

# News & Notes

6th September 2014.....A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville.....Number 563



# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

... Letters are piling up in fantastic numbers, and I haven't answered. People should learn to receive: I answer very forcefully, very clearly, even with words, a precise sentence. If they learned to receive mentally, it would be good. I always answer. And when it's something important and I have some peace, when I have no external action, I even repeat my answer by making a very precise mental formation - they should receive it.

*(Mother picks up at random a letter from a Western disciple who asks to change her work or stop her external work, because, she says, it doesn't correspond to her nature. She also complains about her relationship with others and their "hostility." She feels the need for a new way of being and acting.)*

She is struggling much more with her old personality than with others. She had a certain kind of extremely personal and superficial relationship with others, and slowly, slowly she is emerging from it, but with the impression that it's others who are hostile to her, while she is truly trying to do her best. It's a phase.

But I have noticed, especially for those who have had a Western education, that they shouldn't change their external occupations abruptly. Most people tend to want to change their environment, to want to change their occupation, to want to change their surroundings, to want to change their habit, thinking that will help them to change inwardly - it's not true. You are much more vigilant and alert to resist the old movement, the old relationships, the vibrations you no longer want when you remain in a context that, in fact, is habitual enough to be automatic. You shouldn't be "interested" in a new external organization, because you always tend to enter it with your old way of being.

It's very interesting even, I made a very deep study of people who think that if they travel things are going to be different.... When you change your external surroundings, on the contrary, you always tend to keep your internal organization in order to keep your individuality; whereas if you are held by force in the same context, the same occupations, the same routine of life, then the ways of being you no longer want become more and more evident and you can fight them much more precisely.

Basically, in the being, it's the vital that has difficulty; it is the most impulsive part and has the greatest difficulty in changing its way of being. And it's always the vital that feels "free," encouraged and more alive during travels, because it has an opportunity to manifest freely in a new environment in which everything has to be learned: reactions, adaptations, etc. On the contrary, in the routine of a life that has nothing particularly exciting, it strongly feels (I mean, if it has goodwill and an aspiration for progress), it strongly feels its inadequacies and desires, its reactions, repulsions, attractions, etc. When one doesn't have that intense will to progress, it feels imprisoned, disgusted, crushed - the whole habitual refrain of revolt.

*(silence)*

When she came here, she was living exclusively in the vital - exclusively and violently. So there's a long way to go. And that vital - which was used to being at the helm, to governing everything, to deciding everything, anyway it was the master of the house - the vital must first begin with detachment, which generally, when it isn't very refined, turns into disgust. A general detachment. Then all at once (sometimes "all at once," sometimes slowly), it feels that the impulse, the inspiration must come from within, that nothing must come from outside anymore and excite it. And then, if it has goodwill, it turns within and begins to ask for the Inspiration, the Command and the Direction; and after that, it can start doing work again.

For some people, it takes years; for others, it's done very quickly - it depends on the quality of the vital. If it's a refined vital, of a higher quality, it goes quickly; if it is something very brutish, which goes like a bulldog or a buffalo, it takes a little more time.

Anyhow, there's a long way to go for a vital that had the habit of governing everything and thought it was in possession of the truth - that what it felt was the truth, what it wanted was the truth and that truth had to dominate and govern others and life - well ... when one was born with that illusion, it takes a long time. What saves is if the vital is somehow SEIZED inwardly, if it feels inwardly that there is something greater than it; then it goes much faster.

For those who run away from the necessary change, it may mean several more lives. Those who have learned to bear up (who generally have enough higher intelligence to govern), those who have endurance, who have learned to bear up and not to worry about the vital's lack of collaboration, for them, it can be done relatively quickly.

That's what generally takes the greatest time.

MOTHER'S AGENDA, December 2, 1964

MOTHER

*The  
Ponder  
Corner*

*Experience and trance have their utility  
for opening the being and preparing it  
but it is only when the realisation  
is constant in the waking state  
that it is truly possessed.*

*Sri Aurobindo  
ref. Letters of Sri Aurobindo, p.238*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ID Cards for Aurovilians Last Round

ID Cards registration has started again and will end on 30th of September.

Please bring along a proof of identity.

Those who have not picked up their ID Cards from the previous 2 phases are requested to pick them up.

Timings: 10:30 - 12:30 pm - Monday through Friday and 02:00 - 04:00 pm - Mon - Wed - Fri

Phone: 2622-222

Auroville Foundation

### General Meeting & Residents Assembly Decision-Making Process

TOPIC - REVISED MANDATE OF THE FUNDS AND ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (FAMC)

Dear Friend,

The Auroville Council and the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) would like to warmly invite you two important events - a General Meeting and a Residents' Assembly Decision-Making Process, both on the topic of the revised mandate for the Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC). All residents are encouraged to participate in both events to ensure maximum collective input into our community decisions.

#### 1. General Meeting - How is the Revised FAMC Mandate Different to the Existing Mandate?

In the interests of gaining a better understanding of the functioning of the FAMC under the proposed revised FAMC mandate, the Auroville Council has invited all of the groups that would be represented under the revised mandate to present themselves to a General Meeting and respond to questions relating to their role within the FAMC under the revised mandate.

WHEN: 4.30 pm, Friday Sept 12 / WHERE: Unity Pavilion

TOPIC: How is the Revised FAMC Mandate Different to the Existing Mandate?

#### AGENDA

4:00: FAMC 'tea and talk' - This informal pre-meeting session aims to give residents an opportunity to talk, ask questions and seek clarifications in a relaxed atmosphere.

4:30: Introduction - RAS (Inge)

4:35: How is the Revised FAMC Mandate Different to the Existing Mandate? - FAMC

#### Presentation & discussion regards the groups represented on the FAMC

4:50: NEW - Forest Group (FG) - represented on FAMC under revised mandate

4:55: NEW - Auroville Council (AVC) - represented on FAMC under revised mandate

5:00: NEW - Land Consolidation Committee (LCC) - represented on FAMC under revised mandate

5:05: NEW - Community at large (a financial or internal audit specialist) - RAS to speak

5:10: NEW - Housing Board (HB) replaces Housing service (HS) on FAMC under revised mandate

5:15: AV Board of Commerce (ABC)

5:20: Unity Fund (UF)

5:25: Land Resource Management (LRM)

5:30: Farm Group (FAG)

5:35: AV Board of Services (ABS)

5:40: Budget Coordination Committee (BCC)

5:45: Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Educational Research (SAIIR Board)

5:50: Town Development Council (TDC) / L'avenir d'Auroville

5:55: Working Committee (WC)

6:20: Summary and closing - RAS (Inge)

#### 2. Residents' Assembly (RA) Decision-Making Process to Ratify or Reject the Revised FAMC Mandate

This event will ask the community whether it accepts or rejects the revised mandate for the Funds and Asset Management Committee.

WHEN: 10 am-3 pm, Friday Sept 19 / WHERE: Solar Kitchen

QUESTION: Do you agree to ratify the revised FAMC mandate (as published in the News & Notes 08/09/14)?

Note: The revised mandate was already presented in its current form at an RA Decision-Making Process in January this year, but the results were rendered invalid because the process did not receive the minimum required community participation (10%) as specified in our Community Decision-Making Policy.

#### WHERE CAN I READ THE DRAFT MANDATE?

**Online:** The revised FAMC mandate has been published on Auronet. A link to the Auronet version has been distributed via Mass Bulletin along with the above announcements.

**Print:** A paper version of the revised mandate will appear at the end of next week's News and Notes.

**For More Information:** For more information, please don't hesitate to email the Residents' Assembly Service at: [raservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:raservice@auroville.org.in), or call us on any other our numbers:

Inge: 8870 288 502

Jesse 948 6623 749

Selvam 994 3911 149

Kind regards,

Your RAS team in collaboration the Auroville Council

### Pony Farm Site Developments proposal

L'avenir / Town Development Council would like to present to the community two site proposals in Pony Farm (Industrial Zone).

The erstwhile Pony Farm is in the Industrial Zone and we are pursuing plans for starting two clusters of development one for small scale industries and one for Housing for a cluster of dismountable Newcomer and Volunteer's housing. A larger land use plan for the area is being worked on with spaces for activities, workshops, office and work spaces, interlinked with courtyards and greenery and will be presented to the community.

TDC has also identified a route for the future radial that would not impact any of the existing structures. That does not mean this road will happen necessarily in the near future but it helps us with defining boundaries for development areas and identifying where corridors for infrastructure (water, electricity, sanitation..) can come without jeopardising the possibility for that radial to be manifested in the future.

Our plan is to start in areas where the actual tree cover is light and can afford shade and greenery for the activities. As it is there is a lot of thorn bushes, etc...to clear as a result of no energy having been put in the place for so long. If some trees would need to be cut that would happen only after consulting Forest Group experts and such trees would be replanted in appropriate spaces on a ratio of 1 to 5.

Regarding the area where a lot of indigenous growth has occurred, a survey is going on to identify the unique species that may be there and that would need protection.

1) Site Proposal Number One (Site no1 on the map published on Auronet) for Development of Small Scales Units for an area of 0.83 acres. This to provide needed space to units involved in land exchange and other land related matters. Specific site proposals will be submitted for specific units when ready.

1) This includes today a specific site request of 300sqm for Life Size architectural and materials Prototype Testing Plot for Earthweavers.

2) Site Proposal Number Two (Site no2 on the map published on Auronet) for an area of 0.72 acres for a Temporary Dismountable Housing development for Newcomers and Volunteers subject to the condition that such measures as dry toilets and other ecological measures (distance from the canyon etc...) will have to be respected.

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

## From the Entry Service - N&N - No- 563 dated 06.09.2014

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

### AUROVILIANS:

Jane MASON (Australian) - Living at Sharnga, working as manager at Conscious living Chocolate.  
Aniko Hilda KARASAI (German- Hungarian origin) - Staying at Grace, Working as accountant at City Services.  
Tom GABLIER (French) - Living at Dana, working as water specialist at Town Development Council/ L'Avenir.

### CHILD OF AN AUROVILIAN:

Eline Nicolina KARSAI (German)- born on 14/06/2007, studying in Transition School.

### NEWCOMERS:

Ayyanar (Mani) MANJINI - Staying at Samridhi, working as forester and related activities at Samridhi.

Julie PLOT (French) - Staying at Sve Dame, working as part of the Nandini Distribution Team.

Karim CORNIC (French) - Working as Ayurvedic acupressure massage therapist at Quiet, working as Librarian at Laboratory of Evolution.

Annalisa CASELLATO (Italian) - Staying at progress, Working as teacher assistant at Nandanam.

Gianpietro COLLA (Italian) - Staying at Progress, working as gardener at Matrimandir gardens and also working as part of the team at Eco Techo pools.

Irene BOUGUERRA (French) - Staying at Pitchandikulam, working as graphic designer for a virtual herbarium at Pitchandikulam.

Nicolas LAGARRIGUE (French) - Staying at Pitchandikulam working as botanist and cartographer at Pitchandikulam.

### CHILD OF A NEWCOMER'S:

Lorenzo COLLA (Italian) - born on 07/08/2009, Studying at Nandanam.

Nino LAGARRIGUE (French)- born on 24/08/2009, studying at Kindergarten.

Sasha LAGARRIGUE (French) - born on 24/10/2012.

