

News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

The Inner Dimension of the City

Sisters and brothers,

I think Auroville as it exists today is the most precious gift that the earth possesses. It has momentous potentialities and responsibilities. All of us who are here have to bear a new kind of torch that is still in the making. I think in the background of Auroville there is, what we may call a strategy. How to bring about a radical change in humanity as a whole and how to make the whole world a happy family? A family in which there is spontaneous sharing and a spontaneous move upwards.

It was in 1912 that Mother wrote for the first time of a place — in order the whole humanity may move upwards — she spoke of a place to be created. In the last chapter of *The Life Divine* Sri Aurobindo speaks of the arrival or the emergence of a new humanity and he speaks of the method by which a new humanity can be created. And he says that there are two possible ways: one is that human beings in different parts of the world prepare themselves while living in the world and developing very far and then later on combining together to make a nucleus of new humanity. Or else, a method by which people who aspire for truth and truth alone would come out of the old world, built a nucleus in a favourable climate where everything is turned to the truth, and then gradually growth. And he foresaw that it is perhaps this second method which nature will prefer. But he has laid down there a very important warning: the warning is that people who would come together with an aspiration and who would have the favourable climate; by living together they will increase the force of the truth. But at the same time by living together in a concentrated circle each one will contribute to the incapacity that each one possesses. And therefore the force of incapacities also would be concentrated.

Thereafter, he said, that in the past it is this concentration of incapacities which have not been able to meet the concentration of the Truth Force and as a result there is a break down and such groups have therefore not flourished to a very long extent and there has been a failure. Lastly, he said that this failure could be prevented only if the Divine Will has taken a decisive decision to protect it, to develop it, and that Will is maintained. We have seen that the Ashram, as Mother herself pointed out in her statement of the *Dream*, the Sri Aurobindo Ashram is a modest effort to build up that ideal place, of which she speaks in her *Dream*, and for such a long period this nucleus has been developing. At one time Mother said to me, at a very important stage in my own life, that I have three steps of my work. The first step was the Centre of Education (she referred to the Ashram Centre of Education).

My second step is Auroville, she told me this in 1971. And my third step is India and the world. This was the time when Sri Aurobindo's birth centenary was being celebrated all over the country, and some of us in the Ashram were discussing the question of Sri Aurobindo's solutions to the problems of the country. And a group of members of the Ashram were discussing various problems, studying Sri Aurobindo's works and then writing down in brief the problem and the solution given by Sri Aurobindo.

And I had the privilege of reading out to the Mother the solutions given by Sri Aurobindo and Mother was correcting the statements that we were making in regard to the solutions given by Sri Aurobindo. And then, she wanted afterwards that whatever final document we produced (it was a very short document), she wanted the country to know about this document and that it should be spread all over it.

And I was to go around the country at that time. It is this vision of the Mother that inspired me tremendously. First step was, according to the Mother, a Centre of Education; the second step was Auroville; the third India and the world. The ultimate goal is the whole humanity. How does humanity move upwards and arrive at solutions of the problems? When I try to understand this aspect I have always referred to the last prose writings of Sri Aurobindo *The Supramental Manifestation on the Earth*. In these eight chapters which he wrote in 1949, he has put forward a vision. To us it is a vision, but when we read Sri Aurobindo we feel as if whatever he is writing is actually happening. For example he wrote in these chapters a chapter on the divine body. The divine body as an important or a crucial step for the manifestation of the supermind on the earth, and at that time the divine body was already being made ready in his own body.

As Mother has said: "Whatever Sri Aurobindo writes is the result of his own experiences." And then, we will read the *Mother's Agenda*, thirteen volumes, it is actually the fabrication of the divine body. Without the divine body - one body at least - which is perfected, where the matter becomes conscious of the indwelling spirit and manifests the spirit, that great task had to be completed.

And on the 14th of March 1970 in the *Agenda* you read Mother's declaration "The work is done", and she repeats this statement several times: "The work is done." That is to say the divine body was ready. She says: "The work that Sri Aurobindo had given to me has been done. "And the work that Sri Aurobindo had given to her was the impregnation, the permeation of the Supramental force in the physical body. And then she says, working it out may take hundreds of years, three hundred years, four hundred years, it does not matter, the work is done.

During the conversations around this time, there is a very important statement that Mother has made and that is that however great, however luminous and powerful one central body would be, there will be a necessity of a collectivity which responds to it. One superman coming on the earth, without that collectivity around, would not be able to accomplish the task. It is very significant that it is around this time, in 1968, that Mother inaugurated this exceptional city, Auroville. And all this has a connection with the statement of the Mother in 1912, Sri Aurobindo's statement in *The Life Divine*, the statement on the divine body, and the experiment that Mother made to manifest the divine body. All this is the inner dimension, the basic inner dimension of Auroville.

Transcript of a talk by Kireet Joshi to the students of Auroville's 'Super School'

*The
Ponder
Corner*

*The inner being turned to the Divine
naturally draws away from old vital relations
and outer movements and contacts
till it can bring a new consciousness
into the external being.*

Sri Aurobindo - ref. Letters on Yoga, p.813

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Second we send your soft copy as a PDF file (Same formatting as the printing version but with colored pictures) usually on Thursday morning and you can get information earlier than with the printing version which is delivered only on Friday and Saturday.

Don't hesitate to mail: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in or to phone: 2622133.
Thanks a lot, *Edts*

AV Council - GM postponed

The two General meetings announced earlier (27th September and 4th October) on "Code of Conduct", are postponed until further announcement from the Auroville Council. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Corrections by AVC

Regarding the sludge issue, please note that the RA does not need to go for a vote, as there was a final outcome of the GM held on this topic.
Margarita's name was misspelled; we apologize for that as well.
Sincerely, AVC

New Land Board: update from the AVcouncil

Tuesday interactive GM on the formation of a new Land Board arrived at the 3 following decisions:

- 1) A request to the GB for a 6 weeks prolongation time in order to constitute a new LB.
- 2) Formation of a core group of 5 resource persons chosen following the eligibility criteria by AVC (2), Famc (2) and TDC / l'Avenir (1) - their job is to select 7 members for the new LB.
- 3) The 5 resource persons cannot be members of the future LB.

The AVC thanks Elvira, the RAS and Isha for their precious help in facilitating the meeting.

Re-drafted proposal for the new organization, called 'Participatory Working Groups' and the new selection process for the Working Committee and the Auroville Council, 22 September 2014

(Note: This document still remains a draft, and the Resource Persons and the community will have a General Meeting which will serve as a forum for incorporating more inputs. The date for this meeting will be announced soon. The process on "Code of Conduct and Eligibility Criteria" has not been concluded, as the workshop was not attended by adequate participants. In the absence of a completed "Code of Conduct and Eligibility Criteria" by the end of October, the Selection Process for Working Committee will have to be conducted as proposed, with the previous guidelines for eligibility of nominees. In the meanwhile, the AVC will continue to facilitate that process towards a conclusion in a participatory manner.)

Introduction

Auroville is a society based on universal values governing itself with an evolving level of integrity based on "living these values". For this proposal, the 12 qualities / powers, as represented in the Mothers Symbol and in the Meditation Petals of the Matrimandir, are chosen basic values, on which we all can agree.

"Sincerity, Humility, Gratitude, Perseverance, Aspiration, Receptivity, Progress, Courage, Goodness, Generosity, Equality, Peace.

The first eight concern the attitude towards the Divine, and the last four towards humanity" - The Mother

"In essence...the 12 powers are the vibrations that are necessary for the complete manifestation. It is the symbol of manifestation, double perfection, in essence and in manifestation, in the creation." - Sri Aurobindo

The "Participatory Working Groups" proposal aims towards creating an organization where these values are the building blocks. An organization which fosters transparency, communication and participation, while being efficient and humane, aligning its actions with the ideals as presented in The Auroville Charter, A Dream, The True Aurovilian and other writings by the Mother and Sri Aurobindo.

A) Brief Description of the "Participatory Working Groups" team structure and the new Selection Process

Distributing the workload wisely - the 4 ways of participation to support the working group

- The Coordinators/ Signatories are selected by the community through a three day selection process. The Number of Coordinators/Signatories selected are as stipulated for the respective working groups: Working Committee maximum 7 persons and Auroville Council maximum 12 persons
- Facilitators - Offer/volunteer their skills to help facilitate subgroups created to deal with specific topics.
- Resource Persons - Offer/volunteer their expertise and experience as subgroup members, on specific topics as needed.
- Silent Listeners/ Observers - Offer/volunteer to silently observe the ongoing process of the working group.

The group dynamic:

- Aurovilians can offer their skills as Facilitator, Resource Person or Silent Observer to the working groups at any time either voluntarily or at the request/ invitation of the working groups.
- The individual roles can evolve and change

The 3 Day Selection Process

- Everybody willing to commit to the 3-day selection process is invited to participate in the selection process
- Participation can be by nomination or self-nomination
- Participants have to commit to be present throughout the 3 days

B) Details of the roles and functioning of the working group

1. The Coordinator:

The Coordinators

- must be Residents of Auroville

- are selected keeping the eligibility criteria for Auroville working groups as a guideline. The Coordinators are the official Signatories of the working group.

Motto: "I offer to serve the work in an impartial way by coordinating the team, keeping in mind inclusivity, competency, efficiency and generosity. I cooperate and contribute to enable the best outcome for the task and the team."

1.1. Commitments:

- A Coordinator commits to a minimum of 5 hours per day and as needed (full time).
- A coordinator cannot be simultaneously a member or a permanently representative in other mandated working groups
- The Coordinators are responsible for the implementation and fulfillment of the tasks presented in the working group mandate
- In case of unavailability or absence for more than 2-3 weeks, a coordinator has to find an Interim Substitute to cover for him/her in consultation with the rest of the team of Coordinators of the working group. The Substitute will lead the work but will not have a signatory function.

