30 am. We will be discussing the Community Market and other initiatives. Farmers, Volunteers, Graphic Designers, Cooks, Teachers, - everyone is welcome!

Please bring your ideas, energy, and enthusiasm :)

Later that day, we will also have the Community Garden Project at Deepanam School (Sat Aug 30, 3-5 pm). Bring Garden tools if you have them.

Love, light, and abundance...*Localicious Auroville*



Holala! I love Auroville

(Reply from Andre T. to FAMC report in News # 561)

Dear Friends,

In the latest News one could read about the summon to Andre to stop helping an outside taxi service in order to cash in the money from Aurovilians account (through the Corner Frites) which seems in contravention to the rule in Auroville " buy Aurovilian, be Aurovilian".

All this give me a chance to share with you how beautiful we are.

It looks to me as a similar encounter I had at the times of the Cooperative when I received a letter (about 1980 - I still have the letter) summoning me to vacate the Boutique d'Auroville in Pondy, it was a total take-over with the pretext (amongst fallacious reasons) that I was displaying handicrafts from the village, interesting, isn't it?

Another encounter was when I created the Auroville Child Development, I then received a nice letter of encouragement, but at the bottom was clearly mentioned that it was out of the question for our boarders to become Aurovilians, even though I never had such an intention. I was only carrying the Mother's words in my heart that it was very important that we create a true Friendship with our neighbours, failing which all our work could be compromised. Many other quotations have guided me throughout the years while having the strong feeling that Auroville would never grow peacefully if we did not grow together. As this one: *"only a good will is sufficient to be accepted in Auroville"* - houses, money are keeping the good will out, maybe not all of it.

Fear, only fear rules our planet, walls and destruction prevails everywhere.

Can we strongly keep the Charter deep in our heart? There, we are all searchers, aspiring to be at the Service of The Truth, not in our head but in our heart.

Love, *Andre Tardeil*

And they divided up his clothes by casting lots

What will our generation pass on to our children and Newcomers? What did our parents pass on to us? No need to go into global issues here as there is so much stuff online available. But what about Auroville?

When I look around the most obvious inheritance I got from our "old-timers" are the trees and the Matrimandir. Sure, there is a lot more, like numerous buildings, the education of those who are parents themselves by now, securing the land, the establishment of commercial units and farms etc. So much great work has been done in the past and we all enjoy the fruits of it - organic or not. However, it slowly dawns on AV that creating all this has a flip-side: The more we create, the more we pass on to the next generation to maintain. Good examples are buildings like Bharat Nivas, Aurelec, Saracon and soon maybe Auromode. Buildings, that have seen better times and have been empty or underutilised until a new usage and fresh income was found. Many of those buildings are now getting "old", much like the people who were building them and they need more care - same as with the people who built them!

These are liabilities the first generation of Aurovilians are passing on to the present community. And these are only a few examples.

But then what are the liabilities we create today for tomorrow? Being involved in the Matrimandir, the oval with the Matrimandir itself, the petals, the amphitheatre and the gardens are already a liability and an expanding one. My soul is protesting right now, this very minute, to call the Matrimandir a liability!! But seeing all the required daily work in terms of human resources and money... AV is creative - it creates often without much consideration to what comes thereafter. Maybe we shouldn't bother too much with thinking about the future and simply trust, but maybe we are already paying a high price for having neglected this aspect in the past - and yet this is only the tip of the iceberg.

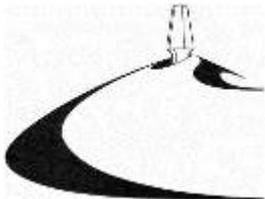
I came across this quote from the Christian New Testament where Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. (Luke 23:34) and the topic water popped up in my mind right away. The last generation globally and bioregionally have left us with a challenging reality: scarcity of water. They used up our water! Technocrats seem to be at the end of their wisdom because their solutions are creating more or at least as many problems than they solve. Albert Einstein already knew this, remarking: "You cannot solve a problem with the same mind set which created it."

Reading Gilles Boulicot recently published report "Surface Water as a Resource for Auroville City Area", one sentence sticks out in big letters: "It is necessary to integrate the Matrimandir Lake in a comprehensive system so that it becomes an asset, not a liability."

The coming years are the years of finishing the oval and I would love to see the Matrimandir surrounded by a lake. It looks to me that the battlefield is on between a simplistic technocratic solution and an "organic" one. Will Auroville be able to demonstrate with the Matrimandir Lake that these two approaches are not necessarily opposing each other but could complement and lead to a complex solution that works with nature, takes advantage of all discoveries of the past and present and show the world the shift that is needed for the future?

Juergen, Creativity

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

INVITATIONS

SECOND INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

Research on Medicinal Plants and Consciousness

"Plants allies of our Health: Prevention, Nutrition, Care"

by Costanza Giunti Herbal Doctor & Mariuccia Sofia Medical Doctor

Cinema Paradiso Thursday 4th September 2014 3 to 6 pm

- Italian Pavilion
- Comunita Etica Vivente - Italy
- CIRHU
- Higlie Trust - Kalimpong



PLANTING IN EVERGREEN'S VEGETABLE GARDEN

On Monday the 1st of September we are going to plunge into the Evergreen's community garden and start planting seasonal vegetables, with the guidance of [Krishna](#) from Solitude Farm. Evergreen's garden is mainly harvested for Saturday lunch, offered to residents, forest volunteers and guests of the community. The Learning Community kids also enjoy harvesting fruits and veg for their morning snack...

All are welcome to join us at 3 pm to implement some permaculture ideas into this garden.

Juice and cookies afterwards. Please bring your tools if you have any...