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

### CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER STATUS:

Roberto LONGO (Italian)  
Melissa DE VALERA (France)  
Eric (Clapton) NTAKIRUTIMANA (Rwanda)  
Nadia ROMEO (Italian)  
Anandhajothi GANESH (Indian from Chidhambaram)  
Rabindra JIBANDASH (Indian from Orissa)  
Punam RAUTELA (Indian from Uttarakhand)  
Sergio GARCIA FERNANDEZ (Spain)

### CONFIRMATION OF RETURNING AUROVILIAN STATUS:

Ivar JENTEN (Netherland) - confirmed on 23/08/2014  
Geo BRETTMAN (German)

### IMPORTANT TEAM MEMBERSHIP:

The Entry Service is looking for new committed members. Working towards a long term presence, prior experience in communication skills (relay with communication, human relation, interviews). Fluent English, skill such as typing minutes, email follow up, listening, understanding and give information on entry at the desk and during interviews.

### INFORMATION ON JOINING AUROVILLE

Our office is open to general public on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 to 12 am and Thursday afternoon from 2 to 3 pm on appointment regarding B-Forms and Recommendation letters.  
Please notice that the last week of each month we are closed for public. We will use this time for studies, field visits and internal office work.

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

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Admission for Vocational education at AIAT

AIAT is closing admission on 15th of September for following vocational training courses:

#### 2 years central Govt. recognized courses

Civil Draughtsmanship; certificate holders are capable for supervisor job at construction sites.

#### 1 year State Govt. recognized courses

Data Processing and Computer Applications; Certificate holders are implement DTP Applications.

Corporate Secretaryship with accounting & Tally; Certificate holders are capable to work as assistant accountant, making data entry in Tally, the accounting software.

Hardware & Networking; Certificate holders can perform hardware maintenance jobs.

Home Appliances; Certificate holders are capable to assist maintenance of home appliances, House wiring, Batteries etc...

Metalworking/ Fitter & Welder; this training is conducted in dual mode partially at AIAT and partially at Fabrication site (Aurore, Welding workshop in Kottakarai)

Min. qualification for admission is 10th pass for all courses, except for Home Appliance & Metalworking.

If a candidate belongs to SC Community, he is eligible for 75% Scholarship.

For one year, course scholarship is available under SEDAB Scheme.

Pl. Contact *Lavkamad*. Phone: 9443238303 or 2671758

## Call for Grant Proposals Annual Review

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

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

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

With regard to Stichting De Zaaier, Project Coordination Group members will review and forward proposals that fall within the SDZ funding criteria to their Board for final selection and budget allocation. In recent years, funds available with Stichting De Zaaier for Auroville projects and programmes were in the range of € 35.000 to € 65.000 in total.

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

Please write to [pcg@auroville.org.in](mailto:pcg@auroville.org.in) for a copy of the new version of the Auroville Grant Application Form, Budget Table and instruction guide or download from AuroNet.

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

**NB** If you are submitting a project that has anything to do with Auroville or Auroville Outreach schools, or students of any individual classes, your project is to be reviewed by the Auroville and/or Outreach School Boards prior to the Project Coordination Group annual review. It is important that all the relevant bodies (i.e. schools, teachers, school board, etc.) are aware of your project and support it. In this way, the Project

Coordination Group can more easily recommend a project for funding knowing it will have the support of schools and thereby have a greater impact on the beneficiaries of the project.

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

## How do Aurovilians like their Houses?

*Some results - By K. Nourredine Under the guidance of Satprem Maini*

Dear readers, last time we explained the method used by the Earth Institute to calculate how much people like their homes and the CSEB building technique. And it is time now to talk about some of the interesting results we have gotten up until this moment.

First let's say that what we are talking about now is temporary and it will be confirmed at the end of the study when the required statistical number of participants is reached. But we wish to inform our readers about the usefulness of this study.

People are seeking high satisfaction when building or living in a house. So do architects when designing and supervising a building site or merely advising their "clients" purchasing a new place to live in. According to the study, the first criterion is *satisfaction*; that is, how satisfactory is what you are going to do? Suppose a person asked an architect to design her future house, they have to discuss first how much the design is satisfying. For example the architect has to ask the "client" whether the façade is satisfying or not and the same for every detail they want to know about before discussing any other technical details, including the cost. According to us, this is because the challenge is the joy of life. We think that an unsatisfied need negatively affects the daily life. Next time, we will discuss the second and the third criteria which are caution and respectability.

For more information, you can come to Earth Institute or write to us at the following email: [earthinstitute@auroville.org.in](mailto:earthinstitute@auroville.org.in) Up to now, we have not reached the right statistical number of participants and Earth Institute encourages online participation because it is more ecological and saves paper. It is why we invite more people to join in by using the following link: <http://www.earth-auroville.com/survey.php>

## The Earth Institute's 25th Anniversary

This week, the Auroville Earth Institute (AVEI) is celebrating its 25th anniversary. This date is marked from the time that Satprem Maini came to Auroville to collaborate with Suhasini (AV Building Centre) for the design and construction of the Visitor's Center. At this time, Satprem began the Earth Unit and was soon joined by Ayyappan for the development of the center.

In the last 25 years, the Earth Institute has grown from a tiny building center specializing in earthen construction to a major leader in the global profession of earthen architecture, with particular expertise in the production of Compressed Stabilised Earth Block (CSEB), structural design and construction of earthen arches, vaults and domes, sustainable resource management, and climate appropriate construction with earth. AVEI is the representative for Asia for the UNESCO Chair of "Earthen Architecture, Constructive Cultures and Sustainable Development".

We have trained over 10,000 students from 79 countries and have carried out capacity building programs and/or constructions in 36 countries. We have designed and built a number of award winning buildings, have collaborated with leading universities for advanced, applied research in earthen construction, and have provided consultancy to help people

achieve their goals to build with appropriate building technologies.

We remain at the service of Auroville, with the aim to continue to promote ecologically responsible, high quality and affordable construction with earth as a building material. The next step for us is to continue to move - slowly, with intention - towards the construction of the AVEI School of Earthen Architecture, which aims to provide the first 1-year diploma program in earthen construction globally for all sectors of society, from architects and engineers, to masonry technicians and masons. Despite all of the current challenges, we are hopeful for the upcoming 25 years.

Our thanks go to our dedicated staff, and to all of the people in the AV community and abroad who have supported our work over the years.

Lara [Architect/ faculty, Auroville Earth Institute]

## Sustainable Environment Prosperity Auroville (SEPA)

### Increasing Energy Efficiency

Sustainable Environment Prosperity Auroville (SEPA) aims at making Auroville a model town for environmentally, socially and economically responsible resource management. The current main focus is at increasing Auroville's energy efficiency and to reduce our footprint on the planet. Three public buildings of Auroville: Pitanga, Unity Pavilion and Nandanam Kindergarten have been audited, and energy efficiency improvements were implemented. Inefficient fans, lights and a fridge were replaced by highly efficient ones. The following electric load reduction per building has been achieved. Pitanga 47%, Unity Pavilion 63%, Nandanam 42%

These three projects have been made possible through the generous support of Varuna Auroville and Auroville International Holland. Special thanks to the Auroville Electrical Service and Sunlit Future for their continuous cooperation. SEPA is managed by Auroville Consulting. For additional information please contact: [info@aurovilleconsulting.com](mailto:info@aurovilleconsulting.com).

Martin

## AVTS: No CASH Please

AVTS has provided junction boxes and splitters to BSNL, in case they need it to repair your phone. BUT do not pay them for it. TS will take it from your FS account. AVTS and BSNL do NOT accept cash payments through its field representatives. ALL payments, of any kind, should be made through PT accounts or at the BSNL Pondy office ONLY. Telephone Service does not sell modems or underground cables.

Any solicitation may please be reported. This has been posted online and in the N&N repeatedly.

## Auroville Visual Artist Center calls for participation

Auroville Visual Artist Center calls for participation in our outdoor gallery at the Visitors Center.

Bring one or two original pieces not more than 70cm x 70cm framed and ready to hang (paintings, photographs, drawings, collages and mixed media). Prints will be accepted matted and covered with plastic or cellophane. The mat may be no larger than 40cm x 40cm with the number of prints to be sold at what price written on the bottom of the print or the mat. No framed prints please.

All pieces must have on the back the artists' name, the title of the piece, the size, the material, the date finished and the price.

You may bring your piece or pieces to the Open Gallery at the visitors' center on September 6-7 at 9:30-4:30 or the following week 11-14 at the same time.

We would like to remind you, our friends, colleagues, and fellows who deal in Creative Expression on paper, canvas or other materials that this artists' cooperative is run for and by US. We delight in your active empathetic and thoughtful participation. One of the ways we will have to have your participation is to help our dear manager Coco with hanging one hour in the morning at 8:45 and with taking down one hour at 4:15. in the afternoon.

You will sign up when you bring your contribution on what day and what time is convenient for you.

A short note about prints: Our clientele are mostly travelers who do not want a large heavy load. Prints presented professionally in the above way seem to be an answer to that need.

Welcome to Neelanjani's Open Gallery - a window on the visual expression in Auroville.

## About the City Center Canteen

Some may have noticed the newly started City Center Canteen just below Cafe Le Morgan. This canteen is a service to provide cost-price snacks and drinks especially for the people working in the Town Hall area. Although it apparently came as a surprise to some, our team has been looking for a long time into ways to fill a need that was not met by Cafe Le Morgan.

Two surveys done among about 100 people working at Town Hall complex (one two years back and one recently, in April this year) have shown that many would be glad if affordable snacks and drinks would be available throughout the day. Without those survey results we would not have taken the step to create the canteen.

We started quietly with a few basic items, without advertising it, because we are still learning the ropes and await help that has been enthusiastically offered to improve the recipes and menu.

To recall the history in brief, the space now occupied by Le Morgan was originally planned to provide food from solar kitchen and the upstairs to be a cafe simply, not to make a restaurant for a wider public. While the food on offer there is liked by many, it so far concentrated predominantly on main meals in French style and at a price that many in Town Hall could not afford.

One thing must be clear: the canteen has been started to fill a need - not to take away business from Cafe Le Morgan. We learnt from a note from Cafe Le Morgan in the last issue of the *News & Notes* that they now also provide snacks and drinks throughout the day. We are happy to know that finally a move in that direction has been made.

*The ACUR team*

## The French Pavilion Publication of talks

After the publication of the first two booklets in French:

"Comment est née la loi de la Fondation d'Auroville" - Talk by Alain Bernard on January 23, 2010

"La libération des eaux et du soleil dans les symboles védiques, égyptiens et mésopotamiens" - Talk by Jean-Yves Lung on October 31, 2006

We are pleased to announce the release of two other booklets: "Une lecture spirituelle de la crise" (in French) - Talk by Patrick Viveret on February 14, 2012

"Genesis of the Auroville Foundation Act" - Talk by Alain Bernard on January 23, 2010

All these booklets are available at: Auroville Press (Visitors Center) and Auro-Traductions (Town-hall).

## POSTINGS

### Baby Born

We are happy to share with our larger family, the birth of our son: Jeevesh on 9th of August 2014. Love and smiles, *Ganesh.G & Durgesh Nandini*

### Baul Retreat and festival In Trivandrum 8th to 14th Dec 2014

Dear Baul Anuragee,

As we get many requests for learning and understanding the Baul tradition, we are organising a Baul retreat with eminent Baul practitioners from December 8th till 14th Dec 2014, at Ekathara Kalari, Nedumangad, Trivandrum, Kerala. We will take only limited number of participants, if you are interested please write early to: [ekatharakalari@gmail.com](mailto:ekatharakalari@gmail.com). *Parvathy Baul (Submitted by Patrick [Fertile])*

### To all participants of the AV Singing Festival

The second rehearsal will take place on Sunday 7th of September from 3 pm to 5:30 pm at the SAIER CONFERENCE ROOM (The Saiier building is next to the Foundation Bhavan). Please bring your own musical instruments. Those wishing to be accompanied by one of our instrumentalists should bring their music sheet so that we can try to find someone to accompany them.