1.2. Skills:

- Analysis, Strategy, Action Planning and communication

1.3. Functioning:

1. The Coordinators meet to prepare and prioritize long, medium and short term deliverables. They respond to cases of urgent matters and emergencies. They ensure that no issues are left unattended.
2. The tasks are distributed between the coordinators. Each task having one responsible coordinator. Each coordinator will constitute a task force team, if required, with an adequate number of facilitator/s and resource person/s (there might be multiple facilitators if a task is divisible, but each task or part of a task has only one facilitator responsible for its completion).

Coordinators call on one or several facilitators and delegate to them a specific task and set a certain time frame for completion.

They ensure effective monitoring of work progress by tracking closures of task and issues at hand.

1.4. Communication responsibility:

One Coordinator is fully in charge of communication. S/He is responsible to establish tools:

- **On-line Forum:**
To coordinate the internal communication flow between facilitators, resource persons and listeners. A team membership list along with roles is defined and published. The access to mailing lists will be defined and it will be assured that the agreed-on ethical code of conduct is followed in all group email/doc exchanges.
- **Monthly Work reports to the Residents Assembly**
- Drafted, and approved by the other team members. Published through the AV Net, News & Notes and Mass mail in very urgent cases.
- Monthly Interactive Information Meetings with the Community, prepared in collaboration with RAS.

1.5. Membership renewal of Coordinators/Signatories

- There will be a yearly selection process in October/November when 2-3 of the Coordinators/Signatories of a working group will be replaced.

1.6. Time mandate and turnover:

- A Coordinator is selected for a period of 3 years.
- After completing 3 years, there has to be a time lapse of 1 year before the person can nominate her/himself/ be nominated for membership in the same group.
- In order to ensure continuity of the working groups, a system of staggered turnover is suggested whereby a 2-3 of members are replaced in October/November each year while others will continue. Every year in September latest the working group recommends to the RA which members will be replaced. (To implement this, in the first batch 2-3 members will resign after 2 years, this can happen naturally by members choosing to resign or by the decision of the group)

1.7. Resignation of Coordinators/Signatories from the working group:

When a member wants to resign during term, s/he is requested to stay on until October/November and to make a proper handover of all his/her tasks. If this is not possible the working group can ask a member from the Community to join to fill the role as a Coordinator without signatory or decision making function.

This can be a community member:

- who is already filling a support function, or
- a person with needed expertise, or
- a former member of the same working group.

This interim member will execute the work but not have a signatory function. S/he will be replaced by the community at the yearly turnover and/or can participate in the October/November selection process.

1.8. Removal of Coordinators/Signatories during term:

- Membership in a working group implies effective participation. Members, who are not executing their job assigned by the group as per the mandate, may be asked by the working group or by the Residents Assembly to shift their role. In either case it would be presented at the monthly meeting and dealt with in collaboration with the Residents Assembly.

The roles and functioning of the Support Persons:

2. The Facilitators:

The Facilitators

- must be Residents of Auroville
- offer their service to the working group, having the needed capacity and experience to facilitate a specific task.

There will be a pool of facilitators created. Some facilitators may be topic bound with specific expertise and capacities. When needed, the working group can also call on other Resource Person for facilitation from outside the pool.

Motto: "I offer my capacity to lead and bring people together, to facilitate a given task for the team. I cooperate and contribute what it takes for the best outcome of the task and the team".

2.1. Commitment:

- Time commitment as needed to fulfill the facilitation of an undertaken task.
- In collaboration with the Coordinator, the Facilitator chooses Resource Persons according to expertise, knowledge and experience relevant to the task. S/he creates a team that takes responsibility to complete the assigned task, taking all views and concerns into consideration.
- S/he keeps the Coordinator informed of the status, outcome or any problem. All team members have access to emails on their topic.

3.2. How to join:

- A facilitator can join at the yearly selection process in October/ November or during term a request is made to the working group Coordinators. All new listed Facilitators are announced to the Community in the monthly report.

2.3 Skills:

- Team Spirit, Collaboration and Goal setting

3. The Resource person:

A Resource Person

- must be a Resident of Auroville.
- offers her/his service to be called upon by the Facilitators, as having the needed capacity and experience to contribute to a specific task.

There will be a pool of Resource persons created. When needed the working group can also call on other Resource Person from outside the pool.

Coordinators may enlist a non-resident Consultant (non-Aurovilian) for help based on pertinent skills and experience for a specific task. These Consultants will not be part of the Auroville working group structure, i.e. will not have access to any other material except the task on hand.

Motto: "I offer my expertise and experience to complete a given task for the team. I cooperate and contribute towards the best outcome of the task and the team."

3.1. Commitments:

- The time commitment of a Resource Person is need-based and thus allows flexibility to help the team according to her/his capabilities.
- Resource Persons can offer their expertise, skills and knowledge as permanent representatives in other mandated working groups. In this case the Resource Person must be a Resident of Auroville and the responsibility will be as follows:
 - a. To give written and verbal reports from meetings.
 - b. To interact on behalf of the working groups and
 - c. To participate in decisions only on behalf of the decision of the working group they represent

3.2. How to join:

A Resource Person can join at the yearly selection process in October/November or during term a request is made to the working group Coordinators. All new listed Resource Persons are announced to the Community in the monthly report.

3.3. Skills:

- Expertise, Experience, Wisdom and Values

4. The Silent Listener:

A listener

- must be a Resident of Auroville,
- offers her/his service as a silent observer of the working group.

Motto: "I offer myself as a Silent Observer to witness the process of the Working Group, and aspire for the success of the task undertaken by the Group."

4.1. Commitment:

- A Silent Listener is ready to commit to be a silent observer of the groups' processes for 3 months. Every three months, all Listeners are asked to re-confirm their wish to continue the silent listening.
- The Silent Listener will follow the Forum and can attend meetings as a silent observer/ witness of the ongoing work of the working group.
- This is seen as a supportive presence of the community.
- A Silent Listener can commit to be a listener to several working groups.
- Listeners who have been on the Forum for a

stipulated time may be invited by the Coordinators to give their observations in a manner to be determined by the working group.

- An additional purpose of a Silent Listener is to learn how a working group goes about its tasks. Young Residents of Auroville can participate as Listeners to working groups they find affinity with.

4.2. How to join:

- A Silent Listener can join at the yearly selection process in October/November or during term a request is made to the working group Coordinators. All new participating Listeners are announced to the Community in the monthly report.

4.3. Skills:

- Silent observation, Learning, Goodwill, Restraint

C) Training and Education:

- Training and Education may be open for all Aurovilians to participate who would like to prepare themselves for an organization role in the future. If there is limited seating, first come first server basis may be used or other repeat workshops offered.
- Members commit to an active learning process and training in needed fields.
- For the Coordinators and Facilitators there will be ongoing training opportunities offered in facilitation, mediation, Restorative Circles, through Koodam and others.
- Members will choose who will take up which specific training possibilities.
- Other parties may be invited with regard to relevant leadership, organizational and conflict resolution workshops.

D) Decision-making

Depending on the tasks of a working group, its members should identify the diverse types of decisions/validations in categories like:

1. long term/ strategy tasks
2. routine tasks
3. day to day tasks
4. emergency cases
5. cases which need approval from the Residents Assembly

Arriving at a decision:

1. When a Sub Group is created it consists of a Coordinator, one or more Facilitators and the relevant Resource Persons.
2. The Coordinator, Facilitator/s and Resource Persons arrive together at a proposed solution/decision.
3. This outcome is then approved by all the Coordinators, who will abide by the results obtained by the specific Sub Group created for the purpose.
4. In case the result is established as biased or incomplete, another Coordinator will be chosen to create a new Sub Group and look into the task once more.
5. If the second round of conclusions still does not find agreement among the Coordinators, the matter will be brought to the Residents' Assembly.

E) Sselection process in 4 steps

- Step 1 - Information sharing on mandate and job description
- Step 2 - Inviting Residents of Auroville to participate through nomination and self-nomination
- Step 3 - 3 Days Selection Process
- Step 4 - Constitution of the working group/s

Step 1 - Information sharing on mandate and job description.

- The mandate and/or specific job descriptions/competencies as well as eligibility for being a member of the working group to be constituted, is shared in a General Meeting, via News & Notes and Auronet.
- Relevant documents, together with the proposal for the selection, will be available on Auronet and, by request, in hard copy at the Town Hall Reception counter. The intention is to have the documents available in all major languages where translations are needed, depending on the need and the availability of translators.
- This information sharing is organized by the Residents' Assembly Service

Step 2 - Inviting Residents of Auroville to participate.

- For a minimum of two weeks after the public announcement of the mandate / job descriptions, any Resident of Auroville can be nominated or nominate her/himself to be part of the selection process. If needed, this can be extended by another week, in case not enough candidates with needed qualifications come forward. This will be decided by the relevant group conducting the process.
- Residents of Auroville with the needed capacity, knowledge and experience are invited to nominate themselves.
- Residents of Auroville are invited to nominate fellow Aurovilians whom they know have the needed capacity, knowledge and experience.
- Those Residents of Auroville who present themselves for the 3 days selection process and by default the selectioners. The participants, who offer their willingness to serve as Coordinators/Signatories, and are not selected for that role, are invited to support the working group/s as a Facilitator, Resource Person or Silent Observer according to their capacity and choice.
- RAS will collect all nominations and self-nominations, contact all to see if they are willing to participate in the selection process, and then publish all the names in the News & Notes, Auronet and through mass mail if needed.