Contact tamaramir@auroville.org.in for any questions or Amir @ 9751257709 if needed

LEARNING COLLECTIVELY: THE AUROVILLE ECONOMY

The Auroville Campus Initiative (ACI) is happy to invite you to Part 1 of the 'Joy of Learning Series' - The AV Learning Forum from Aurovilians for Aurovilians

What it is about: 'Joy of Learning' will be a series of collective learning experiences addressing the wide range of themes associated with life in Auroville.

Economy, Town Development, Education, Governance, Outreach, Land Matters, We are surrounded by topics of great complexity that are of immediate concern for Auroville's current and future development. An advanced understanding of each area with its underlying principles and existing practices is indispensable to effectively respond to the manifold challenges we face and to explore new directions and opportunities in an informed, constructive, and collaborative manner.

In our current setting, we, Aurovilians, regularly 'learn' when issues & conflicts have to be addressed and votes to be cast. In these situations, learning is often compromised by emotions and personal bias and quite often does not produce the desired result.

The 'Joy of Learning' series aspires to (re)familiarize the community with its very own habitat in a stimulating and respectful, yet thought provoking learning environment as a basis for exploring new options.

How it works: 'Joy of Learning' features Aurovilians well versed in their field of activity and those working on the frontline or behind the scenes who will share their knowledge and experience through engaging presentations and personal accounts. These sessions will be complemented by facilitated debates and, where applicable and desired, by activities.

When? We will kick-start the program on Tuesday, September 2nd, 4.30 to 6.00 pm

Where? SAIIR conference room

What?

Part 1 - THE AUROVILLE ECONOMY - are we different?

Who? ACI is happy to present:

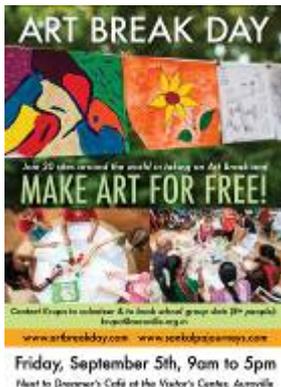
Divya on 'Unique Features of Auroville's Economy'

Lyle on 'The Financial Structure of Auroville'

Suhasini and Chandresh - joining the panel discussion & Alan as moderator

Join us for part 1 of the 'Joy of Learning' series and equip yourself with sound knowledge on the economic practices, procedures, and features of our community - be entertained and inspired AND have some refreshments.

Your ACI Team (Lalit, Michael H., Min)



ART BREAK DAY!

When: Friday, September 5th, from 9 am to 5 pm

Where: Next to Dreamer's Café at the Visitor's Centre

Who: Everyone is welcome! For school groups of 8+ participants, please book a slot by emailing krupa@auroville.org.in, to help make sure everyone can enjoy!

What: Make art for FREE! Auroville will be among 20 international sites hosting an event called Art Break Day for the second year in a row. Last year more than 200 individuals participated! The US-based arts organization, Art is Moving, has provided \$500 USD of beautiful art supplies for this community art event. More info: www.artbreakday.com.

A few volunteers are still welcome to help maintain the art supplies in shifts:

8 am to 1 pm or 1 pm to 6 pm. For anyone with questions and for volunteers, we'll be working on a banner together on Friday, September 29th at the Art Corner at Le Zephyr café (upstairs at Visitor's Center) between 6 and 10 pm.

Please contact Krupa at krupa@auroville.org.in or 9486287495 to join us!

BIOREGION TOUR

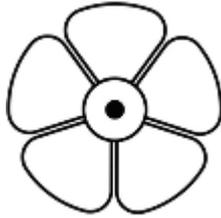
Date: Every Saturday, September 2014

Time: 12pm till 7.30pm

Meeting point: 11.45am at Lively Boutique, Kotakkarai Plaza

- Begin in Munnur
- Enjoy lunch at a village home
- Discover the village of Munnur with its church and ancient temple
- Visit a traditional family of potters who will demonstrate their craft

- Finish the day climbing the rocks to Perumukkal's 12th-Century temple for tea and an opportunity to meditate while the sun sets over the magnificent Kaluvelli landscape. Please contact us on 0413 2623806 or at mohanamprogram@gmail.com Tour will only take place once a minimum of 10 bookings has been received. We aim to run this tour every Saturday, dependent on number of the bookings received. Contribution amount is confirmed on enquiry. Transportation will be arranged according to the number of people.



Auroville Pre Creche

Dear Parents,

The Pre crèche will have a Meeting for the parents (only) of the next year Toddlers Group. Parents of Children born from March 2013 to February 2014 are kindly invited to attend this Gathering.

The Meeting is on Saturday the 6th September, 2014 at 9:30 am Sharp here at the school.

Please inform other parents whom you know have children of the same age as your child.
Call us at 0413 2623161 during school days between 9:30 to 11:30.

Please be there on Time.

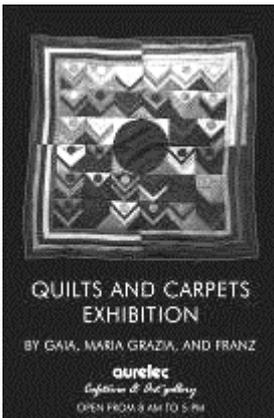
Regards,
The Pre crèche Team

EXHIBITIONS

Hufreesh's Open Studio

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 28, 29, & 30, 2014

From 11: 00 am until 5:00 pm
At Aurelec, Auroville



QUILTS AND CARPETS EXHIBITION By Gaia, Maria Grazia and Franz

Aurelec cafeteria @ art gallery
Open from 8 am to 5 pm

Thanks Prisma

TALKS, SEMINARS

"SHARED VALUES, CONSCIOUS BUSINESS AND SPIRITUALITY"

A paper was presented at Oxford on the 4th of August, 2014

A case study was done on "Upasana" by Shreen Raghavan, management consultant from Chennai. Shreen and Kala have been following Upasana for some time. They are happy to share with us what happened at Oxford. You are very welcome to join us at MMC @ 5pm, Friday 29th of August. The talk should be for 1 hour and 30 minutes for interaction.