For the AV Singing Festival, *Ananda (Co-coordinator)*

### New Choir at Savitri Bhavan

In view of the 2nd General Rehearsal of the AV Singing Festival that will take place coming Sunday 07.09.2014 from 15:00 to 17:30 at the SAIER Conference Room, the rehearsal for "Amazing Grace" will not take place at Savitri Bhavan like previously. Instead our team will take part in the 2nd General Rehearsal. We probably will start again rehearsing at Savitri Bhavan the following Sunday. *Ananda.*

## AVAILABLE

### Janaka's new book

Janaka is happy to inform you that his latest book "L'île de Soranil" is now available at Freeland, Seagull (Visitors Center), Focus (Pondy) and Boutique d'Auroville (Pondy). He will sign his book on Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Morgan, where tea and snacks will be served from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

### Camera

Sony Cyber-shot camera with video, ultraslim, bought in 2006 and still in perfect condition. Contact: *Monica, [marinonimonica@gmail.com](mailto:marinonimonica@gmail.com)*, 09443085323. 2623332

### Laptop: Dell Inspiron 15r

1 yr old, perfect condition. Specs: Intel core i5, 15.6" Display, 1TB HDD, 4GB RAM, 2GB GRAPHICS, WIN 8, accessories with

charger and Laptop sleeve. Recovery Disks Included. Pls call Darpan (09925387391).

### Puppies!

Four adorable puppies are looking for a permanent home: if you adopt one of them, you and your children will have a lot of fun and experience, so much joy and love! Please call or Sms Manolo: 9159008653 or Teresa 7867998952 for more information. Thanks

### A Lovely White Dog (Pommerian) needs a family!

A lost injured dog has come to Dehashakti Sports Complex, Dana. a week back and we have nursed it and it is now ready for adoption. Anyone interested to have a lovely playful friend do not hesitate to come and see him. Contact *Rajeev 94437 26223*

## LOOKING FOR ...

### Education purposes

Auroville Institute of Applied Technology is conducting vocational training for the youth of the Bioregion. We are conducting a one-year course in Home Appliances and a two-year course in Electronic Mechanics. For training purposes we are looking for the following items:

- 1 automatic washing machine
- 1 semi automatic washing machine
- 1 Micro wave oven
- 1 Mixer cum Grinder
- 1 Vacuum cleaner
- 1 Steam iron
- 1 Milk Skimmer

We need these items in working conditions. Donations in kind of these items is highly welcome. Thank you for your support. Pl. contact: *Lavkamad*. Phone: 9443238303 or AIAT landline: 2671757

### Casting for Merchant of Venice

I am looking for actors for Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare to play several principal roles as well as secondary roles. Age range: 16-30. Two characters over 50. If you have a love of poetic language and enjoy physical theatre come and join us in one of Shakespeare's great comedies. Please call me

at: 948641613 or see me at the Solar Kitchen. Performance in January.

*Jill Navarre, director. The Auroville Theatre Group*

### House or garden Work

Kalaivani, presently working on a farm, with very good references, is looking for work in Auroville in garden, kitchen, household etc., in the vicinity of Kottakarai (up to the Matrimandir area). She speaks some English and her phone no is 9159529336. For references: Sudhanya tel. 8695919980.

### Motorcycle

I am looking for a motorcycle in good condition--mail [robby.long@yahoo.it](mailto:robby.long@yahoo.it). *Roberto*

### Bamboo

Nandanam is looking for Bamboo - if anyone has some extra bamboo lying around, Nandanam Kindergarten is willing to take it for some work at Nandanam. Kindly contact *Shailaja* on 9443790172, [shailaja@auroville.org.in](mailto:shailaja@auroville.org.in) or Lakshmi [nandanamkg@auroville.org.in](mailto:nandanamkg@auroville.org.in) - Thanks.

## LOST & FOUND

Transparent glasses(lost): I have lost my transparent glasses at the Tibetan Pavilion the day of the Full Moon, last Month. I badly need them, and we do not get more like that in Pondy. If you have found them or you have some like that you do not use, please let me know. Thanks. *Anandi*

Two Sim cards(found): At the solar kitchen. Pass by the *News&Notes* office

Two reading glasses and a green USB key(lost): All were in a little brown bag. If found thank you to phone Pierre 9943879432 or bring them to the *News&Notes* office.

Lost set of keys: if found please call 0 98 20 63 58 28

## THANK YOU

### For AV - ID Card

I want to say a big "Thank you" to the AV Foundation and to Aurora to have taken the effort to get the ID Cards issued for us. The Auroville Identity card proved to be extremely valuable when I was travelling in India this summer. I got the local entry fees everywhere without any discussion, I needed to register at the hotels only with my name and not any more with the long tourist form and best: I did not need to pay any special tourist permit to go into those restricted areas, which are freely accessible for Indian people in the Himalayas. I even did not need to show my passport for the inland flights, the ID card was sufficient. We got stopped a couple of times by policemen looking for a reason to make us pay something, who let us drive on immediately when I pointed on the "Ministry of Human Resource Development" on the backside of the ID card.

*Birgitta Volz*

## A P P E A L

### Just a word about the possibility of Bauls musicians from Bengal

Coming to Auroville eventually depends on people enthusiasm and generosity since it is unfortunately depending on the amount of money we manage to gather. 1/ to put them on the train 2/ to lodge them 3/ to feed them plus whatever else will be necessary for their upkeep in Auroville. Since I was originally the one who triggered this idea I felt that I should be the one throwing the first seed, so we now have a treasure box filled with 40,000 rupees, obviously not enough, so we do have to hope that some more adepts of Baul music will find it worthwhile to participate financially for the event to happen - it is not an appeal for money just a suggestion for a generous gift.

Well since the event is due to happen, if ever, in October, we have ample time to think it over. In case some reactions would take place earlier, we shall be glad to have a chance to meet those who...There will be an account number to offer your money, ideally before the 15th of September - if there is not enough money to cover the expenses of this event the money will be returned to the givers.

Any suggestions, questions, info at: [patrick.dubos@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.dubos@gmail.com), as well as Marc and Anne.

Happen what will happen, for the good of all.

Account number 255012c

### Volunteers to help the health service

Dear Friends

We all know our lives are precious and sometime we rely on each other in times of need.

The health services Team are looking for kind and hearty people to help us in home cares on an on-call basis.

We are looking for volunteers who can help with:

Night duty (involves help patient to bed, sleep over), give company in the afternoon, help with personal hygiene.

The persons interested, will receive basic training in home care. Hope you are interested and have time to help us - Contact us on [avhs@auroville.org.in](mailto:avhs@auroville.org.in) by emails or phone calls 2622425 (Mornings Monday - Friday)

Thank you. *The Health Services Team and Friends*

## ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

### House sitting1

We are looking for a house sitting for 3-4 people till mid-November. We are interns working here in Auroville since May 2014. We wish to experience community living and are up for taking care of pets and the garden too. We wish to stay there from the first week of September to mid-November or a shorter time period within the same time frame. In case of any availability, please contact: +917798630177, +919442365837."Regards. *Parikh Naomi*

### House sitting2

I'm a volunteer and I'm looking for an affordable accommodation for the next months (approx. until February/March). So if there is anybody who would like to share his flat/house or who is looking for a house-sitter for that period - I would be glad to hear from you! :)

Of course I am responsible, clean, careful, helpful, good cooking/looking and all that other stuff you have to mention in announcements like this: P Contact: [jonas.knigge@gmail.com](mailto:jonas.knigge@gmail.com) +918940563087 - *Jonas*

### House sitting3

We are a family of four - Greg, Mamata, Erin (8) and Amelia (5) - looking for a house sitting opportunity from October for as long as possible. We are an easy going and fun-loving family who like to cycle, garden and look after pets. We have funds available for expenses and can oversee maintenance and repairs when required. We have housesitting experience and references available. Please call 8940498038 or email: [ghd@worldonline.co.za](mailto:ghd@worldonline.co.za). *Greg*

## TAXI SHARING

**September 7th:** Chennai Airport to Av. I'll be arriving around 5:10 pm on Sunday at Chennai airport. My email is [d.ojeda@live.com.mx](mailto:d.ojeda@live.com.mx) / whatsapp ONLY +91 8110 848395. Thanks!!! Daniel

**September 9th:** To Chennai Airport. Picking up someone at 7.30 pm. Cab can go earlier if you wish to share. [ajit@auroville.org.in](mailto:ajit@auroville.org.in) or call 94435 35058. Ajit

**September 9th:** Hello! I, Rosa from Holland, am searching for somebody who will share a taxi to Chennai. My flight is at 6 pm, so I will leave around 11.30 am. Interested? Please contact me by sending an email: [rosano86@gmail.com](mailto:rosano86@gmail.com)

**September 11th:** I am landing at Chennai Airport at 08.40 am on Sep. 11<sup>th</sup>. Who wants to share, arriving or leaving around the same time? Contact: Ulrich, Creativity, [ulrich@auroville.org.in](mailto:ulrich@auroville.org.in)

**September 13th:** Leaving Auroville 1.30 am from Arati to Airport 13th of September, coming back 14th of September 21.30 pm Chennai to Auroville. If you would like to share, please [ingridt@auroville.org.in](mailto:ingridt@auroville.org.in) or call 9443843976. Ingrid

**September 13th:** Leaving at 7:30 am for Chennai Airport. One seat available. [ajit@auroville.org.in](mailto:ajit@auroville.org.in) or call 94435 35058 Thanks, -Ajit

**September 14th/15th:** A taxi will be leaving Auroville on the 14th night and returning to Av on the 15th. For sharing it both ways, pls call : Mauro 2622252 .

**September 18th:** I leave for Chennai airport at 3.30 pm on 18th Sept. anyone going there around the same time or arriving after 7.30 pm and wanting to share, please contact me. [shahnandi@gmail.com](mailto:shahnandi@gmail.com), 0413 2622637 or sms 9488483286. Dr Nandita Shah

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

### Can you listen, observe and write and do it well?

SEDAB is a project that is empowering village women around Auroville through the creation of community institution based enterprises. Managing enterprises empower them both economically and socially. The project is in its second year and has already created several rural women entrepreneurs in the bio-region around Auroville. This project needs a "Documentation & Communication" person with the following qualification:

Capacity to listen, observe and write in English  
Understand and communicate in Tamil (preferable)  
Good command over offline and online tools for creating, editing, presenting the project  
Coordinate / communicate among several units  
Organize meetings and attend, managing communication regarding the same  
Of course, it would be great to have a cheerful, young and team working person, preferably a woman for this. But, do go ahead and apply if the above looks exciting for you. Write to [sedab.comm@gmail.com](mailto:sedab.comm@gmail.com) or [ird@auroville.org.in](mailto:ird@auroville.org.in) or call Partha - 09443114307.

Compensation / Maintenance is negotiable for a deserving candidate.

Come, join an exciting venture WRITE FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT!!