Feedback:

a) Committee to review feedback:

- An omni-partial committee consisting of Residents of Auroville who have shown deep commitment in action to the ideals of Auroville will be elected by the community for a one-time purpose for this process (since there is no Review Committee existing at the moment). This committee will dissolve after the feedback is processed.
- The Auroville Council will invite the community to recommend/ nominate names for this and will provide required facilitation along with the support of the Study Group.

b) Inviting and dealing with feedback

- Feedback must be factual and signed. Those which lack either will be discarded.
- Feedback containing valid/ factual reservations against any nominee(s) will be communicated to the concerned nominee(s). In the absence of valid clarifications to dissolve such reservations/ objections, the concerned nominee(s) will be considered ineligible. Feedback will not automatically be confidential. However if there is a strong valid concern combined with fear for repercussions, the committee that reviews feedback will adhere to confidentiality.

F) Step 4 - Three Day Selection Process

All nominees are invited to a three-day selection workshop. The RAS and the Study Group coordinate the sessions together with invited facilitators.

Day 1: Finding Unity through our values:

- Guided by the 12 Values embedded in the Mother's 'Dream', all participants will go through a process preparing themselves for this new approach of working in collaboration.

Day 2: Mandates, Job description, Code of Conduct, Feedback and eligibility

- Going through and understanding the mandates, job descriptions, team- and operational structure including confidentiality and access to information.
- Going through the individual feedback and looking at the eligibility criteria guidelines. All feedback will be dealt with in the open forum with facilitation by Koodam and the Study Group. The Code of Conduct and Eligibility criteria will be displayed in the room, as guidelines representing the request and concerns of the community at large.

Day 3: Selection of the Coordinators

- The selection can be made from all the members in the room, keeping all information in mind and using it wisely, to choose a good and balanced group with the skills needed, putting aside group-ism and keeping the best for the community as the aim.

Part 1: Selection of the Signatories/Coordinators.

- The Coordinators/Signatories will be selected in a group process facilitated by the Study Group and Koodam.
- For selection of the Coordinators/Signatories, there should be a strong agreement within the selection participants. It should not be a matter of simply filling up places.

Part 2: Meeting together of the group/s

- Is everything in place? Are we in sufficient agreement?
- Are all the needed qualities and skills present in the group?
- Is there anything else I/we need to function as a team?
- The rest of the participants in the selection process who are not selected as Coordinators, may opt for themselves roles in which they would like to support the working groups - Facilitator, Resource Persons, Silent Listeners.

Part 3: Concluding the 3 days Selection Process

- Process Evaluation
- Coming together with the aspiration that all can leave the process with a feeling of peace, acceptance and willingness to support.

Presenting the outcome to the community

1. The Coordinators/ Signatories are introduced to the community at a General Meeting.
2. The list including all new Facilitators, Resource Persons and Silent Observers will be published.
3. In cases of grave concern, the concerned parties can take up a process for change as per the existing processes of Auroville. The responsibility for a new process will then be with the group of signatories of the petition in collaboration with the RAS and the AVC.

G) Support and Amendments

4. It should be emphasized that this proposal is a new attempt to improve Auroville's organization. The Study Group who worked out the proposal will commit to closely follow and support the implementation of this new organizational structure at all stages, in collaboration with the concerned working groups. The support and collaboration for the implementation of this

proposal is on process only, not on issues.

5. The Study Group, in its support function during the process development, can adapt the proposal at any stage, in consultation with the Auroville Council and the Residents Assembly Service, if any unforeseen flaws turn up. Amendments have to be approved by the Residents Assembly.

Amended version, 24 September 2014, by the Study Group, Auroville Council and Residents Assembly Service

From BCC

Dear Community:

The budget coordination committee (BCC) would like to inform the following:

BCC in consultation with the Entry Service (ES) has reviewed newcomer administrative fees, and has increased it by Rs.1,000. Henceforth, the newcomer administrative fees will be Rs.10,000/adult. This amount will include the repatriation fee, any farewell costs that may come up for any applicant or newcomer engaged in the process and approved by the entry service to do so. For now, the fees for children (below 14yrs) will remain unchanged at Rs.1000/child.

These fees will need to be paid by all newcomers irrespective of their nationality (Indian or foreign).

Thanking you for your cooperation,
With Best Wishes, BCC

October 1st, 2014 - Pour Tous Water begins!

We are happy to announce that Pour Tous Water, (previously Water Maintenance Service, a unit), is now a "free" Service - under City-Service. This is the outcome of several GM's and a collective decision that was voted for in January 2014. A step towards responsible management of a precious (life giving) common resource and providing basic services to the residents of Auroville.

Pour Tous Water now offers all Auroville's residents, communities, services, and commercial-units alike its Services, Labor & Equipment for Free. (Pls see the activities list below). Materials purchased will be charged for with an additional 10 % service charge. We do encourage contributions, for those that can afford it, to PTWater Collection #240023 which will be contributed back to the City Services Budget.

PTW together with the BCC has arrived at a list of the scope of works to be carried out by the team. (This is a 2 year experiment which will be monitored and reviewed every six months by the BCC).

Free Services offered by Pour Tous Water

Emergency - Repair & Maintenance

1/ Bore well pump checking, repair and maintenance:

To take out the pump - to check the problem- to put a temporary pump in order to provide asap water during the time of repair and provide a generator if necessary / to purchase the new pump in case (plus service charges 10%) / to put back the pump + record of water level and new data concerning the pump & Well. Electric or Solar.

2/ Water tank cleaning and maintenance:

To check valve and water-connection + EM cleaning.

3/ Exterior & interior Emergency plumbing, repair and maintenance:

Exterior valve or leaks / interior problem small leak repair, small change of connection or equipment, technical advice, ordinary or good quality new materials purchasing (plus 10% service charges).

4/ Sludge & Septic tank maintenance:

There is all kind of Septic tank / to put EM in the septic tank and take off the Sludge / ecofriendly monitoring of the Sludge Spot - Repairs on Septic Tank to be charged extra.

5/ Water supply by tank of (2500 & 5000 liters):

To deliver asap water by tank on the spot for user in need, i.e.: AV educational events, AV cultural event, natural damages, Emergency situations.

6/ Generator supply (4 kva, 7.5 kva,-10 kva & 40 kva):

To deliver asap generator on the spot for user in need: diesel cost extra.

The work and objectives of PTW is essentially an Emergency 24/7 Repair & Maintenance Public Service; We are available for emergency situations such as: Pipe broken / Sludge crises / Pump problem / Water delivery / Fire / or other natural damages.

PTW will NOT be available for new construction work or to install city-water pipes supply or connections.

That's all!! Let's start and see!

Contact PTW in Abri at: 262 2899 - Mobile: 9843 644 308
- email: ptw@auroville.org.in

The PTW team Grace - Shanmugam - Nagapam - Wazo - Markus

House available for transfer

Arati, 3B1 ground floor apartment 2 bedrooms 133m2.

Please contact the Housing service if you are interested. A viewing time will be arranged. The offer will be there for 2 weeks. It will be the other residents of Arati who will make the final choice of the new resident.

For the Housing Service ph 2622658 [Public Hours: Tue, Thu 9:00 to 12:00 am. Fri. 2:30 to 4:30 pm / On Wednesdays there are no public hours.]

Recent thefts /break-ins

AV Security Service would like to inform the community that in the last 3 weeks there has been a recent increase in thefts and break-ins in several areas of Auroville (Botanical Garden, Certitude, Samasti, Center Field, Auro Annam).

The preferred method seems to be cutting through mesh and then opening doors/windows from the inside. We suspect a small group of young, strong men. The Police are investigating and have increased their patrolling in the Auroville area.

We urge residents and guests to keep all cash and valuables somewhere safe and away from windows and to inform your neighbors and community members.

We also recommend residents and guests to lock their doors and windows and remove the keys from locked (mesh) doors and windows.

Please call AV Security immediately upon discovery of a theft on the following number: 9443090107 or the Inspector of Police, Mr. Pugazhendi, Auroville Police Station on these numbers: 8807430225/ 7667660177.

TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville

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

Last School: 2 Store Rooms for the Art Center at the new last school Campus in Cultural Zone.

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

O B I T U A R Y

Laurel passed away



This is to inform the community that Laurel Fox, who suffered an asthma-induced stroke in her house in Australia, quietly left her body a few days later, on 19 September, to proceed to better spaces. She was 66 years old; her departure was totally unexpected and leaves many of us in shock. Those who knew Laurel – she lived with us through the early seventies with her two young sons, and kept coming back these last years with plans of re-joining - will remember her with love and appreciation for her multiple skills and intelligence enhanced by her artistic sense, her ever bubbling humor and wit, and above all, for her harmonious way of being and working with whomever came her way.

Our love goes out to her, and to her two sons Jesse and Luke for whom we pray that their deep roots in Auroville may give them meaningful strength and support. OM-

See you again, dear Laurel...

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

Pass It On

Varuna has proposed to pay for 100% of Aurovilians' electrical bills. Beginning in October, people who wish to pass on all or any part of this donation may now do so via the Pass It On Fund. The fund will be administered by Lyle at Financial Service. He will provide quarterly reports on the income and disbursements of the fund. The conditions of participation are:

1. For now, people can contribute to land, scholarship fund, or City Services through Pass It On. We hope to expand this with your feedback and as we become more experienced managing the fund.
2. People can contribute all or part of their Varuna contribution. If part of the contribution is chosen it can be:
 - A. A percentage of their electric bill
 - B. Up to a fixed amount of their electric bill.
 - C. Anything over 200 units, which was what people were getting under the BCC scheme.
3. Participation can be terminated at any time.
4. To reduce the administrative burden, the recipient of the contribution can only be changed on a quarterly basis.
5. The funds will be taken from participants' accounts whenever they would normally receive an electric bill. The funds will be transferred to: Unity Fund specified for land or scholarship fund or to the City Services account, if this is what you prefer.