Friday, 29th August 2012 from 4:30pm to 6:45pm

About shreen and kala

Mr Shreen Raghavan is a Management Consultant, based in Chennai, S India. He consults primarily in the areas of Business Process, Strategy, Business Development, Corporate Social Responsibility and Conscious/ Integral Business. He has worked in multi-national companies in manufacturing, banking and IT sectors for almost 15 years, in Marketing, Finance, Operations, Investment and Strategy verticals (TVS, ICICI and TATA Consultancy Services)

Dr. Kala Shreen is the Chairperson of the Centre for Creativity, Heritage and Development in Chennai, India. She is also the Director of Cultural Dynamics and Emotions Network, School of History and Anthropology, Queen's University Belfast, U.K. Her research interests include material culture, visual media, arts, crafts, textiles and more recently business anthropology.

Domestic Radio Orchestra - Experimental concert of transistors...



Saturday 30th August 2014 at SAWCHU at 8 pm

Listen and participate by bringing your own portable radio set.

We will play this unique one hour piece created and performed for the first time in Auroville

8 radios will be arranged in the public space. Some radios will broadcast local stations, while others will look for the hidden sounds between channels. The transistors will play in a very low volume in order to create a soft carpet of noise. When they are all lit, chaos will emerge...Chloe and Lucas will use the chaos to compose music spread on four speakers. During the performance, people who have brought their radios will be invited to join in the radio orchestra. From this chaotic diversity, will a unique voice emerge?

This concert benefits AurovilleRadio. All contributions will help launch the new School of Communication Art & Science.

[Chloé Sanchez](#) is Aurovilian since 2007. Today she travels between Auroville and France where she composes a patchwork of all kinds of sounds for performing art, radio and documentary. Producer and director for Radio France (French National Radio), she has also created the [Hand Made Radio Art](#) (Collective Labo-radiophonic live performance) on Radio Campus Paris. Since September 2013 she joined the composition class of electroacoustic music at the Experimental Music Conservatory of Pantin.

[Lucas Pizzini](#) is a multi-instrumentalist, sound engineer and sound hacker. Fascinated by sounds, he transforms his saxophone or flute to make unexpected sounds (see video here: <http://youtu.be/IGjVxOxLk94>). He also invents motorized instruments from recovered electronic objects which are controlled like an orchestra of robots. He has also participated in various musical projects of electroacoustic music, jazz, free improvisation or traditional music.

Kerala Mini Fest

Sunday, 31st August to Saturday, 6th of September 2014 @ BHARAT NIVAS

From the Western Ghats with its tranquil backwaters, a land sprawling with paddy fields that rise to lush hills, we from Bharat Nivas bring to you this Onam season, the magical color splashed culture of KERALA!!

Men, come in your mundu and shirt and Ladies adorn yourself this week in mundum-neriyathum and join us to enjoy the dance, theater, music, martial art, presentations, contemporary art, films and food.

(Remember to contact Riju for the Onam meal at 9159816807. Last call for booking will be at 4pm 3rd Sept. - Rs. 80 per head)

Program List:

Sunday, 31st of AUGUST

10:00 am @ SAWCHU, Flower Mandala Pookalam, open community activity.

7:00 pm @ Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Mohiniattam Dance by Gopika Varma and troupe.

Monday, 1st of SEPTEMBER

5:00 pm @ SAWCHU, Lec-Dem: Kalaripayattu by Palanivel and troupe.

Tuesday, 2nd of SEPTEMBER

4:30pm @ SAWCHU Chenda Melam drums by Kalanilayam UnniKrishnan

Wednesday, 3rd of SEPTEMBER

3.00 - 4.30 pm @ KALAKENDRA, Meet the Artists - Bose Krishnamachari & artists from Auroville and Puducherry

7.00 pm @ INDIA SPACE , Contemporary Art : Kochi Muziris Biennale. Presentation by: Bose Krishnamachari

Thursday, 4th of SEPTEMBER

7.00 pm @ INDIA SPACE, A Cultural Journey through Tradition and Inquiry. Presentation by: Manoj Pavithran

8.00 pm @ SRI AUROBINDO AUDITORIUM, Ottan Thullal by Suresh Kaliyath

Friday 5th of SEPTEMBER

12 - 1.30 pm @ Bharat Nivas, Onam Lunch (Lunch at Rs. 80/head with pre-booking, call Riju at 9159816807)

3 pm onward @SRI AUROBINDO AUDITORIUM Malayalam FILM FESTIVAL

Saturday 6th of SEPTEMBER

8.00 pm @ SRI AUROBINDO AUDITORIUM, Kathakali dance by Prabal Gupta.

ONAM Meal!

Friday 5th Sept. 12 Noon @ SAWCHU

Bharat Nivas.

Call Riju at 9159816807 to book your meal (Rs.80/head) before 4pm Wed. 3rd Sept.

On the occasion of Onam we will be serving Kerala meals traditionally called Sadhya.

The meal generally has Boiled Kerala Rice, **Sambar** (lentils with vegetables), **Parippu** (soaked stripped lentil served as a dry dish), **Aviyal** (cooked vegetables), **Kaalan** (side dish made of yogurt, coconut and 'nendran' plantain or a tuber like yam. It is very thick and more sour than Aviyal), **Poduthol** (green beans), **Thoran** (dry dish cooked with different finely chopped vegetables), **Pulissery** (spiced buttermilk curry with a coconut base), **Olan** (white gourd and coconut milk), **Puli Inji** (ginger, tamarind and jaggery pickle), **Pappadam**, **Mor** (buttermilk) and **Payasam** for Desert.