Joss

### Join Us at Upasana

At Upasana we have the following jobs (We are interested in Aurovilians taking these jobs on a part time, full time or volunteering basis):

**Stock room manager:** Someone who is meticulous with material arrangement of things. Skill in Tamil, English.

**Project coordinator:** Good with communication and coordinating things, being with people, planning action with a team and following up. Computer skill required.

**Production coordinator:** Good with coordinating things, planning action with a team and following it up. Computer skill required.

All jobs above are open for part time if required.

Pls write to: [Admin@upasana.in](mailto:Admin@upasana.in)

## HEALTH

### INTEGRAL HEALTH

*Classical homeopathy hypnotherapy midwifery child care coaching*

*Peter and Ingo are back and available for consultations. Sigrid will be out of station from Sept 10<sup>th</sup> to Nov 10<sup>th</sup>.*

*Lisa and Nora return in December, after an intense training at Sankarans "Academy for advanced homeopathy, Mumbai.*

**Training in homeopathy for beginners:** We are starting a new introductory course - basics and self-study with all materials provided. Skills required: spoken English, basic biology, medical background.

**PC remedies** for Diabetes, High Blood pressure and Trauma have shown very effective. We have 84 PC, they are available free of cost directly through Malar, best to pass by at office times: Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9 to 12 am.

"**Harmony and Samata**" are homeopathic remedies carrying the energies of Mother and SriAurobindo. The remedies can be obtained free of cost in different potencies, and can be picked up in C 200 and 1M potency any time in the remedy box of

Integral Health. For all purposes please email to [harmonysamata@gmail.com](mailto:harmonysamata@gmail.com)

**The First Aid Kits**, with 32 remedies and a manual (English, German or French) are available again.

**Sigrid** [[www.sigridlindemann.de](http://www.sigridlindemann.de)], **Ingo** (a certified German healing practitioners) and Peter are offering treatment in **classical homeopathy**.

**Sigrid** offers transpersonal regression therapy (certified from [www.tassointernational.com](http://www.tassointernational.com))

**Manuela** offers professional **midwifery** and hypnotherapy.

**Vani** offers Counselling: **Using Life Coaching**, Mediation, visualization, imagination techniques. **Journey to the memory of the body:** Unblocking trauma memories in the body, emotional blockages and belief systems.

*Consultations are generally held in English, French and German, with Sigrid in Tamil as well. Manuela speaks Dutch and Italian, Lisa and Rosalba Italian, Lisa Portugese, Vani French and English.*

**Malar** is managing the office, mailing of remedies, the FirstAidKits and PC remedies on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 - 12 a.m.

You are welcome to contact us at: [integralhealth@auroville.org.in](mailto:integralhealth@auroville.org.in) to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue. Please make an appointment beforehand via Integral Health, Prayatna 2623669

Sigrid [sigrid@auroville.org.in](mailto:sigrid@auroville.org.in), Peter [peterh@auroville.org.in](mailto:peterh@auroville.org.in) mobile 9787698464, Ingo [ingo@auroville.org.in](mailto:ingo@auroville.org.in) 9489325085, Lisa 9585172729, Malar [malar@auroville.org.in](mailto:malar@auroville.org.in) 9585012007, Manuela [manuela.auroville@gmail.com](mailto:manuela.auroville@gmail.com) - 8098900471, Vani [vani@auroville.org.in](mailto:vani@auroville.org.in) 94 888 18 072 // More information is available on our website [http://www.auroville.org/health/integral\\_health.htm](http://www.auroville.org/health/integral_health.htm)

### Jade Beauty salon

Open again after an amazing summer. From next Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of September I will be back, please call for appointment on 809 876 0113, (only this number is in service)  
Happy to welcome you, with love *Julia*

### Reversing diseases with food

Dr Nandita Shah will be consulting from the SHARAN Aurelec office from Sept onwards. For those interested in preventing and reversing diseases by eating in a healthier way. For appointments please call 0413 - 2622637 or 2622424, 9am - 1 pm and 2 pm - 5 pm

## RADIO



Dear Listeners September marks the beginning of our month long fund-raising drive for the Auroville Radio! We hope to cover the basic expenses to maintain the radio station for the year and for the project of the "Art and Science of Communication School" so that the work of communication can expand in all its variety and aspects as communication is a core need in Auroville.

Please visit our page <http://www.aurovillerradio.org/donate> to donate via Gateway for overseas or credit card or in our Pour Tous account 251369 (within Auroville) - You will be able to follow the progress achieved on the site-

Our program this week covers a variety of events and a General Meeting. We are happy to introduce a weekly series "Selection by Gangalakshmi" in French.

Chloe's radio concert benefit on the 30th was attended by over 50 persons, and we raised Rs 6,550 for the school at this event!

Merci, Nandri and Thank you for listening and supporting us.

The Auroville Radio Team

These are the latest programs published by AurovilleRadio this week. All the recordings are available in CD or ready to be copied on your memory stick at the AurovilleRadio premises in Town Hall, opposite the Financial Service.

Auroville Council reporting at GM (Governance 27/08/2014)  
General Meeting to Refine Proposed Community Conflict Resolution Policy & Hear Updates from the Auroville Council. - [English, 106 Minutes]

Selections by Gangalakshmi-3 (Integral Yoga 28/08/2014)  
This is the third of the weekly series of Selections by Gangalakshmi in French- Sri Aurobindo's humour -Nirodbaran - [French, 12 Minutes]

You can listen to all of the programs and more on [www.aurovillerradio.org](http://www.aurovillerradio.org). For more info call 0413-2623331 or email [a@aurovillerradio.org](mailto:a@aurovillerradio.org)

Joy of Learning, Forgiveness (News from Auroville 28/08/2014)

Featuring Min from ACI inviting us to Joy of Learning Series 2 sept 4.30 pm at SAIER. -[English, 14 Minutes]

Sacred Grove Housing Project (Housing 25/08/2014)

Sacred Groves is an innovative project where the hands on approach to building housing and community come together. - [English, 31 Minutes]

## EATING OUT

### News from the Morgan Cafe

To survive, one has to adapt and evolve. Le Morgan café is facing tough times now, due to the difficult economic situation.

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 at an affordable price.

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

### Opening of Evening Dosa and Parotha Corner @ Visitors Centre

When: On Friday the 5th September at 6.30 pm

Where: At Visitors' Centre Kiosk (behind Dreamers' Café).

Follow the lights

Timings: Daily from 6.30 pm to 10.30 pm - Closed on Wednesdays

Open to: Aurovilians and Newcomers FS account holders, Volunteers, Interns and Guests with Aurocard - No cash payments

Why: To offer a clean and protected space where to enjoy local and organic specialities at an affordable cost.

Come and enjoy!

With love, *Cafeteria Team*

## GREEN MATTERS



### UN Climate Summit, and People Marching for Climate Justice all over the World

As the scientists know, as the polar bear knows, and as the people who have experienced extreme weather events know, the nations of the world are still moving

too slowly to avert climate disaster. The amount of CO2 in our atmosphere has already reached levels not seen long before we as a species evolved.

On September 21st in New York, world and corporate leaders will gather for a landmark UN Climate summit. UN Secretary Ban Ki-Moon will urge governments, world leaders, politicians

and the energy lobby to support an ambitious global agreement to dramatically reduce pollution resulting in global warming. This summit should *not* end up as yet another step towards a corporate takeover of the UN Climate negotiations, the privatisation of land, water and air resources under the guise of a 'global climate compact', as has happened in all previous Climate Summits from Rio to Stockholm.

This is therefore the right moment for massive public pressure in New York and globally, as **solidarity events will happen simultaneously around the world**. Businesses, faith groups, unions, social justice and environmental groups, universities and the people all working together for bold action that is strong enough to tip the balance to build a clean energy future.

People all over the planet are organising events in an **International week of Solidarity, 17 - 24 September**, with frontline communities - indigenous people, communities of colour and the millions in the developing world, who are the first and most impacted by the storms, floods and droughts - highlighting their plights and presenting their place-based solutions to address the ecological crisis. They are demanding a world economy that works for people and the planet, a world free of the ravages of climate change, a world with healthy communities, food sovereignty, clean air, water and food, with education for all, decent jobs, clean energy, zero waste, public transportation, communal housing, and the restoration of eco-systems.

When it comes to climate, why do we do so little when we know so much? Our inaction has devastating consequences.

The film **Disruption**, the new documentary on climate change (going in premiere worldwide on September 7th, we are trying to screen it in Auroville too), shows the alarming findings of science, the shattered political process, the unrelenting 'special interests' of industries, and the civic inaction which have brought us to this social, moral and ecological crossroads. We are living through a unique and crucial time of tipping points and rapid social and planetary change. We are the first generation to feel the impact of climate disruption, and the last generation that can do something about it...!

To stop pollution and poverty at the source, nothing less will do but to confront the big energy corporations. This includes the mining, oil and gas industries, pipelines and refineries, biofuel plantations, nuclear power plants, waste and biomass incineration and many other industries accountable for the destruction of our communities, cultures and our ecosystems. The fossil fuel industry, mainly responsible for climate change, is the wealthiest enterprise in the whole of human history, and

has been able to delay effective action almost to the point where it is too late.

**We can help...**by standing in solidarity with all the frontlines of resistance and resilience around the world, taking non-violent, direct actions against the corporations that drive the unsustainable extractive industries. **We can help** by organising, wherever we are, events and creative actions that promote local solutions to climate change, clean water, air and food. The demands to local, national and international decision-makers are clear: Support the building of 'just transition pathways' away from the "*dig-burn-dump*" economy and towards decentralised, "*local-living*" economies where communities and common people are in charge and can shape their own destinies.

#### "Jobs & climate: Two crisis, one solution"

This title of a lead article in a US magazine exposes as a myth the often-heard argument that the shift from fossil fuels to clean energy will cause unemployment and damage the economy. On the contrary! According to union leaders, "there are far, far more jobs in fighting climate change than in trying to go along with the [race] for more and more environmentally destructive projects". In Canada, the main union of workers in the destructive tar sand industry is actually opposing further development of the tar sands, because they understand what a danger it is to everybody! Union leaders see job potential in innumerable new enterprises, massive solar plants being just one of the many avenues.

#### "It takes roots to weather the storm"

In small or big ways, each of us is invited to act as the world prepares for the next Climate summit. "*It is too late to be a pessimist*", echoes the refrain of the poignant eco-documentary 'Home' (2009). As the UN prepares its Landmark Summit, climate gatherings and action campaigns in America are galvanising individuals and communities with the slogan: "*It takes roots to weather the storm*". Amid predictions of gloom and upheaval, it seems the world is moving closer to realising the need for a transformation as outlined by Sri Aurobindo: "*An outer activity as well as an inner change is needed and it must be at once a spiritual, cultural, educational, social and economical action.*"

Are we hearing the call?

(Sources: 350.org, People's Climate Mobilisation, NYC Environmental Justice Alliance, "Risky Business."; plenty of information on the internet.)

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

For AV Green Center: Lisbeth, Jasmin & Bridget



## LOE RESEARCH: 'Spiritual and Supramental aren't the same'

Sri Aurobindo has a bad reputation: the reputation of being too difficult to understand for ordinary people. This is not necessarily true, but the fact is that the most famous books by him were destined to the big philosophical and spiritual heads of that time, for presenting to them from all necessary angles a vision of everything that was revolutionary; the impressive volume of even one of those books can be discouraging.

Moreover, people who are interested in 'Indian spirituality' and go around exploring India's innumerable ashrams often simplify the task for themselves: it's all more or less the same thing, they think, so why should the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo be any different? If any mental arrogance adds itself to their ignorance, they can be heard saying with utter seriousness the stupidest blunders about Sri Aurobindo in general and the Supramental in particular.