People who wish to participate are requested to write an email to: lyle@auroville.org.in, with PASS IT ON in the subject field with the following information:

1. Your Name
2. Your Community
3. Your Account Number
4. Which fund should get the donation: land, scholarship fund, or City Services
5. How much you wish to give. Please choose one from the following options:
 - A. I wish to give all of my electric bill.
 - B. I wish to give a percentage of my electric bill. The percentage is: ____%.
 - C. I wish to give up to a fixed amount of my electric bill. The amount is _____.
 - D. I wish to give anything over 200 units.

Lyle will set up a recurring transfer that will move the donation from your account to the Unity Fund or City Services whenever you would normally receive an electric bill.

Lyle

Mentoring students

Dear Unit Holder,

Auroville need for qualified students

In Savi, we've acknowledged a trend in Auroville Units' requests, which consists in expecting to receive more qualified

volunteers and for longer stays; for example students at Master level who can work on a 6-month project. Instead of waiting for the relevant candidates to apply, we'd like to reach out universities (Mobility coordinators and International services) and offer them study abroad missions to bring the needed profiles in Auroville. (We recently opened an opportunity for a "hydro geologist": this specific profile cannot be found in our usual pending database of applicants).

A need for mentoring students

We just met, before their departure from Auroville, some Master students for their exit interview, who had conducted research on Auroville water system. They told us that their outcome could have been better if they had not wasted time wandering for information... To create the best conditions for them to run successful projects, it would be useful to have some referent persons to coach them: introducing them to the right persons, or the right places, advising them about what relevant data to collect, assisting with directions & suggestions. This mentoring requires regular follow-up meetings with the student and some coordination with the hosting unit.

Our project: create a pool of referent persons

The idea is to identify a number of Aurovilians ready to give occasionally some time for this mentoring work in a flexible way; they would help Savi with giving orientation to students from the start, helping them to collect what they need for their work and assist the Unit's mentor responsible of the project/mission. They could also contribute to a final assessment/presentation.

For that, your help for collecting ideas and good mentoring practices and for finding persons interested by these tasks would be highly appreciated. It could be someone who has a university degree, or a fairly good experience in a field, it can also be someone who likes relating with youth and students. The referent person needs not to be a member of your unit.

Let's put our ideas together in an informal brainstorming-style meeting: come with names you think of or whoever around you who would be interested by this initiative.

Meeting at Savi Office - Unity Pavilion coming Wednesday Sept 24th from 4 to 5:30 pm.

Thanks for your cooperation and do confirm your presence, Savi team (*Maggy, Dominique, Laura, Véronique, Sara and John*)

"WHAT IS AUROVILLE"

AN AUROVILLE FESTIVAL 2015 IN CHENNAI

Dear friends,

Some weeks have passed since our last communication about an Auroville festival in Chennai. For various reasons we had to postpone the event. It now will take place between 6 and 16 March 2015. During this period the Governing Board and International Advisory Council will hold their meeting in

Auroville and it will be possible for the members to attend some of the activities.

The Festival is named: "What is Auroville". It aims at Tamil Nadu government officials/academic and corporates and Chennaiites in general. The idea is to make Auroville more known/exposed in Tamil Nadu. Auroville will be presented as a place of research and experimentation, of never ending education, as a multicultural center for the development of human unity and as a working city.

Auroville Choir

The opening night will be on the 7th of March with a concert of the Auroville Choir in Sir Mutha Venkatasubba Rao Concert Hall at Harrington Road. Coordinator of the event is Nuria. The venue has a capacity of 1,100 seats. Tickets are free, by invitation only.

Art Exhibition

Lalit Kala Akademy at Grems Rd, Aayiram Vilakku, will be hosting an Auroville art exhibition from 6-16 March. Curator of this exhibition is Marco.

Auroville Exhibition

A nomad exhibition on Auroville will follow the events at each location and will be curated by OK.

Seminar

The Kasturi Srinivasan Hall - Music Academy at TTK road will be the venue of a seminar on 16th of March. The program consists of 5 or 6 TED talks format presentations. A panel will discuss a Sustainable Future (Waste, Water and Energy), Auroville's work and its relevance to Chennai and other cities in India.

Auroville Events

Auroville Events can be organized by anyone with an idea. Some units are already in the process of organizing a market. This will actually be the main part of the 'festival' and we plan to actively open up locations and ideas to the community. All these events will be well publicized by Outreach Media.

The festival has its own Facebook account: Auroville Festival in Chennai. A website will follow. For contacting the organizers this email address has been created: chennaifestival@auroville.org.in

OutreachMedia will take care of the media coverage.

The organizing team are: *Divya, Fabienne, Robert, Marco, Marianna, Ok, Nuria, and Krishna.*

Access policy for Aurovilians with guests

Park Of Unity

Aurovilians who wish to access the Park of Unity with a close friend or family member, may do so between 9.00 am and 11.30 am or from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. The Aurovillian must be 18 years of age or above and can bring up to two relatives or close friends along with him/her, provided s/he stays with them during the whole visit. Newcomers who wish to do the same should contact the Access Group of Matrimandir between 10 and 11.30 am to make an appointment.

Concentration in the Matrimandir

Aurovilians, of 18 years and above only, who wish to bring family members or close friends into the Matrimandir for concentration may do so at 8.45 am (see below*) any day except Tuesdays under the following guidelines:

1. All visits with guests must be booked at least a day in advance to avoid disappointment, by calling 0413 2622579 between 10 and 11.30 am or by email to mmconcentration@auroville.org.in Please be reminded that all mails are checked before 12 noon every day except Tuesdays and that the Access Office of the Matrimandir remains closed on Tuesdays. However, it is highly recommended that Aurovilians and Newcomers make an advance booking for their guests who are first-time visitors and who wish to concentrate in the Matrimandir, into the B group which is a guided visit for concentration in the Matrimandir. They are requested to take their guests to the Visitors Centre Booking

Office in person, any day, except Tuesdays, between 10 and 11 am or 2 and 3 pm to make their bookings. Please note that bookings are given only to those who turn up at the Booking Office and for a subsequent day. The Booking Office at the Visitors Centre is closed on Tuesdays.

2. Aurovilians must reach with their guest(s) the Access Office of the Matrimandir at 8.45 am (see below*) when passes are issued. Last pass is issued at 9 am.

3. Their time of concentration in the Inner Chamber is from 9 to 9.20 am.

4. They may bring only very close friends or family members not more than 2 at a time.

5. They have to remain with their guests during the whole visit until they depart from the Park of Unity. Please note that Aurovilians may not leave their guests and visitors on their own inside the Matrimandir or the Park of Unity and leave.

6. Visits to the Petals for meditation may be made by collecting a Petal's pass of the guest's choice from the Access Office.

7. Aurovilians must take care not to bring along children with them who are below the age of 10 years during the visitors' hour of 9 am to 11.30 am, including Aurovillian children.

8. Please note that the above facility is not open to Newcomers.

It has been brought to our attention that there are more and more vehicles coming up to the Matrimandir for the 8.45 am concentration although all efforts are being made to prevent this from happening during the rest of the day. In order to reduce the traffic also at this time of the day, it has been decided to extend the policy for 'Visitors to Matrimandir', also to the guests of Aurovilians.

*We therefore request that from now on, all friends and family members of Aurovilians coming from outside Auroville in their cars (for the 8.45 am visit), reach instead the Visitors Centre at 8.30 am. Members of the Access Team will wait there to receive them. They will make sure that all guests of Aurovilians are taken from there to the Matrimandir in the Auroville bus in time for their concentration. After their concentration, they will be brought back to the Visitors Centre in the same way. The Aurovilians expecting their friends and family members from outside can wait for them at the Matrimandir Office Gate at 8.45 am, as usual.

Aurovilians who have their family members staying with them in their house in Auroville or in one of the Auroville guest houses are to come with them directly to the Matrimandir Office Gate at 8.45 am as usual.

Please note that the above arrangement takes effect from Wednesday, 1.10.2014.

Matrimandir Team

Auroville Herbarium (I)

The recent public opinion poll by Gallup made it more than clear that too few Aurovilians know about their herbarium. There surely is some truth in the dictum 'Publish or Perish'. Then, instead of perishing, why not try a bit of publishing?

So, there is a herbarium in Auroville. It was built in 1994 in Shakti, and was christened with the acronym AURO, in the same way as the 'Rapinath Herbarium Tiruchi' was named RHT, and the 'Herbarium Jutlandicum, University of Aarhus' got the name AAU. The 'Harvard University Herbaria, US, Cambridge, Massachusetts' though had to do with the single letter A.

By rights it should have been AUROV. When we applied for the Auroville Herbarium to be entered in the '*Index Herbariorum*' we got the reply that each new entry now has to have an acronym of 5 letters, and they proposed AUROV. But since our field books and herbarium papers all had the name AURO printed on it, and since we were already known to many other

herbaria under that name we decided to stick to the name AURO.

The initial aim was to build up a so-called special herbarium, a herbarium with a limited scope. The purpose being to only collect species belonging to the floristic composition of what is called the Tropical Dry Evergreen Forest (T.D.E.F.). But on request by the Andaman & Nicobar Ecological team (ANET), the herbarium team carried out a botanical survey of some lesser known islands of the Andaman & Nicobar group from 1995 through 1998, and came home with a sizeable amount of plant material from these islands. At the same time the herbarium had also begun accepting donations from other herbaria, and private collections from botany students at various institutions in India, even one from a student in Europe.