Please note: Meals will be served on banana leaves and will have to be eaten with hand. Food will be catered from the Kerala restaurant 'Ende Nadu' in Pondicherry. Please transfer the amount with the names of the individuals to account ONAM LUNCH # 251766. Kind Regards, *Riju*

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

SWIMMING WORKSHOP AT LA PISCINE

Venue: La Piscine

Date: September - Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th

Time: 9-10.30 am

Level: beginners - These classes are for people who want to improve on their basic swimming strokes; they should be able to float and do very basic swimming motions so we can work on the form and also on stamina to be able to swim longer.

As the workshop is of a short duration, we may also consider adding more classes in the future.

The workshop is for Aurovilians, Newcomers and guests.

For guests, please see for contributions at La Piscine reception.

Teacher: Savitri

Contact number for registration: 8940477667 or 2622 585

INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

3rd September (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: 'The Divine Mother'

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

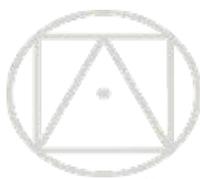
Place: Savitri Bhavan Time: 9 am to 12.00 Noon (pl be present by 8.55 am)

Led by Ashesh Joshi - Contact: 9489147202, 2622922. No Registration required (except for groups)

Fees: Voluntary Contribution. All are welcome

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

AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY



Weekly sessions with Aloka at Transition School ATB Hall

On Wednesday at 5 pm sharp
Yoga Nidra from 3rd September to mid-February '15

Deep relaxation sessions that last for about an hour open to everybody.

As space is limited the saying "first come, first served" is applied.

On Thursday from 4.30 to 6 pm

Sensory Awareness (Self exploration): Starting from September 4th to mid-February '15

Due to the type of work done and because of its progression, people interested in participating will need to sign up with: alokamariona@gmail.com

The first two weeks will be used as a trial so new people can see if the work is adequate for them. After this the group will be closed.

ONE WEEK INTENSIVE COURSE ON SANSKRIT

Dr. Sampadananda Mishra, noted Sanskrit teacher from Pondicherry, has kindly offered to hold an intensive course on Sanskrit especially for Auroville. It would take place from 20 to 25 October 2014, 9 am to 5 pm daily, at Savitri Bhavan.

If you are interested to participate, for more details please e-mail: savitrabhavan@auroville.org.in, mentioning 'Sanskrit Course' in the subject line, or phone 2622 922 during working hours (9-5 daily except Sunday).

ACROYOGA INTERMEDIATE CLASS

Sunday August 31 from 4 pm - 6 pm in Arka Yoga Hall.

Following the basic session Sunday morning, this session will include a combination of more challenging flying postures and transitions.

This event is by donation.

Contact Mark@auroville.org.in :)

WELL BEING (PRANAYAMA) WORKSHOP OF 3 SESSIONS

7:00 am to 8:00 am at Savitri Bhavan

5th September (Friday), 6th September (Saturday) & 7th September (Sunday)

This workshop introduces you to: Easy-to-do exercises based on yoga for flexibility and toning - Eight simple, but very powerful Pranayama practices for beginners - Yoga Nidra (Deep Relaxation) to let go of stress and recharge yourself - Dietary principles for Well Being

Intended outcome: You will gain confidence to practice. By practicing for thirty minutes per day, you enjoy a new level of wellbeing.

This workshop is open to all. No registration is required. To make the workshop beneficial to all, you are requested to Please be at the venue by 6:45 am on the first day and at 6:50 on the other days.

Please note that the session on the last day would be ending at 8:20 am.

Please note that the sessions would be held as scheduled even if it rains.

Please have your breakfast only after the Pranayama sessions.

There is no fee for the workshop. However, donations to Savitri Bhavan are welcome.

About the Facilitator: J.V. Avadhanulu (JV for short) has been facilitating various workshops and retreats in Auroville since January, 2008. For details, please see <http://www.joyofpersonalgrowth.com>

INTRODUCTORY TO FIRE SPINNING/JUGGLING

Sunday 7th Sept

For all those who have always loved to play with fire, or been fascinated by its beauty, its power, its warmth...Auroville's group of young fire jugglers, proposes a full day introductory workshop on 'fire spinning/juggling' on Sunday 7th September.

Anyone from age 9 onwards is most welcome. To register ask questions, know the timings and location, please email aurevan@auroville.org.in or send a sms to 9843600514. Looking forward to hearing from you!

DJEMBE CLASS

Classes will be regularly for a week in the Evening

Venue: Auroville Bamboo Centre Campus (Mohanam Music Class Room)

Djembe is a West African hand drum. The djembe is said to contain three spirits: The spirits of the trees, the spirits of the animals of where the drum head is made and the spirit of the instrument maker. It is easy to learn and a very soul-touching sound.

Days: Monday 8th onwards until Sunday 14th, September 2014.

Time: 5 pm to 6 pm

SILAMBAM CLASS (Traditional Martial art)

Classes will be regularly for 10 days in the morning
Silambam is a traditional Dravidian martial art used today for mental and physical health. Exciting to watch, wondering at the speed, skill and coordination of expert Silambam practitioners, it is popular in today's dramatic arts. Some of the moves are based on snake and eagle.
Venue: Auroville Bamboo Centre Campus
Days: 15th Monday onwards until 24th Wednesday, September 2014. Time: 7am to 8am
Please register for all the programs in advance by contacting 0413 2623806 or Mohanamprogram@gmail.com.
Please visit: www.mohanam.org

Water color Art workshop for students at Kala Kendra

Students from Auroville schools are invited to join in for the workshop: 'Painting landscapes with water colours', being

organised by Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas on Sunday, 6th September.