Many people, reading for the first time a text in which Sri Aurobindo mentions the 'Supramental', tend to imagine that what he calls thus must be what is usually called the 'Spiritual', simply clad in a different name. Nothing could be further from the truth.

If those people want to understand what Sri Aurobindo is really talking about, let them read what he has himself written about this 'Supramental' and exactly what he meant by that word. For example in the following letter:

*'If spiritual and supramental were the same thing, as you say my readers imagine, then all the sages and devotees and yogis and [sadhaks](#) throughout the ages would have been supramental beings and all I have written about the supermind would be so much superfluous stuff, useless and otiose. Anybody who had spiritual experiences would then be a supramental being; the [Ashram](#) would be chock-full of supramental beings and every other [Ashram](#) in India also. Spiritual experiences can fix themselves in the inner consciousness and alter it, transform it, if you like; one can realise the Divine everywhere, the Self in all and all in the Self, the universal [Shakti](#) doing all things; one can feel merged in the Cosmic Self or full of ecstatic [bhakti](#) or [Ananda](#). But one may and usually does still go on in the outer parts of Nature thinking with the intellect or at best the intuitive mind, willing with a mental will, feeling joy and sorrow on the vital surface, undergoing physical afflictions and suffering from the struggle of life in the body with death and disease. The change then only will be that the inner self will watch all that without getting disturbed or bewildered, with a perfect equality, taking it as an inevitable part of Nature, inevitable at least so long as one does not withdraw to the Self out of Nature. That is not the transformation I envisage. It is quite another power of knowledge, another kind of will, another luminous nature of emotion and aesthesis, another constitution of the physical consciousness that must come in by the supramental change.'*  
(Letters on Yoga, I, The Supramental Evolution)

There! A square and vigorous clarification of the topic.

*Submitted by Bhaga*

## **Far Beach Guest House in Sri Ma: a clarification**

*A clarification in reply to the Housing Board article in last week's issue (August 30, #562)*

Tanto, a unit of Auroville, has as an office order Restaurants, Guest House and a shop. In November 2012 Housing handed over two houses in Srma to Tanto; one of which totally dilapidated (by the temporary house sitters and Cyclone Thane) with a rent of 21,000 rupees per month.

HS, the steward of these houses forgot to ask the Cyclone Thane funds to repair them. They also held onto the money of the house-sitters earmarked for repairing these houses. Tanto started to pay from day one of the handover even though it took us over 6 months to fix them, investing a considerable amount of funds to add new doors, windows, new roof, plumbing electrical, flooring, new bathrooms and so on.

Together with Giorgio, we upgraded the standard of the GH with a restaurant kitchen and a swimming pool. As soon as the money started to come in, HS changed the deal to a contribution of 20 % to Housing and 20 % to City Service of the turnover to which we also agreed, thereby doubling our contribution to the standard asked from other guest houses.

We had 5 meetings with LRD & Housing and each time Tanto agreed to their constant changing conditions, but the minutes of the meeting never corresponded to what was discussed or agreed upon. HS & HB wants to be our business advisor on room pricing and other aspects. They should improve instead their own competence to their mandate and scope of work.

While running this as a commercial unit, we would like very much to continue to offer Srma as a service to Aurovilians with a clean beach, rooms at reduced prices and a leisure and recreation spot.

*Daniel, Paul & Sheril*

## **Resident Owned Private Cars in Auroville**

When we provision community transport, we move towards collective transport. When individual residents using personal funds or unit funds start to own and move about in private cars, the community has little say in the framing of our quality of communal life and subsequent planning for real estate, road use and pollution reduction.

Today, there are 5 Auroville taxi services and 7 private taxi services catering to the 4 wheel transport need of the community - a total of about 190+ four wheelers that ply the AV roads. There is now an increasing trend to private car ownership in Auroville. Residents and unit owners purchase vehicles for private and family use. There are 95+ privately registered four wheel passenger vehicles in Auroville. Now, along with private cars has come the demand that community common spaces be allocated for building private garages to park these private vehicles. The planning group TDC is unable to say "no" to these mushrooming private car garages using Auroville spaces for private use. Some residents may put up a parking garage without the permission of anyone too. Most cars just sit 95% of the time with 5% private use if at that.

There are many ways to look at this. Simplest that most will chorus is, "this is private matter, we are grown-ups and let individuals decide and choose their way of life." And there will be 95+ opinions and valid private reasons why they have to own and keep one for their use.

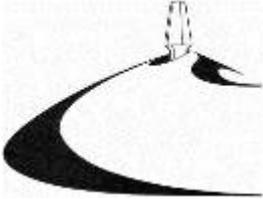
Then there is the flip side to this growing trend, "Stop all private cars. There are enough taxi services to cater to general needs". The TDC must at least stop allowing any more community space for building parking garages. Those who have cars may choose to share it in a car pool within the taxi services with some priority booking for personal use. Most developed countries are moving towards car-share. Can Auroville move to integrate community living rather than personal money/personal lifestyle choices which tends to bring a class system within our midst?

Just think if 95+ cars are put into a collective pool for ride-share, how much common money is saved and resources reused? Today, there is Rs 27 lakhs donated money waiting to implement some type of "community transport", be they in minivans, minibus or whatever. With the common car-share pool, ONE honest unit providing common service to all 4 four wheel needs of Auroville, how much closer will we be to our community transport?

Think it over. Let us move collectively on this in the forward direction.

*Chandresh*

# 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*

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## AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> - 6.00 to 7.00 pm (new timing! and weather permitting)

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

Joy and Jivatman (guitar) will guide the chanting

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

Please take your torchlight for the steps. No photos please.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest card.

*Amphitheatre Team*

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## AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Tuesday 9th September

At the Amphitheater from 6.30 to 7.15 pm

Musical meditation for the full moonrise (recorded music)

Access only from office gate. Dear guests, please carry your guest card.

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## INVITATIONS

### When did you last...?

It sort of went like this:

There we were - sitting around, bemoaning the state of our little Auro-world when someone said:

"Hang on. When did you last visit 9 Palms, or someone's garden in Aspiration, or had a cup of tea in Auromodel?"

Sure, we all have our "friends" but what about the rest of the "family"? Are we growing apart? We for sure do keep meeting Aurovilians  
who haven't been to Pitchandikulam - ever or in something like 20 years...

We'd like to invite 25 Aurovilians or Newcomers to come and have a walk with us and then a cup of tea and cake.

**Sunday, September 7th at 3.30 pm.**

We just need to know who is coming, so the first 25 who contact us are in... :-)

Call Elvira on 890 330 68 37.

We are looking forward to seeing you here!

*Kannyappan, Elvira, Irene, Nico, Sasha, Nino, Lourdes, Vijaya, Ramanan, , Max, Kadhir, Fabian, Tara, Joss, Edward, Anandi, Kamatchi, and Molly*

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### Let's sing for the climate 'Do it Now'

On Saturday 20th of September at 1 30 pm at the Farmer's market at the Youth center

This is for singing the Climate song 'Do it Now' that took place in Belgium on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2012 when 80,000 Belgians sang from 180 town squares for the climate. A month later 725 schools organized a [Sing@school](#). 300.000 school-kids sang "Do it Now" at the playground. This is how 380,000 people voiced their support for the climate.

Auroville is the first to participate to this campaign singing for the climate in India.

The first event will take place **on Saturday 20th of September at 1:30 pm at the Farmer's market at Youth center.**

Please come and sing together! We will welcome everybody families, Friends, schools, units....

*AV Singing Festival 2014*

*'One Community One Family'*

*Community Cultural Colors(See See See)*

## Interactive Sharing on Restorative Justice

Wed, Sept 10, 4.30-6pm, Unity Pavilion

ALL ARE WELCOME! PLEASE JOIN US!

*"Conflict is not a problem that needs solving, but a phenomenon that needs understanding."* - Dominic Barter  
What works in AV when we respond to conflict?

- What doesn't work quite so well?
- What do we dream it could be?

Some of us have already been exploring and practicing this "craft" over the past few years and we'd like to share it more widely in Auroville. As a first step, we invite you to a sharing on the 3 above questions.

If time permits, we could also have a short Q&A on what Restorative Circles are, and possibly show a 30-minute video about the practice.

For some inspiration, here are a few words from Dominic Barter, founder of Restorative Circles:

*"Painful conflict is an opportunity for a kind of intimacy that reveals the presence of community, of a tangible interdependence in which power - both in its actions and its results - is shared.*

*Painful conflict destroys - sometimes violently - the illusion that you make no difference in my life, that I make no difference in yours. Such conflict is a sometimes tortured awakening to the fact that we live together - and that the differences we invest so much in affirming, that we use with such earnestness in our attempts to separate ourselves from others or from unwelcome truths about ourselves, are unable to banish that fact. Painful conflict says 'We live together. I am uninterested if that is to your liking'.*

*In order for painful conflict to effectively result in transformative change it requires a dedicated space to flower. Such a space, and whatever practice we develop and enact within it, has a singular focus: to reveal our interconnectedness and to seed constructive action that comes from it and remains aligned with it."*

With love,

L'aura, Taj, Janet, Shanti, Yuval, Amy, Ambre, Jo and Elisa

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## EVERYONE CAN BUILD!



Wouldn't it be great if we could experience the greatest freedom of all-satisfying our nesting instincts, to build a home from scratch with very little money and expertise?

All we need is a piece of land, a bit of common sense and some help from friends and family.  
Inviting all makers and building enthusiasts for a play date at SacredGroves.

### What to expect?

- Cob work / earth work
- Fun activities, murals and paintings for children
- Recycled tetra-pack furniture making and more.

### When and where?

September 13<sup>th</sup> 2014 10 am to 5 pm at SacredGroves, Auroville.

Asha -9443069335

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## FUTURE SCHOOL

Hello everyone!

Friday, 19th September, Future School, a high school of Auroville, warmly invites everyone to come see the school's work and enjoy lots of exciting activities, while at the same time help raise some funds. This year Future School has reached its largest student body yet with 90 students so a lot of work had to be done to prepare our beautiful school! This fund-raising open house will include: live performances by talented students; delicious yummy food; a raffle with great prizes donated by Auroville units; a challenging ping pong tournament; and many other great things including an awesome flea market! It's also your chance to pick up your very own 2014 Future School t-shirt, designed by artistic students! Drop by any time between 10:00 and 1:30.

### Performance schedule

11:00- Dance: Hip Hop- Nivetha and crew  
11:05- Fusion Dance Solo- Sana  
11:10- Song: Lean on me- Yaelle and Divya accompanied by Savanna  
11:15- Dance: Western Swing-Sasha and Kaya  
BREAK

12:00-Classical Indian dance- Thaniya  
12:05-Song: Read all about it-Amara and Ahilya accompanied by Savanna  
12:10-Dance: Western Swing-Sasha and Kaya  
12:15- Song: I'm yours- Aanandini and Ahilya  
12:20-Hakuna Matata (every one)

Looking forward to seeing you there!  
Keep on Smiling,  
The Future School students



## CULTURAL EVENTS

### Sitar Concert

All are warmly invited to a musical evening offered by:  
 Basab Sen on sitar and Manosh Bardhan on tabla.  
 Date: **Sunday 14th of September**  
 Venue: **Sri Aurobindo Auditorium (Bharat Nivas)**  
 Time: **8.00 pm**

## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

### INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

**10th 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: 'Savitri'

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

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

Led by Ashesh Joshi. Contact: 9489147202, 2622922

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

All are welcome

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

### WELCOME BACK TO DANCE SPACE

In Verite Hall, weekly on Thursdays 5-7pm

Space held by Dariya and friends

*Everyone can dance regardless of age, sex, size, dance experience!*

Offering a space to listen inward and explore our own unique movement, improvisation and possibly contact with others...Together we create the freedom and possibility to simply be in the stillness or movement of the moment and allowing each person to be spontaneously moved by an inner pull, the music, or perhaps inspired by a movement of another body. Dancing a wave, moving towards an empowered, radiating stillness.