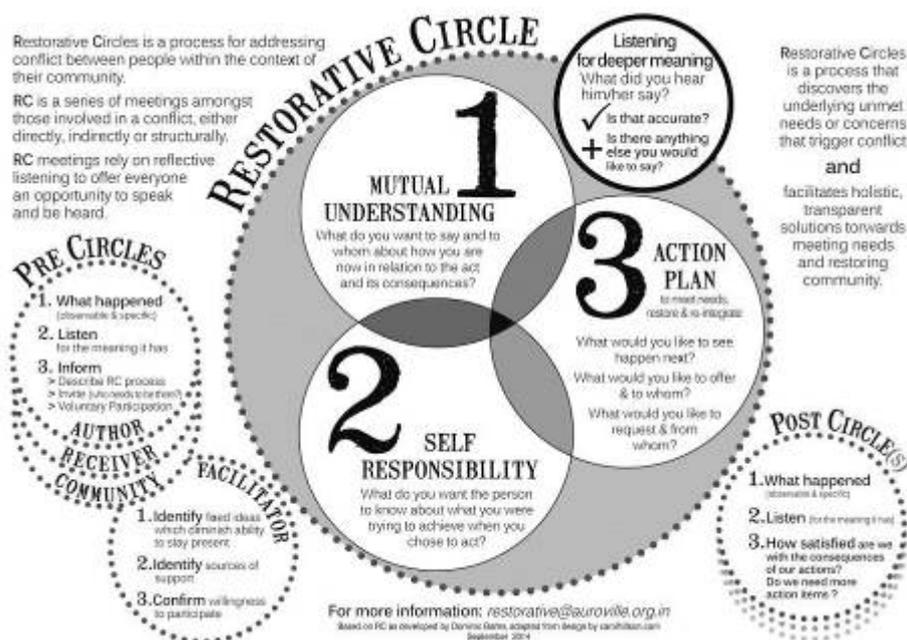
As a result the idea of only collecting TDEF species was dropped. The outcome is that the AURO Herbarium presently has a much more divergent collection of species and is growing much faster than anticipated. As to date it has [14,228]

accessions in the main and around [1,500] in the duplicate section. Besides, there still are a few hundred specimens in the pipeline, mainly grasses and ferns, waiting for identification. We are on our way to the top, although there still are a few herbaria with a slightly bigger collection than ours: Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France:

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Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, Kew, England:	7.000.000	K
Nationaal Herbarium Nederland, Leiden, The Netherlands:	4.000.000	L
Botanischer Garten und Botanisches Museum Berlin-Dahlem, Berlin, Germany:	3.000.000	B
Central National Herbarium, Kolkata, India:	1.500.000	CAL
But we already are ahead of the University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, Ouagadougou:	12.000	OUA

To be continued. Walter, Shakti.

Restorative Circles



What is Restorative Circles?

Restorative Circles is a process designed to hold space for conflict, within the context of community. It aims at rebuilding trust and community, and probably most importantly, at increasing willingness to co-exist.

What's the role of RC in Auroville?

RC is offered as one of our Conflict Resolution options (among others: Mediation, Arbitration, etc.).

Who can call a Circle?

Anyone can initiate a Circle - whether you are hurt, you hurt someone else, or you're not directly involved but feel affected by a painful interaction between others, you can call a Circle.

How do I call / initiate a Circle?

You have 3 options: send an email to restorative@auroville.org.in, or call 262-2539 (L'aura), or speak in person to any of the following: Audrey, Janet, L'aura, Shanti or Taj.

Who are the facilitators?

For the moment, Audrey, Janet, L'aura,

Shanti and Taj are available to hold space for this process. We are learning together and hoping more people will join us.

How do we get more information or learn about the process?

Contact restorative@auroville.org.in for more information. And you are welcome to join our Practice Group on Thursdays 9.30 am-12 noon (Laura's house, Centre Field).

With love, Restorative Auroville (L'aura, Taj, Janet, Shanti, Audrey, Ambre, Yuval, Elisa, Jo) [restorative@auroville.org.in]

POSTINGS

Important info from your Residents Assembly Service team (RAS)

Jesse just got a call that he had to fly over to Australia because his mother got a heart stroke. I am also leaving on Saturday because I have booked for the Partho Retreat at the Bodhi Zendo. Due to these unforeseen circumstances Selvam will be on his own during the next 2 weeks - Please contact him by phone under 9943911149, if you need his help.

Thanks for your understanding. Love, Inge for the RAS team

La Piscine Team's annual tour

The pool will be closed on Thursday September 25 and will re-open on Tuesday September 30. A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who contributed so generously to our Annual Tour! Love, La Piscine Team

Newspeak in Auroville

"Newspeak is the official language of Oceania, designed to make the ideological premises of the Party's official political alignment the only expressible doctrine. Newspeak is engineered to remove even the possibility of rebellious

thoughts—the words by which such thoughts might be articulated have been eliminated from the language.” - SparkNotes Literature Study Guides: 1984 by George Orwell “contribution - a voluntary gift (as of money or service or ideas) made to some worthwhile cause”- WordNet Dictionary

The lines quoted in bold below are from the FAMC report published in News and Notes, 20th Sept. 2014. The “they” referred to is the Auroville Institute of Integral Health (formerly Kailash Clinic). The underline is mine.

“In August, they submitted a cost increase report and asked for an ‘interest-free’ Rs. 25 lakhs loan to keep the construction going....The FAMC approved a loan of Rs. 25 lakhs with a 6% contribution on the outstanding amount.”

Submitted without further comment by *Michael Z.*

Closure for Hari

I was member of a task force appointed by the Auroville Council in October 2010 to deal with several ongoing disputes in the Auroville Health Centre, one of them being the tension between a HC executive and two Aurovilian co-workers, one of them Hari. By mid-December it was recommended to dismiss all three to diffuse the tension, and the decision was conveyed to them in mid-January 2011.

On Dec. 25th 2010 the HC watchman was threatened and on Dec. 26th the window of the HC pharmacy was broken, and Hari was accused of instigating these incidents by the HC executive who, in spite of evidence to the contrary, filed an FIR and a court case.

Internal investigation by the task force, the Council and the WC, cleared Hari of any involvement in this incident, and subsequently the court acquitted him too.

As usual, accusations have been made publicly, but no public retraction or apology has been tendered to clear the defamation. And we wonder why there is so much interpersonal conflict in the community.

Dr. Lucas Dengel

Loe-Chu Research

As a Conclusion to the exhibition put up on 15th of August at the LOE-CHU, an important new article, addressed especially to the youth of the world, is posted on my Research Blog (<http://labofevolution.wordpress.com>): "CENTENARY OF THE 'ARYA': HUNDRED YEARS LATER, WHAT IS THE EARTH AT?" - <http://labofevolution.wordpress.com/2014/09/10/centenaire-de-larya-cent-ans-apres-ou-en-est-la-terre/> - *Bhaga*

AV Bakery will be closed on Thursday (02.10.2014).

AV Bakery will be closed on Thursday (02.10.2014). Please pick your Thursday 02.10.2014 order on Wednesday 01.10.2014, *Av bakery team.*

Gas Service Closed for Stock Taking

We will be closed on Tuesday, 30th September for Stock Taking. Sorry for any inconveniences

AVAILABLE

BASIL PLANTS



Do you like your tomato salad with home grown basil sprinkled over? You do not need special garden skills to grow your own basil, and you can create your own

little kitchen garden also on your balcony. We can provide you with pots and compost and now we have already fresh basil plants.

With summer heat over and rains coming it's a great time to plant. Come to Botanical Gardens on Saturday afternoon!

We are looking forward to see you again!
Your Auroville Botanical Gardens team.

Baby chair

I would like to give away a baby chair attached with a table to someone who needs it. Please call 2622 848, *Linda*

Various Items

Complete Security camera system with all wiring, power packs, cameras (day and night), available or view via television and/or wifi. Needs uninstalling / Kent max water filter, only 7 months old. Needs uninstalling / Beautiful sets of bed covers, pillow cases and cushion cases in different colours; Double and

single plus some almost brand new cream teddy blankets and pillow cases for babies/young children / 2 Brand new, still in pack 500GB desktop hard drives / Miscellaneous kitchen items including butter dish; Microwave idly steamer; microwave rice and vegetable steamer and a selection of airtight food storage containers / Extra large Plastic dog bed and cushion/ 1 two seater cream/beige sofa chair / Fruit stand / Mi canvas turbo dual sim phone /Mini black and decker deep fryer with UK plug but will supply adapter / Electric chapatti / roti press - Contact *Shelley* on 8940568461 or email: shelleybreakell@gmail.com

Hero Honda

Hero Honda Pleasure. 6 months old. Red color. Pondicherry registration. Please contact *Veeraian* to 9786213290.

Electric Reva car 2007 model

Single owner - 17,000 Kms - good condition (used only in Auroville) - Contact Anatoly at: 7639962479

Two female Siamese cats

They are 9 months and 4 months old. Very loving and really good with dogs and children. Ideally re homed together as they know each other, plus Siamese cats do not live well alone. My telephone number is 8940568461, email address: shelleybreakell@gmail.com. *Shelley*

LOOKING FOR ...

Bicycle

If you have a cycle I could borrow/buy. Contact matt.strombom@gmail.com.