Renowned artist D. Tiroumale, B.F.A., from Pondicherry, whose exhibition 'Dreamy' is on display at the art gallery here, will be the resource person for the workshop. Students are expected to bring their own stationary and colors etc.. Coordinators from the participating schools are requested to inform Kala Kendra office about the expected number of participants at-least two days before the event.
Recommended age group: 8 to 18 yrs., but all are welcome
Timing: 10 am to 12 noon
Venue: Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas
For more details: Ph: 0413 2622488, Mob: 9787897947 or email: medimedia@gmail.com

SCHEDULES

SAVITRI BHAVAN

September 2014

EXHIBITIONS

Meditations on Savitri: Books Two and Three
110 paintings made by Huta under the Mother's guidance
Sri Aurobindo : A Life-sketch in Photographs

FILM

Monday September 29, 6.15 pm
Meditations on Savitri - Book 10: 'The Book of the Double Twilight'
Film by Manohar of Huta's paintings, illustrating passages from *Savitri* read by The Mother and accompanied by her own organ music. Duration: 50min.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sundays 10.30-12 noon: *Savitri* Study Circle
Mondays 5-6pm: The Integral Yoga in *Savitri*, led by Dr. Ananda Reddy
Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays 3-4 pm: *Yoga and the Evolution of Man*, led by Dr. Jai Singh
Tuesdays 4.45-5.45 pm: 'Mudra Chi' led by Anandi
5-6 pm: *Savitri* study in Tamil, led by Sudarshan
5.45-7.15 pm: OM Choir (*details below*)
Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4-5pm *L'Agenda de Mere*: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi
Wednesdays 5.30-6.30 pm: Reading *The Life Divine*, led by Shraddhavan
Thursdays 4-5 pm: The English of *Savitri*, led by Shraddhavan
Saturdays 5-6.30 pm: Satsang

OM Choir

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

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

Full Moon Gathering

Monday 8th 7.15-8.15pm in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue
Digital Library: multimedia facilities for individual study

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

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

VERITE

INTEGRAL HEALTH & HEALING with Dr. Geeta Auropremi

Wednesday workshops beginning Sept 3, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

A holistic approach to understanding the self and maintaining health, including yoga, Ayurveda, diet, pranayama, meditation and naturopathy. Lifestyle guidance is also available for managing specific health issues such as diabetes, hypertension, arthritis, obesity and any type of pain.

DR. GEETA AUROPREMI has 30 years of experience in Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy. She has an MD in Gynecology and Pediatrics, a YTTC certificate and diploma in Yoga, and Post-Graduate degrees in Yoga & Naturopathy. She specialized in prenatal and couple education in the government of Gujarat, has offered seminars all over India and in Brazil including the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, massages, meditations, purification methods and more.

SOUTH INDIAN ORGANIC COOKING with Rajaveni & Suba

Friday, Sept 5 from 10 am to 12 pm

Participants will pick some fresh organic vegetables from the garden with a local team, and then learn how to cook them with traditional recipes, and enjoy eating the results!

RAJAVENI, an Aurovilian, has been coordinating in the Vérité kitchen for 20 years, and SUBA working for the last 10 years. Both are Tamil women from the neighboring villages, happy to share the local culture with all.

CLASSES in Vérité - September 2014			
Days	Drop-in Classes	Timings	Facilitator
Everyday	Meditation (new students: please arrive 15 mins early)	6 - 6:30 am	Ivana
Sunday	Group Meditation	9 am - 12 noon	Pierre
Monday	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	6:45 - 8.15 am	Olesya
	Hatha Yoga (Mixed levels)	5 - 6:30 pm	Alexia
	Sound Bath	5:15 - 6:30 pm	Aurelio
Tuesday	Hatha Yoga (Mixed levels)	6:45 - 8.15 am	Alexia
	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	5 - 6.30 pm	Olesya
Wednesday	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	6:45 - 8.15 am	Olesya
	Vinyasa Yoga	5 - 6:30 pm	Alexia
Thursday	Somatic Explorations	5 - 6 pm	Maggie
	Vinyasa Yoga	6:45 - 8.15 am	Alexia
	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	5 - 6.30 pm	Olesya
Friday	Dance Space	5 - 7 pm	Dariya
	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	6:45 - 8.15 am	Olesya
Saturday	Hatha Yoga (Mixed levels)	6:45 - 8.15 am	Alexia
	NIA Holistic Dance	5:15 - 6:15 pm	Ursula
WORKSHOPS in Vérité - September 2014 (Registration required)			
Wednesdays: Sept 3, 10, 17, 24	Integral Health and Healing	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Dr. Geeta
Fri, 5 Sept	South Indian Organic Cooking	10 am - 12 pm	Rajaveni & Suba
Sat, 13 Sept	Consciousness as Medicine	9 am - 12:30 pm	Dr. Yogesh Mohan
Sat, 20 Sept	Yoga & Care in Daily Life	9 am - 4 pm	Simantini
Fri & Sat, 26 & 27 Sep	Fate or Choice? (Family) Constellation Workshop	9 am - 5 pm	Yuval
Fri, 26 & 27 Sep	The basic aspects of Pranayama (2 half days)	4.30 - 7 pm & 9 - 11.30 am	Olesya
Mon 27 Oct - Sun 16 Nov	Qi Yo Yoga Teacher Training (only Aurovilians & Newcomers)	9 am - 12 noon & 2 - 5 pm	Ariadne & Agung
THERAPIES in Vérité - September 2014			
Therapist	Modality	Contact for appointment	
Krupa	Art Therapy	krupa@auroville.org.in or 9486287495	
Dr. Geeta	Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy	9443288156	

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

Please contact Vérité: 0413 2622045 or programming@verite.in

See the regular events section for on-going classes

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



Programme for Sept 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	all levels	Wed	11.00 - 12.30	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 regular practitioners only

Y o g a - A s h t a n g a - V i n y a s a

Ashtanga - Vinyasa (*)	regular practitioners	Tues, Fri	06.30 - 08.15	Alain
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(*) = Open to regular practitioners 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
Kaya Bodha	all levels (not on 23rd or 30th)	Tues	07.15 - 08.30	Hans
Yoga	for Pregnancy	Thurs	09.30 - 11.00	Appie
Aviva exercise	for women	Thurs	16.30 - 17.30	SuriyaG
Āsanas	for children 7-9 yrs.	Sat	10.00 - 11.00	Gala
Yoga in Tamil (*)	all levels	Sat	16.00 - 17.00	Muthu