**Objectives of these sessions include:**

- letting the inner child play
- providing space for being rather than doing
- inviting awareness into the present moment, the only moment
- developing non-verbal, bodily communication
- expanding our inner and outer boundaries
- building trust
- freeing the busy mind by freeing the body
- expressing the sleeping creativity
- celebrating this wonderful human experience

### SWIMMING WORKSHOP AT LA PISCINE

Venue: La Piscine

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

Time: 9-10.30am

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 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

### LEARNING COOPERATION THROUGH GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

This workshop is setup mainly for teachers from primary and secondary schools but it is open to everybody (a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20).

The aims of these activities are to promote success for the group as a whole rather than for individuals, to create or reinforce an environment of solidarity, confidence and creativity.

The workshop includes: experiencing a selection of cooperative games; feedback in small groups about the emotions felt during the activity; and finally an exchange on the purpose and usefulness of such activities in facilitating group dynamics and cooperation.

The session will be organized as: introduction of each other / emotional weather / trusting each other / using different senses / my ideal village game.

**Saturday the 13th of September (9am to 12.30) at Aikiyam School.**

For registration and any question, please contact Fred (better by phone, because of limited access to internet) : [Frederic\\_latour@yahoo.fr](mailto:Frederic_latour@yahoo.fr) (99 43 27 54 69) - Note: There is a plan for a monthly session with different games. We'll keep you informed.



### TROVADORES IN SEPTEMBER

As every month, we meet for reading poems and sing songs, of our own or the ones we like ; in different Languages . This

Month we are going to get in a lot of Languages: This Month: - a German

## SCHEDULES

### VERITE

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

**CONSCIOUSNESS AS MEDICINE with Dr. Yogesh Mohan**  
Saturday, September 13th from 9 am to 12:30 pm (by registration)

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

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

### PITANGA NEWS

**ODISSI DANCE with Kanchana** - Beginners class on Wednesdays is rescheduled to 4 pm for one hour.

Painter and a Judi Poet, audiovisual presentation and music. An Argentine poet in his voice and the English version. Tamil Poetry. - Poetry, Image and Music and more . Come and share with us  
Saturday the 13th at 5 pm. Unity Pavilion.  
Everybody Welcome  
*Anandi*

### LOCALLY GROWN VEGETABLES - SESSION 3

*A series of "learning to cook, prepare and taste sessions"*  
The third session will be on 6th September 2014 (Saturday) at 10.30 am, at Life Education Centre, opposite Isaiambalam School.

It will focus on the preparation of cooked Banana stem, using *yoghurt/curd/buttermilk*.

For those who wish to have them, the recipes for all the 3 sessions on Banana Stem, are available with us.

These sessions are being conducted by **Buvasasundari**.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

*Life Education Centre team*

### AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY - 5 DAYS INTENSIVE WITH ROSA

**ATB 1 - ATB 2** - For Aurovilians, New Comers and Guests

This workshop offers an opportunity to explore ourselves, so we can better understand and integrate the complexity of our being, and enter into a deeper, more intimate contact with our inner world. The themes we are going to work with are: attention, concentration, sensory awareness, breath, exploration of emotions and awareness about contraction and relaxation. It will be a journey of introspection interspersed with fun.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of September to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of October**

Facilitator: Rosa

Place: ATB Hall at Transition School

Schedule: 9 am to 4.30 pm every day

Registration is required previously at [rosa@auroville.org](mailto:rosa@auroville.org)

<http://awarenessthroughthebody.wordpress.com/workshops-classes/>

**AIKIDO FOR BEGINNERS** on Tuesdays at 6pm is cancelled until further notice

**KAYA BODHA WORKSHOP** - Tue, Sept 9th, Wed 10th & Thur 11th - 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 9th @ 7.15am - 8.30am

**ANIRVEDA POSTURE AND CONFIDENCE IN SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOP** - Tues, Sept 9th, Wed 10th and Thur 11th - 16.00-18.00 with Hans. In Anirveda we interact on the 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](mailto:pitanga@auroville.org.in)

### NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB

**NEW SCHEDULE OF CLASSES - 1st of September 2014**



We are happy to welcome back Isabel after a long break. She is going to start her **Spanish** classes again, for **Beginner** and **Intermediate** levels, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and

Thursdays from 10am to 12noon. She is starting from the 8th of September.

We are happy to welcome **Charu Datta** who will offer a Two-week **Intensive Hindi** class for **Beginners**. This will be every day, Monday to Friday from 10:30-11:30am except for Tuesdays. Starting from 15th September. The class will be focussed on giving students even tools and knowledge to travel in North India.

We are also happy to welcome back **Saravanan**, who will start a new **Tamil class for Beginners**, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2 to 3 pm. This class aims to make learning Tamil fun, with a theory class one day followed by a second day of practical conversation exercises.

We are also happy to welcome **Klara**, who has started to teach a **German class for Beginners and Intermediate** levels on Fridays from 4 to 5.30pm. Since the class is only once a week,

students are strongly encouraged to use the Lab's mediathèque and the excellent resources we have for German, so as to take the best advantage of class time with Klara.

**Piero** continues **Italian class for Beginners** on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 6pm, and he is also doing classes for all levels by appointment.

**Premalatha** continues **Tamil class for Beginners** on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 4 to 5pm.

**Meghan** continues **French Conversation** classes for **Intermediate and Advanced** levels on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4.30 to 5.30pm.

We are looking for an **English Teacher**: Preferably someone who could give a long-term commitment, with a three-month commitment at the minimum.

The Language Lab is open Monday - Friday 9:00am - 6:00pm

LANGUAGE	CLASS/LEVEL	TIMING	DAY	TEACHER
FRENCH	French Conversation class for Intermediate and Advanced Levels	4.30 - 5.30pm	Monday Tuesday Wednesday	Meghan
GERMAN	Beginners and Intermediate	04.00 - 05.30pm	Friday	Klara
HINDI SANSKRIT	Beginners, Intermediate	By Appointment	Tuesday Friday	Chandrima
INTENSIVE HINDI	Two weeks Intensive Hindi class for Beginners Level	10.30 - 11.30pm	Monday to Friday (except Tuesday)	Charu
ITALIAN	Beginners	05.00 - 06.00pm	Monday Tuesday Friday	Piero
	All Levels	By Appointment (Open)	Monday to Friday	Piero
TAMIL	Beginners	04.00 - 05.00pm	Tuesday Wednesday Friday	Premalatha
	Beginners Conversation Class	02.00 - 03.00pm	Tuesday and Thursday	Saravanan
SPANISH	Beginners	10.00 - 11.00pm	Monday Wednesday Friday	Isabel
	Intermediate	11.00 - 12.00pm	Monday Wednesday Friday	Isabel

Location: Shakti Community, next to the Pyramids, on Last School Campus  
Phone: 2623 661, 9585207962 Email [all@auroville.org.in](mailto:all@auroville.org.in)

## REGULAR CLASSES

### Note from the editors

The *Regular Classes* column is published once a month. Guest-houses are kindly requested to put this page up on the notice boards. **Kindly inform us of any changes/cancellation in your regular event** - the next regular events schedule will be published on **October 4th, 2014**. - Editors.

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

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

0413-2623.813, 96.55.48.54.87 or call/see Pitanga Reception tel. 0143-2622.403.

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

**Argentine Tango:** Mondays: Beginners' class 6.00pm to 7.00pm and intermediates 7 to 8pm@ New Creation Sports Resource Center, Kuilapalayam. Wednesdays: Practica (tango dance space open to all) 7.30pm @ Sawchu, Bharat Nivas. Fridays: 'An hour to study' 8.00pm @ Naturellement. For milongas or further information please contact: [tango@auroville.org.in](mailto:tango@auroville.org.in) Bring socks or danceshoes.

**Art Corner:** An open space for creative expression, for all ages! Different themes each week, as part of research on art-making in our community. Tuesdays & Fridays from 6-10 pm, upstairs at Le Zephyr Café, Visitor's Center. More info: [krupa@auroville.org.in](mailto:krupa@auroville.org.in).

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

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

**Belly dancing:** Belly dancing is for all sizes, shapes and ages of women. You are welcome to learn and explore one of the most ancient, feminine and beautiful forms of dance in the world. Belly Dance is based on movements that come naturally and healthy to the female form. For more details contact Pricila: shuhipuk@gmail.com

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

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

**Capoeira:** Monday & Wednesday (Capoeira Regional / Contemporanea)- 5 pm at SAWCHU (Bharat Nivas) with S. da India. Tuesday & Thursday (Capoeira Angola) - 7.15 pm in Deepanam School with S. da India. Saturday (Free training / roda) - 4PM meeting point: Deepanam School. Classes start sharply at the indicated time. Contact: Sam 9488328435 - [capoeira@auroville.org.in](mailto:capoeira@auroville.org.in)

**Circus class:** Regular class, every Monday from 4 pm to 6 pm / Age: from 9 years to 14 years. Contact phone for more information and your registration, Kalou: 9787332791 / email: elucioecircus@gmail.com

**Clay classes for children and adults** with Saraswati and Anna. Please mail to [aurokatrusya@gmail.com](mailto:aurokatrusya@gmail.com) for details. Regards Saraswati 9787571633

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

**Flamenco In Cripa Every Wednesday:** From 4 to 5.30 pm. Starting 13th of August.

We will practice the flamenco position and attitude for dancing, the movements of hands, arms, body, legs and foot. We will listen to flamenco music to understand the roots of this dance. We will create a flamenco choreography . Come and enjoy with us, *Flamenco team*.

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

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

**Hypnotherapy and Chakras Healing at Arka:** Marcella, Aurovilian, is a qualified Hypnotherapist and Past Life Regressionist from the reputed California Hypnosis Institute (India). Languages: English,

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

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

**Chakras Healing** works with our thought processes and there is a corresponding thought processes for every chakra. Our thoughts affect our emotions (how we feel), then the energy field of our body, and finally generates changes in either our physical body or our physical space. It is possible to heal each chakra and hence heal physical, mental and emotional states.

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

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

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

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

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

**Meditation for Peace and Healing:** Join us from 5:00 to 5:45pm every Thursday around the Peace Table at the Unity Pavilion to build and 'hold' a Collective Space for Healing and Peace. Please offer your Presence to help in this collective experiment, whether you need healing yourself or simply want to support others in their healing and well-being.