An experienced gardener

At Nilatangham, 9489325088 - *Ambre*

2nd hand bicycle

I am looking for a lady bicycle for Cindu who is helping us now at AV Health Services with senior citizens care, any price will be considered, thanks for her, Marie-Noelle 2622 989, 7639128435, frametim@yahoo.fr

Security guard

For a Guest House in Auroville. North Indian / Nepali preferable with 3 years of experience. English compulsory, Police verification will be done. Contact: 8489 697697 -
Submitted by Anatoly

Chairs

Dear Friends, Lilaloka is looking for chairs (used or new) to be used on the construction site. Please Contact: 7639845821. Thank you, *Lilaloka team*

Terracotta Curd Pots for Recycling

Good News .All those curd pots piling up in your garden CAN be recycled. The Cheese Farm will re-fire any curd pots they get back for recycling. Put all your pots in your recycling area CLEAN and Ecoservice will pick them up for free. This is a great chance to recycle and clean up at the same time - *The Ecoservice Team*

THANK YOU

From Auroville radio

Dear Friends,

We are overwhelmed with gratitude.

The Auroville Radio has **seven more days** before it ends its month-long fund drive toward being able to pay its basic operating costs for the next year. A remaining Rs 126,741 are still needed to complete our goal of Rs 356,626 for the year.

This amount includes, most importantly, offering two maintenances for people working full time at the station.

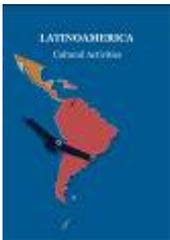
Our latest contributors since September 16th are from: India (Hyderabad), Auroville, France, Canada and USA who have added Rs 41,130 to the Fund Drive, bringing us close to 70% of our goal.

Let's make one last effort so we can close the drive for the year- Please share the Auroville Radio and the fund drive message on Facebook or by subscribing to the newsletter on our website! Visit: www.aurovillerradio.org/donate

Arigato, Dank je wel, Gracias and Thank You

The Auroville Radio Team (Miriam, Renu, Kristen, Petra, Yahalom, Sergio, Andrea and Volunteers)

Big Thanks to the People that Came to the "Pachamama Celebration" on the 21st.



Joining the Movement for the Climate Change all over the World, at the Latin American Circle in the International Zone, we have made an offering to Mother Earth to thank her for everything she gives us every day, and asked for Forgiveness and Consciousness from now on.

We have sung - Thanks to Jo. We have danced - Thanks to Devaiani .

A fire was there also - Tanks to B. and the kids. To Angelica and Denis for preparing the place. To Monique for bringing always the Magic Feathers from Canada.

It is the 3rd time we do some activities at the Circle .The 1st time, last year for the Inauguration, the 2nd time, this year, organised by AVI and the Canadian Pavilion at the Inuksuk (we finished with a bonfire there), and the 3rd time on the 21st, as part of Avaaz Events.

And for those three occasions, we got a copious rain during the night, and it was not monsoon time!

The Shamans of the Andes say that when this happens it is an answer from the Mother Earth, She is happy and bless us.

We, specially B., Monique, Janet, Aryamani and I, we feel very happy, after so many years trying to make in Auroville the "America One". Now we have the full Continent represented at the International Zone with the three Sub-Continents.

The Mission of that Continent ,that the Shamans from there, call Abyayala, is "Unity in Diversity" and would be accomplished when the Eagle (the North) and the Condor (the South) would fly together again. And in Auroville we are already flying together. And in our Continent also: the C.E.L.A.C. has been a reality for the past two years .We are a Community of Latin American and Caribbean Countries. The New World is already here!

Thanks, .Merci, O Brigado, Gracias, Muchas gracias.
Anandi, Realisation

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House-sitting 1

Hi everyone!

I'm Daniel; I've been living in Auroville for over a year doing projects with Av Consulting, Av Collaborative, Av Bamboo Center, Light-Fish, Lots of Capoeira with Sam, and more...I'm living at Samridhhi at the moment and I would love to take care of your house, pets and plants from November on. I'm really neat, responsible and clean; I've done house-sitting twice before and everything is alive and much happier. Looking forward to hear from you! E-mail: d.ojeda@live.com.mx / Phone: 7639 773416 / Whatsapp: 8110 848395

House-sitting 2

Ulrike, a longtime volunteer and project consultant at SVARAM, is looking for an accommodation / house sitting from Oct 21st

to Nov 20th. You can contact me at ulrike.strassmann@web.de or +49 172 1077825. *Thank you, Ulrike*

House-sitting3

Hi, I am Navabharathi, an intern working in Auroville since June 2014. I am looking for a house-sitting opportunity from mid-November 2014 to mid-June 2015. I am comfortable with taking care of your pets and garden. Thank you, contact: navabharathi.nat@gamil.com

House sitter

I am looking for a house sitter in Auromodele from 21-28 October or 06.-28.October.Contact: *Petra* 9790 582 139, petra@auroville.org.in

TAXI SHARING

September 27th: Need to leave Auroville at 19:00 to be at the airport by 10 pm. Who is leaving or arriving around the same time? Contact: *Ulrich*, Creativity, ulrich@auroville.org.in, 9443362398

September 29th: A taxi will leave late night on Monday September 29th at 10 pm from Auromodel, Going to Chennai Airport. If you want to share with Varada, please call her at 2623 138 or 78 67 99 86 90.

September 29th: To Chennai Airport. Leave Auroville around 8 am. Contact *Uma Gimenez (Surrender)* 9443697972

September 30th: Tuesday - Leaving Chennai airport at 10.30 pm to Auroville on 30th Sept, Tuesday. Taxi can be shared both ways and upto 3 more persons can join. If interested, pl contact *Lalit* <lalit@auroville.org.in> Phone: 9443790172

October 2nd: From Chennai Airport to Auroville at around 4 pm. The taxi is coming empty and will have 2 places to go.

eric.stardust@gmail.com unfortunately not yet Indian SIM.

October 2nd: To Chennai Airport. Picking up someone at 8.40 am. Cab can go earlier if you wish to share. ajit@auroville.org.in or call 94435 35058. *Ajit*

October 6th: Going to Chennai Airport Mon. the 6th from Creativity at 23:30 or 11:30pm. If you would like to share call *Audrey* at 2622641 or audrey@auroville.org.in

October 7th: From Chennai Airport. A friend of mine will arrive at 10.30 am and would like to share her taxi. Contact me when interested: 8940563087 or jonas.knigge@gmail.com, *Jonas*

October 9th: To Chennai Airport- Taxi going with one person, leaving Auroville at around 7:00 pm on Thursday 9th of October. Back with one passenger, pick up at around 10-10:30 pm at Chennai Airport. Contact *Minori* 7867998956-Thanks

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

For the Matrimandir

Matrimandir is looking for an Aurovilian who is interested to find and implement solutions for the lighting of all the gardens inside the oval and the oval road. The requirements are not in any specific order.

The person should have a general interest and knowledge in technical matters.

This person must be capable of working with the present teams and fit him/herself into the bigger framework of the Matrimandir.

The work includes to research lighting solutions based on the requirements given. The solutions must satisfy the requirements in terms of design, functionality, durability and costs.

A commitment till the work is completed is expected

A maintenance is available on request, conditions apply :)

Greetings from "La Maison Des Jeunes"

We hope to finish the project by the end of this year , therefore we do an appeal to good willing volunteers of any kind...Newcomers, Aurovilians, volunteers to complete the work. No special skills are needed, all the material is on site.

We need 5 people to work on:

The fixing of the prefabricated walls

Fixing of the roofs consisting of metal sheet structures

Cement flooring of the rooms

Fixing false wood ceilings

Painting of walls

If you are interested to help us, you can contact us by e mail, phone or passing by at Citadines office in the morning.

citadines@auroville.org.in. Tel: 2622828.

Love from the Citadines Team

HEALTH

AvHC - Orthopaedic surgeon

Dear community,

The orthopaedic surgeon will provide consultation at Auroville Health Centre on 3rd of October from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm

We request all those requiring review or fresh opinion to register your names in advance at the AvHC reception".

Tibetan Doctor

This is to inform you that the Tibetan Doctor and his team are coming on 27th of September 2014 - For your appointment call Namgyal or Kalsang at 0413 2622401 or write to kalsang@auroville.org.in

The Doctor and his team visit us every fourth Saturday of the month. The consultation happens in the Pavilion of Tibetan culture itself. We request you to get your appointments with the above mentioned names and the number.

Pavilion of Tibetan culture

To all those of you who were requesting some souvenir from the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, we now have a small corner with some Tibetan Incenses, prayer flags, bags and other stuff. All are welcome. Opening hours from 9 30 till 12: 30 and from 2 to 4:30 pm.

Pavilion's library

We are happy to share with you that our library opens to the public on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 am till 12:30 pm. You are all welcome. All our books are related to Tibet.

Exploring Meditation with Yahalome on Wednesday from 4.30 to 5.30 pm and Friday from 8.30 am to 9.30 am.

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture - International zone.

Gentle Birth Auroville

It's a Human Right to have a Safe and Gentle and Natural Birth for every woman.

This service is a service of Midwifery care offered in Auroville for Aurovilians and Newcomers, in the light of the Mother. For people of all nations, no matter how or where you choose to deliver. Some people may choose for a hospital delivery only for the practical administrative part of the Birth certificate.

Birth is a transitional stage of transformation, not only a physical or medical experience. Birth is a blue print for the rest of the Life, for the mother as well as for the father and child. You should feel safe, guided and comfortable with the situation.

Consultations can be offered on Women's Health, pregnancy, birth, or post-natal care and also for breastfeeding. Midwifery care is offered in close collaboration with a female gynaecologist at AUM hospital.