(*) = Open to regular practitioners only

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**W o r k s h o p**

Kaya Bodha with Hans (3 workshops) Tues, Wed, Thursday September (1) 2,3,4, (2) 9,10,11 and (3) 16,17,18, 10.00-12.00 am
 Anirveda: posture and confidence in self-defence with Hans (3 workshops) Tues, Wed, Thursday September 2,3,4, 9,10,11 and 16,17,18 16.00-18.00pm

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

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

PITANGA NEWS

AVIVA EXERCISE CLASS FOR WOMEN - Thurs 4.30 to 5.30pm
 with Suriya Gandhi

Aviva method is a physical exercise system developed to stimulate the related glands for optimal oestrogen and progesterone secretion. The naturally healthy level of these hormones follows a cyclic curve for ladies. The name of the

method is given by its developer, Aviva Gabriella Steiner, a Hungarian origin Israeli ballet dancer and PE teacher. Aviva instructors claim to have good results with slack pelvic floor, PCOS, irregular menstruation cycle and menstrual problems, fertility, fibroids, ovarian cysts, fibroids, ovarian cysts, menopausal syndrome and blocked ovarian tubes.

KAYA BODHA WORKSHOP - Tue, Sept 5th, Wed 6th & Thur 7th - 10.00-12.00 am with Hans
Gentle movements of contraction and loosening that release tension and improve agility, relaxation and mental calm.
Also additional Kaya Bodha class on Tuesday Sept 5th @ 7.15am - 8.30am

ANIRVEDA POSTURE AND CONFIDENCE IN SELF DEFENCE WORKSHOP - Tues, Sept 5th, Wed 6th and Thur 7th - 16.00-18.00 with Hans. In Anirveda we interact on psychological aspects and learn basic reflexes that help to gain confidence and also efficiency in defending oneself should the need arise. There is no sparring, and it is open to all.
Registration for workshops: Pitanga (0413) 2622403 or pitanga@auroville.org.in

BAMBOO CENTRE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER



Auroville Bamboo Centre runs many workshops throughout the year for visitors who book and pay for the courses. We do have various conditions that we hope you understand and agree.

TRAINING AND WORKSHOP

The importance of Bamboo as an Eco-friendly raw material capable of meeting many needs and is gaining global acceptance among many people. Being a natural gift to mankind, bamboo is very popular due to its multipurpose use, fast growth, easy propagation, soil binding properties and short gestation period.

The Auroville Bamboo centre offers training to individuals and groups in:

Bamboo Furniture

- 4th to 6th September -3 days - Training Program on Bamboo Furniture
- 25th to 27th September -3 days - Training Program on Bamboo Furniture

Bamboo Construction

15th to 18th September -4 days - Training Program on Bamboo Construction

The program will consist of learning inputs: theory, instruction, demonstration, and practical work.

Flexible training dates offered to groups. Contact: 0413-2623806 / aurovillebamboocentre@auroville.org.in, www.aurovillebamboocentre.org

MOHANAM

Opening the Gateway to the Village Program for September 2014



Village Tour

Sunday 14/09/14, Saturday 20/09/14, Sunday 28/09/14

Meeting Point is the Lively Boutique, Kotakkarai plaza at 9.30 am (please bring your bike)

Come and enjoy the authentic village experience and celebrate cultural heritage!
Contribution requested from Guests & Volunteers.

Local Cooking Class

Saturday 06/09/14, Saturday 13/09/14, Saturday 20/09/14, Saturday 27/09/14

Learn to make these delicious local dishes and learn how to make flower drawing. Meeting Point is the Lively Boutique, Kotakkarai plaza at 9.30 am (please bring your bike). We will finish around 1:00 pm.

Contribution requested from Guests & Volunteers.
Please register for all the programs in advance by contacting 0413 2623806 or Mohanamprogram@gmail.com.
Please visit: www.mohanam.org or www.harmonyvillagepromenade.weebly.com

F I L M S



C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM
FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER - SPECIAL FILM PROGRAM for the KERALA WEEK organized by Bharat Nivas, Pavilion of India - Please see TIMINGS and program elsewhere in this issue of the *News and Notes* and Intranet...
Aurofilm



"The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, September 5, Friday at 7.00pm

SECRET LIFE OF PREDATORS - WET

Documentary (Nature) - 60 minutes, 2013. NatGeo Wild. English.

Every predator on our planet has tricks that help them beat the odds, and they perfect these skills and weapons to succeed wherever they live -- and to best whatever they're faced with. The 4-part Secret Life of Predators filmed over three years reveals the hidden, unknown world of predators living in the oceans, forests, open spaces, and on the edge. This episode looks at the oceans of our planet that are ruthless battlefields

for some of the biggest animals on earth. Even for the deadliest carnivores, things are not always easy when they've got young mouths to feed and harsh times to save for.

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

Visitors' Center Movie Show

Thursday 4th September 8 pm

MALEFICENT (2014)

Genre: Adventure/Fantasy - Rated: PG13 - Language: English - Subtitle: English

Dir: Robert Stromberg / Cast: Angelina Jolie, Elle Fanning and Sharlto Copley

Story Line: A vengeful fairy is driven to curse an infant princess, only to discover that the child may be the one person who can restore peace to their troubled land.

Friday 5th September 8 pm
HIGHWAY (Hindi) (2014)

Genre: Drama/Romance - Rated: PG13 - Language: Hindi - Subtitle: English
Dir: Imtiaz Ali / Cast: Alia Bhatt, Randeep Hooda and Durgesh Kumar

Story Line: Right before her wedding, a young woman finds herself abducted and held for ransom. As the initial days pass, she begins to develop a strange bond with her kidnapper.