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

**Mudra Chi** . A body prayer in a Tai-Chi Form . Every Tuesday at 4.45 pm. at Savitri Bhavan . Facilitator : *Anandi*

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Reiki and Reflexology - Massage By Jannaka at Arka:** Every week-end - Individual course in 3 sessions also on week-days by appointment / REIKI COURSE: activates your hands to be connected with the Cosmic Energy which cures physical diseases and the emotional conflicts through contact. It teaches self-treatment and session to other one / REFLEXOLOGY MASSAGE: heals organic dysfunctions and their psycho-somatic causes not only through massage on the reflex map of the foot but also with pressure on "marma points" in the legs and arms. Therapies and courses are held by Jannaka, Reiki master and therapist with 25 years' experience. Make the bookings with Jannaka: 9487629648 - Email: lestellenoi@gmail.com

**Satsang:** a sharing for spiritual upliftment; Savitri Bhavan, Saturdays 5-6 pm

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

**South Indian Classical Dance (Bhratnatyam):** Bhratnatyam dance classes offer by Bhratnatyam Dance classes offered for beginners. Weekly twice. The classes are offered for children and adults. If you are interested please contact me after 4pm on my mobile. S.Caveri: 7598368514

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

**Sri Sanskrit Research Institute:** Promote and preserve the Sanskrit Language and make it available to all. Conduct researches into Sanskrit for benefit of all mankind. Come discover the most eternal language of the soul. We offer for beginners and intermediate students. Please contact: sri@auroville.org.in  
Mobile: 9345400559. 9751394347. Sri Sanskrit Research Institute Team

**Réception francophone:** Tous les mardis de 17:00 à 18:30 à La Terrace, en haut de la Cuisine Solaire, Ananda et Michiko sont à la

disposition des visiteurs francophones qui voudraient poser des questions sur Auroville. Les auroviliens et newcomers francophones peuvent aussi participer.

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

**Thai Massage:** TerraSoul Community Project introduce. Thai Massage Research Auroville. (TMRA) Introduction to Basics and Dynamics of Thai Massage. Every Sunday workshop from 9.30am to 12 am in Sunspace. ( windarra farm ) Welcome everybody interested in an inner exploration. The first 30 min. will be a Qi Gong practice to reconnect mind and body.  
Contact # 944.3434182. Juan

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

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

## FILMS



### CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

"THE LEMON TREE" - "Etz Limon"

Director: Eran RIKLIS- ISRAEL, 2008

With: Hiam Abbass, Rona Lipaz-Michael, Ali Suliman...

**Synopsis:** Salma Zidane, a widow, lives in the Palestinian West Bank, in a little house flanked by lemon trees planted by her great-grandparents. Unfortunately, when the Israeli minister of defense builds a house adjacent to her own, her lemon trees are deemed a security risk. Salma hires a lawyer to prevent the powerful man from having her ancestral trees removed. Things seem bleak, but it looks like hope could shine in from an unexpected source, when the minister's neglected wife develops sympathy for Salma's plight.

Original version in Hebrew and Arabic with Engl. Subtitles - Duration: 1h.46'



### "The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, September 12th, Friday at 7pm

#### WILD BRAZIL

Episode 1 of 3: Dangerous World

2014 - 59 minutes. Produced by BBC 2, English

Three charismatic animal families, capuchin monkeys, giant otters and coatis, strive to raise their families against a backdrop of extraordinary landscapes and huge extremes of

weather - a beautiful yet dangerous world full of jaguars and caimans. An intimate journey to the heart of a spectacular country, this first chapter of the trilogy sees the babies taking their first steps during a brief pause between seasonal extremes.

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 SADHANAFORREST: 21:30

Free bus service to the ECO FILM CLUB - DEPARTURE SOLAR KITCHEN: 18:00 and RETURN FROM SADHANA FOREST: 21:30

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

## Visitors' Center Movie Show

11th September Thursday 8pm

### FIFTH ESTATE (2013)

Genre: Drama/Biography / Rated: PG13 / Dur: 2hrs / Language: English / Subtitle: English

Dir: Bill Condon / Cast: Benedict Cumberbatch, Daniel Burhul and Carice Van

Storyline: A dramatic thriller based on real events that reveal the quest to expose the deceptions and corruptions of power that turned an Internet upstart into the 21st century's most fiercely debated organization.

12th September Friday 8pm

**JACK THE GIANT SLAYER (2013)**

Genre: Fantasy/Adventure/Action

Rated: PG13 / Dur:1:44min / Language: English / Subtitle: English

Dir: Briyan Singer / Cast:[Nicholas Hoult](#), [Stanley Tucci](#), [Ewan McGregor](#)

Story line: The ancient war between humans and a race of giants is reignited when Jack, a young farmhand fighting for a kingdom and the love of a princess, opens a gateway between the two worlds.

## The French Pavilion presents

*"Le sable, enquête sur une disparition"*

A documentary in French for all audience

Film shown on French TV: Arte

Director: Denis Delestrac

On Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 5pm. Cinema Paradiso, Town Hall



## Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film programme 8 September 2014 to 14 September 2014

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

**Indian - Monday 8 September, 8.00 pm:**

**PANNAIYARUM PADMINIYUM (Landlord of Padmini)**

India, 2014, Writer-Dir. Arun Kumar w/ Vijay Sethupathi, V. Jayaprakash, Tulasi, and others, Drama-Action-Thriller, 150 mins, Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated: G (U)

The story is single layered and revolves around a car. A village Pannaiyar or landlord takes a liking for a Fiat Premier Padmini car that has been left in his care by a friend. Pannaiyar falls in love with the car and appoints Murugesan a tractor driver as his personal driver. Soon the car becomes an all-purpose vehicle for the villagers. But for Pannaiyar, his wife Chellamma and Murugesan, the car is like a family member. Due to unavoidable circumstances the car is taken away leaving them heartbroken.

**Italian - Tuesday 9 September, 8:00 pm:**

**IL CAPITALE UMANO - HUMAN CAPITAL**

Italy, 2013, Dir. Paolo Virzi, w/ Fabrizio Bentivoglio, Valeria Golino, Valeria Bruni Tedeschi, and others, Drama, 109 mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

A cyclist is hit off the road by a jeep in the night before Christmas Eve. What happened that night? How will this accident change the destiny of the rich Bernaschi family and the Rovelli family on the edge of bankruptcy?

**Cultural - Wednesday 10 September, 8.00 pm:**

• **PUSH : Sylvie Guillem, Russell Maliphant**

2014, Dir :Deborah May, 65mins, no subtitles needed, NR  
Four choreographies by Russell Maliphant: **Solo**, **Shift**, **Two**, and **Push**, the glamorous duet with S. Guillem and R. Maliphant which caused a sensation at the premiere in 2005 and received 4 major awards. Push brings into play all the qualities Maliphant's work is famous for: its hypnotic beauty, its serene strength-while giving Guillem one of her most extraordinary performing opportunities of her career.  
All the pieces are unique in their beauty and are complemented by Michael Hulls' stunning lighting.

**Spanish - Thursday 11 September, 8.00 pm:**

• **CHICO I RITA (CHICO & RITA)**

Spain / UK, 2010, Dir. Tono Errando, Javier Mariscal, w/ Eman Xor Oña, Limara Meneses, Mario Guerra, Animation, 94 min, Spanish w/ English subtitles. Rated: NR

Chico is a young piano player with big dreams. Rita is a beautiful singer with an extraordinary voice. Music and romantic desire unites them, but their journey takes a long way to reach its goal.

**International - Saturday 13 September, 8:00 pm:**

• **THE ADJUSTMENT BUREAU**

USA, 2011, Dir. George Nolfi w/ Matt Damon, Emily Blunt, Michael Kelly and others, Science Fiction, 106 min., English

David Norris is an up and coming politician but on a night when he loses a Congressional election a chance meeting with a stranger, Elise Sellas, inspires him to make a brilliant concession speech that clearly makes him the frontrunner for the next time around. They meet again by chance a few years later and are intent on seeing one another. What they do not realize is that there is a mysterious group of men calling themselves the Adjustment Bureau, who seem intent on keeping them apart. Soon David and Elise are on the run with the Bureau trying their best to separate them as they try to maintain David's predetermined future.

**Children's Film - Sunday 14 September, 4:30 pm:**

• **LITTLE NEMO ADVENTURE IN SLUMBERLAND**

Japan, 1989, Dir. Masami Hata, William T. Hurtz, w/ Gabriel Damon, Mickey Rooney, Rene Auberjonois, 85 mins, Animation-Adventure-Family, English, Rated: G (for >3yrs old)

A young boy whose dreams transcend reality is sucked into his own fantasy, which is everything he has dreamed of until he unleashes a century old secret that may not only destroy this perfect dream world but reality itself.

**John Cassavetes Film Festival @ CINECLUB**

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

• **OPENING NIGHT**

USA, 1977, Dir. John Cassavetes w/Gena Rowlands, Ben Gazzara, and others, 144 mins, Drama, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

While in the midst of rehearsals for her latest play, Broadway actor Myrtle Gordon witnesses the accidental death of an adoring young fan, after which she begins to confront the chaos of her own life. The movie lays bare the drama of a performer who, at great personal cost, makes a part her own, and it functions as a metaphor for the director's singular, wrenched-from-the-heart creative method.

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](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in).

We appreciate your continued support. Thanking You, MMC/CP Group Account# 105106, [mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in)

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## SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES

**Some Auroville Acronyms:** ABC Auroville Board of Commerce; ABS Auroville Board of Services; AVC Auroville Council; BCC Budget Coordination Committee; FAMC Funds and Assets Management Committee; FS Financial Service; HRT Human Resource Team; LCC Land Consolidation Committee; LMTF Land Management Task Force; LRM Land and Resources Management; PTDC Pour Tous Distribution Centre; WC Working Committee

**Auroville Ambulance:** 9442224680

**Auroville Library, Crown Road: May and June opening hours:**

Monday - 9:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:30

Tuesday; Wednesday; Thursday; Friday and Saturday - 9:00 to 12:30.

**AvHC:** This is to inform you that due to popular demand, from 3rd June onwards, we are extending our Doctors' consultation hours from 8.30 to 1pm and 2 to 5.30 pm daily except Saturday which remains a half day. The Pharmacy will maintain its present timings (8 am to 5 pm). *Av HC*

**City Transport:** Quick "Pick up and Drop" Shuttle Service in Maruti Omni 4-seater van, with per passenger fares, from Rs.60/- for 1 person single trip inside the city area, destinations up to Aspiration/Auromodele and Repos/Quiet. Phone Visitors Centre main gate 262-2611 or to the driver directly 94876-50951 daily 9.30am-6.00pm and Fri-Sat-Sun evenings up to 9.30pm (10.00pm for return trips). Please note that it is not a taxi that will wait for you for onward or return trips, but if needed will come back to pick you up again when called.

**Day/Night Guard:** Auroville Security: Please call Ramesh.V at 9443090107/9443362691 in case of emergency or if you need an escort (for people with bikes/cycles only) or assistance. You can also contact us at [avsecurity@auroville.org.in](mailto:avsecurity@auroville.org.in)

**Eco Service, Kottakarai:** Jayamurthy - 904 701 5812 / Gillian - 9442067481, email: [ecoservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:ecoservice@auroville.org.in) / Auralice - 763-965-5954

**Entry Service, Multimedia Center:** 1st floor, Town hall Complex: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: 10.00am to 12.00pm for enquiries/applications. Thursdays: 2:00 to 3:30pm. B Form filling for newly resident Aurovilians and youth turning 18.

**Financial Service, Town Hall and Aspiration:** Mon to Sat, 9 to 12.30 and 3 to 4.30pm

**Free allopathic medical treatment** by Dr. Amarnath in Arati One. Tel.: 262 24 92; email: [amarnath@auroville.org.in](mailto:amarnath@auroville.org.in)

**Free Store:** We will be open every morning except for Thursdays. We will not be open in the afternoons. Mon-Sat 9am - 12.30pm (closed Thurs)

**Free Store Tailoring Service:** Repair work will be received only from 1st to 15th of every month. Timings will be same as Free Store.