For appointments, Manuela: manuela.auroville@gmail.com or tel: 8098900471
Consultations at Integral Health, Prayatna. (Upstairs)

With Love, *Manuela*

TRAVEL

Latest News from the Travel - Shop - Inside India

On Saturday the 27th of September we shall relocate the Travelshop to our Auroshilpam office
Inside India - behind Auromode.

Our contact information remains the same as given below:

Office hours: Monday to Saturday 9:00 - 12:30 and 13:30 - 17:00

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

Tel: 2623 030, 2622 604, 2622 078

GREEN MATTERS



GO FOR THE GOURDS!

How do we know the hot season is still upon us? Well, one way is to look at what's coming from the local farms! You will find that Gourds have been abundant in the last few

months - Bottle Gourds, Snake Gourds, and occasionally Ash Gourds.

As always, Nature supplies us with whatever we need each season to stay healthy and balanced. Gourds are cooling and refreshing to the body, helping it stay balanced in the heat. Gourds were one of the first vegetables to be domesticated and grown by humans, but originally were probably grown as a container rather than for eating. The dried and cored thick outer skin has traditionally been used to make musical instruments like the Tanpura and Veena in India. Container gourds can be round (when they are known as calabash gourds) or bottle shaped and hence the name of bottle gourd.

Bottle Gourd

In Auroville we mainly grow the bottle gourd which is often known as 'Lauki' which is actually the Urdu name for this vegetable. In Tamil they are known as 'Surakkai' but this usually refers to the local variety of large round gourds. The plant probably originated in Africa and India although it is now widely cultivated throughout the tropics. It likes warm and humid weather and is one of the few plants to grow well during the Auroville hot season, although you may find it at other times of the year.

This vegetable has a high moisture content (so is a good low calorie food) yet contains significant amounts of calcium and phosphorus with small amounts of iron and vitamin B complex. It is an effective remedy for stomach acidity, burning/acidic urine, high blood pressure, liver inflammation, dehydration in diabetic patients, and is known to prevent premature greying!

Snake Gourd

The snake gourd is locally known as 'Podalangai', which can be up to 2 meters long and curl up into strange shapes (resembling a snake) unless a stone is tied to the bottom of the vegetable to keep it straight. Many farmers now use hybrid varieties, which are straight and shorter and are therefore easier to transport. As they mature they turn brilliant orange and then red, but at this stage they are not good for eating. Young snake gourds do not require peeling although the seeds in the centre need to be taken out and discarded as they taste rather bitter. Snake gourds grow well during the very hot weather and in Ayurveda it is considered to be a food that cools the body. It is useful for weight loss, constipation (being rich in fibres), diabetes, and removes phlegm and mucus from the respiratory

tract, serving as a natural antibiotic. The juice of snake gourd massaged on the scalp helps cure dandruff, and alopecia - a hair fall problem that could lead to partial or complete baldness.

How to Cook

Local Style (for both Bottle and Snake Gourd)

- As a dry Poriyal with nuts, spices, and dry coconut.
- As a semi-solid Avial with mung dal, spices, and dry coconut.
- Add it to your Sambar! You will have a balanced and tasty dish.

Western Style (for both Bottle and Snake Gourd)

- Boil it, let it cool, and blend it with other cooked veggies like carrots to make a tasty soup.
- Cook it like Zucchini! Slice it and grill it or sauté it with spices in oil.

Raw Style (Bottle Gourd only)

- Blend it with raw coconut and mild spices to make a cooling and refreshing soup.
- Slice it thin and creatively and add it to a carrot salad.
- Lauki or bottle gourd juice with a pinch of sea salt maintains the electrolyte balance in the body and is useful in diabetes and diarrhoea.

Submitted by G

LOCALICIOUS AUROVILLE re-connecting to what our Earth grows

WOW! Wasn't that last Farmer's Market at the Youth Center amazing? What started as an event around local food is turning out to be a full-fledged Community Festival. Thanks to all those who came - farmers, cooks, volunteers, handicraft artists, singers, musicians, eco-warriors, our wonderful MC Paul, and of course, the Youth Center team :)

A special thanks to the talented team of drummers who made us dance to the rhythm of the community movement with their drum sets (creatively put together from industrial cans). Another special thanks to the *AV Singing Festival* and the children's choir who woke us up to urgent and positive action on climate change with their song - "Do It Now!" The Farmer's Market is currently happening on a biweekly basis. Mark your calendars for the next one - **Saturday October 4** at the Youth Center.

Once again, all are invited to participate with their talents - get in touch with us at localiciousav@gmail.com
Love, Light, and Abundance...

The Localicious Auroville Team

Notes

Kireet-bhai

The Mother's Auroville may never have survived her physical passing if it were not for Kireet-bhai, who as her incredibly dedicated worker, assisted the Community to establish itself in so many ways. Alain Bernard called him a "miracle worker" and that is absolutely accurate, but some who did not know him may suspect some exaggeration and eulogizing that happens when a person passes.

In the case of Kireet-bhai, enough will never be said. We are speaking about a Yogi with rare and extraordinary capacity.

If I had not personally witnessed a little of what he accomplished for Auroville, I would also be wondering about what is being said of him. Since I was privileged to help Sanjeev and Krishna Tewari with what we called the "Delhi work", and lived with Kireet-bhai in his house for extended periods, we saw the unbelievable sides of his abilities. It may be hard for people to realize that Auroville once had no legal standing in a war with forces that had all the money, land and assets of Auroville in their possession, and all the legal standing to claim possession of Auroville. Against all that, a case had to be won in the Supreme Court, and an Act of Parliament passed for Auroville to be able to live its Charter. That certainly seemed an impossible challenge and would have been without a true miracle worker.

Our debt of gratitude to Kireet-bhai is enormous, and we must uphold the trust he placed in us to bring Mother's Dream into reality. Now he continues to smile. Now his gracious laugh is eternal.

B

Kireet Joshi - fondly remembered

I remember meeting Kireet several times, very favorably. One time in mid-1977, when I was returning from a several month visit to the US to open some markets for AV products, I flew into Delhi, and arranged to meet him at his home, before going on to Auroville. I wanted to get an update from his point of view of what was happening in Auroville politically.

It was a time of more and more difficulty between the SAS and the Aurovilians. He reassured me that he was doing all he could with the Government of India folks involved with Auroville, and that Fraternity would be financially secure and continue in another form, although SAS had closed its bank account.

His home was lovely and he treated me well with tea and sweets as usual. Most fine servant of Mother! Fondly remembered.

Bryan, AVI USA

Thank you, Kireet!

My deeply felt sympathies. As a member of the care-giving group I spent a lot of time with Kireet. He was always positive and his humane attitude made a deep impression on me. Thank you, Kireet!

Holger, German weltwaerts volunteer

Response from me to FAMC on 4th march 2013 in relation to the latest FAMC report on AuroAnnam status.

Dear FAMC Members,

Thank you for your mail and I was shocked to read the 1st point: *"For the time being" while the adjacent land exchanges are taking place*.

I'm sorry I cannot accept this as it was never communicated to me in this way and I was not aware of this hidden agenda.

I have communicated during that time, as "if I'm going to live here forever" to the farm group who represented me during that time and to the working committee when we met. I don't think it is right to play around people in this way and also very unfair. This shows again that there is very little understanding for the affected people by land exchanged or consolidation of the master plan.

Please let's look at this again more appropriately without judging the caretakers of any place and let's start concentrating on what best we can do for Auroville. Whether we like it or not we are part of Auroville and we all want the best for the community. Let's not get also into personal stuff as this has nothing to do with Land exchange and consolidating the master Plan and let's start to be honest with each other first, then discussion and planning can be done in a more harmonious way, whether it be for planning of Auroville as a whole or also for the planning of commercial units as it is important to have commercial units for Auroville.

But most importantly how we do business and how we do marketing is the main key as we are supposed to do business in a more conscious way! That is what I believed!

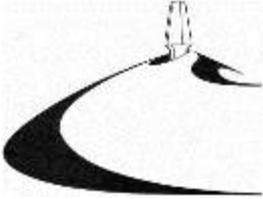
2nd point - *"Finalization of various land exchanges is eminent"* - then why was this not communicated to the community as a whole so that we are all aware of this. Many have voiced already that this is not the best move as we all know already. I'm alone here and I am not used to politics nor have any other people to support me like others do. I have always shown respect to the people who are doing this job and have been very happy also with Tomas and Priya who has put a lot of energy and time in regards to land exchange.

In the end we all think for the benefit of Auroville in whatever we have planned or done, and like everyone we also have a future plan when it comes down to business as well as in terms of thoughts and ideas.

Your 3rd point - *"New restaurant"* - I think everyone here is a bit confused, there are other restaurants that serve North Indian food, Italian food and so on, why should my new activities be relocated at Bharat Nivas. The integration plan I had for the cafe on Research and documentation of the diversity of Indian culture (concentrating on North East India under the theme of "HUMAN UNITY"), which I have passed on to the PCG for the request of a Grant, definitely could be at Bharat Nivas if the Group feels it more appropriate - But as I have said already neither the cafe nor my moving out.

4th- point - I have been stalled from 2006 onwards from any planning for the future of AuroAnnam and now that I have done something with a lot of energy being put back in it I do not understand anything anymore and I feel like I am crushed. And this mode of treatment is counter-productive and it is about time that I have my own peace now. You all do not really know how much it has affected me; all enthusiasm and good will are being taken away. Please read this with a positive mind and believe me as I have only good intention for Auroville. Regards, Mawite

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Amphitheatre Team

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music

Every THURSDAY at Sunset - 5.30 to 6.00 pm (*weather permitting*)

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset
and heavenly music in the very Center!