At The Zephyr

(Visitors' Center upstairs)

Thursday 4th September at 8 pm

YEH JAWAANI HAI DEEWANI (This Youth is Crazy)

Time: 2hrs 30min, Hindi (with English subtitles)

Summary: It is a story of the relationship between two characters, Bunny & Naina, at two separate but defining times in their lives... first, when they are just out of college and standing on the crossroads of multiple decisions that will shape who and what they become... and then later on, in their late-twenties when they meet again, holding on to certain fulfilled and certain unfulfilled dreams, at a crossroads of another nature this time... How these two characters affect, change, befriend and eventually fall in love with each other is the journey the film aspires to take us on...

The French Pavilion presents

"LE SABLE, ENQUÊTE SUR UNE DISPARITION"

A documentary in French for all audience
Duration: 52 mn - Film shown on French TV: Arte
Director: Denis Delestrac

On Saturday, 6th September 2014 at 5 pm
Cinema Paradiso, Town Hall

From Bombay to Brittany via Dubai, Tangiers and the Maldives, this fascinating survey presented like a thriller reveals a global emergency: the threat to sand, an increasingly looted vital resource.

It is found in concrete (at the rate of two tons per year and per person), powering an endless housing boom, as well as in E-chips, paper, plastics, paints, detergents, cosmetics.

The sand on which we like to trample or run through our fingers has crept without our knowledge into every crevice of everyday life. The industry consumes increasing amounts, more than oil. Perhaps because, unlike black gold, this material, seen as inexhaustible, remained virtually free of cost until today. While desert sand is unsuitable for construction, building companies have for a long time exploited rivers and quarries. Then they turned to the sea, causing what is becoming an ecological time bomb because sand plays a vital role in coastal protection and the balance of marine ecosystems.

The consequences of this over-exploitation are slowly becoming evident. Gradually, economic appetites gobbled up at least 75% of the world's beaches, and swallowed whole islands in Indonesia and the Maldives, while Singapore and Dubai were constantly expanding their territory by importing sand, sometimes fraudulently. The disappearance of fish, aggravated erosion and storms, seashores becoming lunar landscapes...faced with weak regulations adopted to try to contain the looting "the sand rush" has actually increased under the aegis of major multinational companies and local mafias.



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film programme 1st September 2014 to 7th September 2014

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

Auroville Film Series - Monday 1 September, 8.00 pm:

- **SVARAM: THE VISCERAL SOUND**

India, 2012, Dir. Premjit Ramchandran, Documentary, 60 mins, English

Svaram is one of the few places on the Indian subcontinent experimenting in the field of creating new musical instruments that should be accessible to everybody, independent of talent or predisposition, directly bringing the joy of music into one's hands and heart. The film follows the trajectory of the founder of Svaram, Aurelio, an evolved Austrian musician/gypsy/free-thinker/philosopher.

Auroville Film Series - Tuesday 2 September, 8:00 pm:

- **THE AUROVILLE CHOIR-FROM DIVERSITY TO UNITY**
(La Chorale D'Auroville de la Diversité à l'Unité)

India, 2012, Dir. Danielle de Diesbach, Yatra E. Srinivassan, Documentary, 29 mins, English with English subtitles

The Auroville Choir shows the great diversity of Aurovilians who are its members, as well as the unity that links them through musical expression and work at the service of Auroville.

- **SOMETIMES I CAN FLY**

India, 2012, Dir. Yatra E. Srinivassan w/ Susmita Ferrero, Documentary, 30 mins, English with English subtitles
Alex explores Auroville in his wheelchair. "An adventure; from time to time a little funny, at other times a little difficult, and... sometimes he can fly!"

Auroville Film Series- Wednesday 3 September, 8.00 pm:

- **AUROVILLE, LE LIEN D'OR**
(Auroville, The Golden Bond)

France, 2012, Dir. Michèle Decoust, Documentary, 52 mins, French/English with English subtitles

What is the magic "glue" which unites one hundred communities and fifty nationalities?

Ten Aurovilians, artists, designers and managers of all backgrounds wonder and answer each other in a single and multiple voices to express this force which connects them, and keeps them faithful to the Call which radically transformed their lives.

Auroville Film Series- Thursday 4 September, 8.00 pm:

- **ON EDUCATION...IN AUROVILLE**

France, 2013, Dir. Iona van Ginneken w/- Virgile van Ginneken, Outreach Media, Documentary, 16 mins, French/English with English subtitles

What is alternative education?

We follow one class at TLC (The Learning Community) in Auroville and ask adults and children their own views on education.

- **AUROVILLE, THE CITY THE EARTH NEEDS**

India, 2014, Dir. Olivier Barot w/ Christine Devin, Auroville Visitors Center, 40 mins, Documentary, English/French with English subtitles

This film seeks to convey something of the essence of Auroville. After presenting Mother's Dream, it recalls the very beginnings of the project. It then weaves together images of today's reality, chosen for their poetic quality, with some deep statements by Aurovilians, thus attempting to evoke the special atmosphere, which, behind all appearances, pervades his place. Furthermore, it provides information on the present

state of the project, reflecting on the question "why Auroville?" Finally, it presents the various challenges that Auroville has been facing from the beginning.

International - Saturday 6 September, 8:00 pm:

• **BIUTIFUL**

Mexico, 2010, Dir. Alejandro González Iñárritu w/ Javier Bardem, Maricel Álvarez, Hanaa Bouchaib and others, Drama, 148 mins, Spanish with English subtitles

Uxbal, single father of two children, finds his life in chaos as he is forced to deal with his life in order to escape the heat of crime in underground Barcelona, to break with the love for the divorced, manic depressive, abusive mother of his children and to regain spiritual insight in his life as he is diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Children's Film - Sunday 7 September, 4:30pm

• **PIPPY GOES ON BOARD** (Här kommer Pippi Långstrump)
Sweden, 1969, Dir. Olle Hellbom, w/Inger Nilsson, Maria Persson, Pär Sundberg, 83 mins, Comedy-Family, English, Rated: G

The further adventures of super-strong girl Pippi Longstocking and her friends Tommy and Annika in this sequel compilation film of the classic Swedish TV series.