**Auroville Gas Service, Service Area:** Near Tele Service" and BSNL Telephone Exchange. Monday to Saturday: 9 to 1 and 2 to 4 pm

**Guest Service Solar Kitchen:** 1st floor. Open every morning (including Sunday) from 9.30 to 12.30. Afternoon from 1pm to 4pm (except Sunday)

**Housing Service, Town Hall:** Public hours are Monday & Friday 2:30 to 4:30pm, and Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:00 to 11:30am. No public hours on Wednesday.

**Integral Health:** Classical homeopathy, hypnotherapy, midwifery, counselling, Shiatsu, energy work / [integralhealth@auroville.org.in](mailto:integralhealth@auroville.org.in) - 2623669 / Mon-Sat 9 am - 5 pm, preferably on appointment.

**Kailash Clinic, Kailash:** Call 2622803 for an appointment during morning hours from 8.30am to 12.30pm

**LOE, Lab. Of Evolution, Bharat Nivas:** Mon to Sat 9am-12 noon and Monday to Friday 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

**Matrimandir:** The Inner Chamber is open for Aurovilians daily

06.00am to 08.45am. 11.30 am to 12.30pm (02.00 pm on Sunday)

04.30 pm to 08.00pm

Please keep the Chamber neat and tidy. Straighten your mat and put back all extra cushions neatly by the door. Please refrain from rearranging the cushions which are laid out for you.

To bring family members and personal friends please book by calling 2622579 from 9.30 to 11.30 am any day except Tuesday. Be at the office gate of Matrimandir by 8.45am on the day of the visit.

Please remain with your guests throughout the visit.

**Matrimandir is closed to visitors on Tuesday.**

Aurovilians wanting to bring their children to the Matrimandir are recommended to do so on Tuesdays between 9 am and 11.15am.

**Midwifery care in Auroville:** 24/7 for emergencies and birth. pregnancy consultations and preparing for natural gentle birth, consultations for breastfeeding and post-natal care. by appointment phone 8098900471. Manuela

**Music library, Town Hall:** Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 9 to 12.30 and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 2 to 5:30pm.

**Nandini Tailor section: (Auroshilpam):** Open to public on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday full day. No new order taken last week of the month.

**OutreachMedia Services:** The services provided by OutreachMedia include: dealing with all media that come to Auroville for filming, writing, photographing - reporters, journalist and writers. 2622-098 or 9443602194 or 9952463904 Or Robert at 8940 568 305. Multi-Media Centre. Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoons and Saturdays by appointment.

**Puncture service, service area:** next to gas bottle service, opposite road service; Monday to Saturday 9am to 4 30pm; phone 2622741, cell 9442891235.

**Auroville Residents Service timings:** Please note that the Auroville Residents Service office will be open from Monday to Friday morning's from 9:00 am to 12.00 pm and afternoon Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 4:30.

Thank you, Residents Service Team

**Savi:** facilitates voluntary services and internships in Units & activities of Auroville; clarifying your needs of long term volunteers, helping with visa, and following-up these external resources to make their stay mutually beneficial. Opening hours in Unity Pavilion for visits, waiver forms signing and welcome Monday to Friday 10 12am. Phone 262 2121 - email [study@auroville.org.in](mailto:study@auroville.org.in)

**Skyworks:** Tree pruning, removal of hazardous trees and branches over fragile structures, power line cleaning. Sat/Yaaji 958 516 58 82

**Vehicle Service, Town Hall:** Monday - Friday : 09.00am - 12.30 pm, 02.00pm - 4.30pm. Saturday: 09.00am - 12.30pm

**Video library, Town Hall:** Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 10 am to 1 pm and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 3 to 6pm.

**Women's Helpline** - For women needing assistance after an incident of violence on Auroville roads. Please call 262 2425 (mornings) or email [avhs@auroville.org.in](mailto:avhs@auroville.org.in)

# A Code of Conduct by the R.A. of Auroville

**Invitation to the Workshop on 20th September 2014 at the Unity Pavilion (Timing: 9 am to 5 - 6 pm)**

All Aurovilians are invited to become Resource persons (yes, we are all "experts" in this matter, aren't we?) for this collective process and send us their suggestions for a code of conduct for AV. We are also interested by the CONSTRUCTIVE ideas of those who are against it and we would like to understand their reasons. The 20th September there will be a one-day workshop where all are invited. Any suggestion to change something on the text below is also welcome at any time.

It is a working document, update available on the following link: <http://www.auroville.org.in/article/43897>. (Open the Pdf file attached to the post). Please, in the "subject" field of your email, specify "Code of conduct"; email to [avcouncil@auroville.org.in](mailto:avcouncil@auroville.org.in) or [dominique@auroville.org.in](mailto:dominique@auroville.org.in).

## Editorial/blog

Since we started to work on the idea of a conduct for AV, I heard many people expressing their distrust and/or fears of "laws" in AV and of a code of conduct that would be a kind of "legal code of justice for AV", and there I understand them completely - as my life led me to study and reflect on the positive and negative aspects of laws. No joke! It has been over 40 years; I became an anarchist at 18 but one of my first (and main) job for the following 6 years was to read "contracts". All about rules and justice. Before/after that job I was here in AV ("as long as there is no law there is hope")....On the same topic I recommend the reading of the Human Cycle of Sri Aurobindo, and also old traditional Chinese governance (Yi King). Now maybe you want to listen and try to understand what I mean.

All this to say we have to have a different approach, and I proposed the idea of The Mother where she defines the role of the Guard in AV: to protect the people, the material and the land.

We need to ask for Her help. We get in proportion to the faith/trust in Her we have. Why are we in AV?.

Most of our problems in AV stem from our differences badly managed. It creates disputes, divisions, etc...when we are here to manifest Human Unity. In any case, whatever the results of the vote, through the workshop and the vote, I believe the RA may progress to know itself.

## Why?

To have the tools to treat feedback regarding eligibility (or to treat eligibility directly).

To have the tools for a Review Committee to function (the Review Committee may be viewed as the necessary complement to Koodam service.)

Additionally, we will learn what there is a wide agreement on and which opinions are not shared by many. Human unity needs that we become conscious of each other; this kind of vote bypass debates to bring into light the reality of our collective mind.

Or to put it more simply: The goal is not to find rules but to learn on what we agree.

## What?

**A code of conduct for what aim?**

Which extreme actions should be dealt with by a Review Committee, and which actions should make someone ineligible for a function in our administration?

**What should/can the code of conduct address?**

Protect the people, the material and the land"

**What is the statutory value of this code of conduct?**

Auroville internal organization

**What are the enforcing mechanism?**

RA, Guard, Review Committee, Entry Service, Foundation (even the Indian Police if necessary.)

## How?

Creation of a compilation list of things Aurovilians believe could be a part of such a code of conduct. Next all volunteering are invited to finalize the draft in a workshop organized by our subgroup.

Suggestion: To keep things objective the organizers will not be participating in the workshop (as they have enough to do facilitating!). The document produced by the workshop will then be brought to a RA vote (To find agreement more easily the vote will be on each article separately), after the usual presentations in two General meetings.

As a base of work to start from I propose here a sample/example of what an article to vote upon could look like (the numbers are about the duration of the possible expulsion or ineligibility, in years).

Speculation on land within the Master Plan	Ineligible			Review			
	Yes		No	Yes		No	
	2	5	10	2	5	10	

## Timeline:

Draft of a list of "articles". Suggestions sent before the 19th September - 12 noon, will be compiled.

20 September: workshop

27 September: 1st GM

4 October: 2nd GM

5th: email/internet vote opens

12 October: RA vote (started by email/internet from the 5th)

## Values for the workshop

Koodam's "Code of conduct" study shows that a service like Koodam can only treat cases when a minimum of goodwill is present, beyond that they cannot act efficiently. This has always been the problem with mediation and even arbitration that some people may at the end refuse any compromise and, because there are no recognized rules or code of conduct, there is no way to have justice.

When working on a code of conduct for Auroville, to keep the values Auroville was created for, one can make reference to the suggestion by The Mother of a Guard to "protect the people, the material and the land". I believe we would miss the target if we try to build a "legal code" (The Mother stated there will be no law in AV; "as long as there is no law there is hope". The Human Cycle describes how laws bind and lead to decadence). It is more about which extreme actions should be dealt with by a Review Committee, and which actions should make someone ineligible for a function in our administration. In the case of someone whose status of Aurovilian could be suspended, as in the cases of ineligibility, I believe a duration time has to be considered (2 years, 5 years, 10 years). In a place dedicated to evolution (among other things), the Review Committee (as the RA) should have foremost in their mind the ideas of forgiveness and "second chance".

Additional things the workshop would have to "find a consensus or bring to RA vote" on the following questions:

- To be Aurovilian since at least 5 years to be selected as signatory OR to participate in the Selection Process. Or forget about this condition.
- Personal feedback or not
- Confidentiality of feedback or not
- Which vote percentage is acceptable on such an issue (code of conduct for AV)
- Personal Note: I don't believe the 51/49% works here, we would need at least 65/35% for the sake of harmony and to find legitimacy to implement them. As a responsible Aurovilian RA.
- In case of keeping personal feedbacks it has been proposed:
  - the creation of a group with selected people for this purpose.
  - to add it to the responsibilities of the Review Committee.
  - to have a questionnaire that people who have feedback would answer to.
- Using different questionnaires made for each of the three roles of non-signatory: facilitator, resource person and silent listener. The signatories would then use the answers of the questionnaire as a base to accept or refuse a Silent Listener, or to call or not a Facilitator or Resource Person.

## The draft

I will try to make a synthesis including all suggestions, so we have an exhaustive list to work on.

To help classify, I propose to regroup articles/items in 4 sections:

- Section 1 - protect people
- Section 2 - protect material
- Section 3 - protect land
- Section 4 - others

What about agreeing first on a general guideline: articles/items which are assertions ambiguous or debatable cannot be a good base for work.

Examples: "has a bad behaviour", "is in contradiction with the ideals of Auroville", "is unreliable", etc... This leads to endless debates on what means "bad" or "unreliable", or what mean "the ideals of Auroville".

We need simple facts. Examples "money embezzlement", "speculation on land within the Master Plan", "domestic violence", "encroachment on neighbour land". All things based on facts, not opinions or personal ethics.

But, again, I will put whatever you want; I'll just try to keep some order.

## Sample of 4 sections:

### Section 1 - Protect people

- Domestic violence
- Aggression (there are a lot of things under such a heading, from a drunkards' fight to rape or paedophilia; I believe at this stage we just need to know if we agree that this may be a case for Review or ineligibility)

### Section 2 - Protect material

- Wanton destruction of collective or personal assets in Auroville
- Money embezzlement
- Theft of collective or personal assets in AV

### Section 3 - Protect land

- Encroachment on neighbour's land
- Speculation on land within the Master Plan

### Section 4 - Others (somebody proposed Protect the Vision of Auroville for one section)

- Deemed guilty of a serious offence by the Indian Courts (serious is debatable, I know, but I guess we could agree that a fine for illegal parking, driving without insurance, or other such "crimes" are not the concerns of the RA for ineligibility or Review).

*Submitted by the Auroville Council subgroup on "feedback & code of Conduct" and Dominique (Simplicity).*