John Cassavetes Film Festival @ CINECLUB

Ciné-Club - Sunday 7 September, 8:00 pm:

• **THE KILLING OF A CHINESE BOOKIE**

USA, 1976, Dir. John Cassavetes w/ Ben Gazzara, Timothy Carrey, and others, 135 mins, Drama, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

It is not only a crime drama with a familiar type of plot but also a fascinating character study which explores the ways in which a flawed man's preoccupations and propensities could determine his fate. The main protagonist's vanity and high regard for the value of style provide the trigger for this story about a gambling debt, a murder and a double-cross and the circumstances in which his life is propelled into an uncontrollable downward spiral is portrayed as being both pathetic and inevitable.

Rating codes we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G=General Audiences, PG=Parental guidance suggested, PG-13=Parents strongly cautioned, R=Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e. for Adults), NR=Film Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available.

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

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in.

We appreciate your continued support. Thanking You, MMC/CP Group - Account# 105106, mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

ACT OVERVIEW OF SERVICES

EARLY TRIP (daily except Tuesday) - This service is conditional to MM being open to visitors. Usually not running on rainy days (enquiries: 2622235)

7:45 AM from Transport Service near Certitude Corner, opposite the Gas Service

12:00 Noon from Pondy rue St Louis (beach end of J.N. Street) opposite the Ashram playground

MORNING TRIP

Tuesday - Thursday - Saturday

9:00 AM from Matrimandir Office Gate Parking

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

AFTERNOON TRIP

Monday - Wednesday

3:00 PM from Matrimandir Office Gate Parking

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

Friday

4:00 PM from Matrimandir Office Gate Parking

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

Please note: In case the ACT bus is not available as per the timetable please be on the lookout for a replacement by an Auroville Jeep or Van, we will ensure that a small white and orange sign is visible on the replacement vehicle.

All trips are paying trips and ACT welcomes your contribution everyday on every trip. ACT maintains its voluntary contribution policy aligned with Auroville's utopia, ideals and aims. At present it is YOUR contribution ALONE which keeps the service afloat. Travel passes are available from Financial Service (Town Hall & Aspiration) and Guest Service (above the Solar Kitchen). For more information contact ACT (0413) 2622962 or act@auroville.org.in

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

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

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

NB: Messages with large attachments (more than 1 MB) will not reach our inbox.

Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready.

The Wednesday deadline (11am) is absolute as the News is given to the printers by Wednesday 2 pm.

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

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

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

Work groups please note: Long reports (more than one page) or reports that contain graphs or have specific requirements, need to reach **the N&N desk latest by Tuesday noon.** If such a report comes on Wednesday morning without prior notice, the editors cannot guarantee placement the same week.

Disclaimer: The views expressed on these pages are those of their respective authors or work groups and do not represent the position of the editors or of the community as a whole. The News & Notes serves as a channel for the publication of material coming from trusted sources within Auroville. The editors cannot be held accountable for any alleged misinformation given or offence caused. In case of any dispute, the Auroville Council may be consulted and publishing of disputed material suspended.

News & Notes, Media Centre, Town Hall. Phone: 2622133, email: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in

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<u>LOCAL TRIP</u>								
1	Around AV	15	1hr	200	250	200	250	350
2	Pondy drop or pick up	35	1hr	350	400	350	400	600
3	Pondy and back - Per hour	Per	HOURS	100	110	110	120	200
	" - Per Kmtr	Per	KMTR	5	6	5	6	7
<u>LONG DISTANCE</u>								
4	Chennai Airport Drop	300	8hrs	2200	2400	2300	2500	3500
5	Chennai Airport and back/ pickup	300	10hrs	2350	2550	2450	2750	3650
6	Chennai City drop(or) pickup	350	10hrs	2400	2700	2600	2800	3800
7	Chennai city and back	350	12hrs	2600		2900	3200	4000
8	Mahabalipuram	200	10hrs	1900	2000	2000	2200	2800
9	Thiruvannamalai	250	12hrs	2000	2200	2100	2300	3000
10	Gingi	160	8hrs	1500	1700	1700	1900	2700
11	Tindivanam	80	3hrs	650	750	800	850	1500
12	Villupuram	110	4hrs	800	900	850	950	1700
13	Cuddalore	80	3hrs	700	800	850	900	1500
14	Chidambaram	180	8hrs	1700	1900	1800	2000	2800
15	Tharangambadi	300	12hrs	2500	2800	2700	3000	3700
16	Velangani	320	12hrs	2600	2900	2800	3100	4000

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17	Tanjore	400	12hrs	3200	3700	3400	3900	6000
18	Trichy	420	15hrs	3500	4000	3700	4200	6500
19	Madurai	700	2days	6000	7000	6300	7500	9500
20	Bangalore/Via Thiruvannamalai)	700	2days	6000	7000	6300	7300	9500
21	Yercord	500	15hrs	5000	5500	5500	6000	7000
22	Kodaikanal	950	2days	8000	9000	8500	9500	12000
23	Ooty	1000	2days	8500	9500	8800	9800	13000

If you are travelling above this time and km, non A/C per hour Rs.100/- and per km Rs.5.00

For A/C trip per hour ,Rs.110/- Per km Rs. 6/- It will be extra charged

DAY RENT CHARGES

01	Per day	1200	1400	1300	1500	2000
02	Per km	5	6	5	6	7
03	Driver Food	200	200	200	200	200
04	Per Hill	350	350	350	350	500

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