Reminder to all: The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such. We request everyone not to use cameras, cell phones, etc.

Dear Guests, please carry your guest cards and note that access is only for the Amphitheatre, from 4.45 to 6.00 pm. Thank you!

"The Bird of Peace"

Meditative musical offering with the Russian Singing Bells

28 September 2014 - Matrimandir, Unity Garden
5.30 pm to 6.15 pm

*"The Bird of Peace descending upon Earth...It is to bring Peace. It is the messenger of Peace. The Bird of Peace descending upon Earth...
It is still far away, but one day it will alight upon the earth. Then there will be Peace on earth. "*
(The Mother, from the book "Sweet Mother Harmonies of Light", Mona Sarkar)

15 minutes concentration at the beginning of the program
Entrance by the office gate from 5.15 pm. Dear guests, kindly carry your guest cards. No photos please.

INVITATIONS

DASARA FESTIVAL

You are welcome to participate in the festival of Evolution DASARA FESTIVAL

From 24th of September to 3rd of October 2014 at Ilaignarakl Education Center - Saraam community.

All are welcome!

AV SINGING FESTIVAL 2014

This is to remind you that we will sing for the climate coming Saturday 27th at 12:30 in the parking place of Solar Kitchen.

Everybody is welcome.

Av Singing Festival 2014

AUROVILLE SINGING FESTIVAL 2014

"One community one family"

We are happy to officially announce the AUROVILLE SINGING FESTIVAL 2014.

Date: 10th (Fri), 11th (Sat) October 2014 (2 days) - From 7 pm to 9 pm

Venue: Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas

Concept

The Singing Festival is all about participation. It is not about one artist performing and about expert musicianship. Its mission is to get people together to sing. There are not that many opportunities for most people to make music and sing songs they love.

Program

Songs by teams or individuals
Sing along with the public
Children choir with a large group of children and adults

AV SINGING FESTIVAL 2014

Ananda, Shakti, Drupad, Clémentine, Minseon

CULTURAL EVENTS

SADHANA FOREST PRESENTS

A LIVE CONCERT BY FORMIDABLE VEGETABLE SOUND SYSTEM

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2014

Armed with nothing but a ukulele and an electroswing beet-box, Australia's Formidable Vegetable Sound System (aka. Charlie Mgee) delivers you the secrets to growing abundance, improving life and reversing climate-change through the principles of permaculture. The sound system (which takes on many forms) has toured extensively around the world for the past two years to festivals such as Glastonbury (UK) BOOM (Portugal), Shambhala (Canada) and Symbiosis (USA) and is coming to India for the first time as part of Vandana Shiva's Seed Freedom Fortnight and Bhoomi Festival.

"Formidable Vegetable Sound System connect the creativity of nature with the creativity of music" - Vandana Shiva

"So infectious that the most ardent climate sceptic would have trouble staying still" - Sydney Morning Herald

"I didn't cringe once!" - David Holmgren, Co-originator of Permaculture.

All events and activities at Sadhana Forest are given in the spirit of gift economy.

A free vegan, organic dinner will be provided during the event.

Sadhana Forest is an alcohol free environment. Please come with this spirit in mind!

Free bus service to the concert- 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

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

ODISSI & SEMI-CLASSICAL BOLLYWOOD DANCE CLASS

Odissi & Semi-Classical Bollywood Dance Class with Tejas. Private Dance Classes at the Shakti Dance School in Felicity. Learn grace, discipline, and the beautiful temple dance of east India. Contact: tejas@shaktidancetroupe.com. +91-8489477222

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES @ TAI CHI HALL, SHARNGA

Sept 29th - Nov 1st (no evening classes)

Monday	7.30am - 8.30am	Chi
Tuesday	7.30am - 8.30am	Chi
Wednesday	7.30am - 8.30am	24 Form
Thursday	7.30am - 8.30am	24 Form
Friday	7.30am - 8.30am	108 Form
Saturday	7.30am - 8.30am	108 Form

INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

1st October (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: 'Inner Being'

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

FRENCH PAVILION - WRITING WORKSHOP (IN FRENCH)



Le Pavillon de France organise un cycle d'ateliers d'écriture créative animée par Florence, qui propose de réunir une dizaine de

participants, pendant 1h30, pour écrire au fil de la plume, selon l'humeur et les rencontres.

Pourquoi l'écriture? « Pour se détendre, pour oser, pour retrouver le plaisir des mots et ainsi développer un véritable bien être »

Le prochain atelier aura lieu le mercredi 1^{er} octobre de 16h30 à 18h à New-Creation dans la maison de Caroline et Nadia.

Merci de penser à réserver au 962 6648976 ou par mail à lesbaladantes@gmail.com - le nombre de places est limité.

AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY MINI-WORKSHOP

With Francesco

These small monthly workshops are open to everyone who is interested and already acquainted with ATB or similar work, and who would like to spend a few hours in their week-end to enjoy and appreciate moments of deepened and expanded awareness. The themes that are going to be explored are: parts of the being, breath, sensory awareness, connectedness and form.

The workshops are going to take place in Transition School in the ATB hall on:

- Saturday 4th October, afternoon 15.00 to 18.30
- Sunday 2nd November, morning 8.30 to 12.00
- Saturday 6th December, afternoon 15.00 to 18.30
- Sunday 11th January, morning 8.30 to 12.00

If you would like to participate to any one of the workshops please contact Francesco at 9626895370 or at Sghilli@hotmail.it.

HEALING BY BREATHING RESPIRATION WORKSHOPS AT SVEDAME

4-afternoon Workshop - October 1, 2, 3, 4th, from 14.00 to 17.00

Breathing is not just about gas exchanges, it deals as well with more subtle energies like Prana but it is also the royal way to relaxation (by consciously directing the Sympathetic nervous system). Controlling respiration is also a main tool to release and go above your limits, your blockages, at the physical, emotional and mental levels. Whatever are our issues, breathing blockages are always present.

Stress is the main reason for diseases - by learning to develop and control your breath, you acquire a new performant skill to cure yourselves, to recover or prolong health, but also open

your body to consciousness and step on the way to the « Here and Now »

As everyone has different issues, a large part of the workshop will be to deal separately with each participant. Open to every age.

Marie Noelle: French doctor MBBS, Yoga, Pranayama, Vipassana, Chi Kong.

Please register: frametim@yahoo.fr, 2622 989 evening time, or try 7 639 128 435 or sms

DJEMBE CLASS

Classes will be regularly for a week in the Evening

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

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

Days: Monday 6th onwards until Sunday 12th, October 2014.

Time: 5 pm to 6 pm

Open for all: minimum contribution required (For 7 workshops)

SILAMBAM CLASS (TRADITIONAL MARTIAL ART)

Classes will be regularly held for 7 days in the morning

Silambam is a traditional Dravidian martial art used today for mental and physical health. Exciting to watch, wondering at the speed, skill and coordination of expert Silambam practitioners, it is popular in today's dramatic arts. Some of the moves are based on the snake and eagle.

Venue: Auroville Bamboo Centre Campus

Days: 13th Monday onwards until 19th Sunday, October 2014.

Time: 7 am to 8 am

Open for all: minimum contribution required (For 7 classes)

Please register for all the programs in advance by contacting 0413 2623806 or Mohanamprogram@gmail.com.

Please visit: www.mohanam.org

PITANGA NEWS



IYENGAR INTENSIVE BEGINNERS WORKSHOP with Tatiana - October 13th - 17th, 7.15am to 9.15 am.

Open to all levels of normal physical health. Tatiana Tolochkova is a certified intermediate, senior 1 Iyengar teacher.

SURYANAMASKAR WORKSHOP with Manisha - Oct 3rd to Thurs Oct 9th 7-30 pm - 9 am.

Sun is the source of all energy. Suryanamaskar, in the tradition of *Sahaj Yoga*, is a series of 12 *asanas* complete with Sankrit mantras. The goal is to listen to your body and bend only as much as you can to experience the potential and perfection within. Each class includes loosening exercises, Suryanamaskar, relaxation, and an understanding of the theoretical and practical aspects of yoga. Manisha has over a decade of experience teaching yoga in India and the United States. Participants are requested to attend all 7 sessions.

KAYA BODHA WORKSHOP with Hans - Tue, Oct 7th, Wed 8th & Thur 9th - 10.00-12.00.

Gentle movements of contraction and loosening that release tension and improve agility, relaxation and mental calm.

ANIRVEDA POSTURE AND CONFIDENCE IN SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOP with Hans - Tues, Oct 7th, Wed 8th and Thur 9th - 16.00-18.00.

Registration for all workshops: Pitanga (0413) 2622403 or pitanga@auroville.org.in

LOCALLY GROWN VEGETABLES - SESSION 5 - GREEN COOKING BANANA

The fourth session held on 20th of September taught us how to prepare Banana Podimas (crumble) using green cooking Banana, by adding lemon and grated coconut.

The fifth session will be held on 4th of October 2014 (Saturday) at 10.30 am, at Life Education Centre, opposite Isaiambalam School. This will focus on the preparation of cooking green banana along with tamarind.

There is a Tamil saying that talks about every house needing to have a banana tree, because it is one of those plants whose every part is being used (flower, fruit - both ripe and raw, stem, leaf, besides the fibre). Using the waste water from the kitchen/cooking area, to water this tree, it is one of those local vegetables that is easily available throughout the year and especially in our area; there are very simple methods of cooking it to retain its properties and savour, in a very short cooking time and using very mild spices and less oil.

Using Vitamin C rich additives like lemon/tamarind/curd along with this green raw cooking Banana, helps in the absorption of all its good elements (minerals, vitamins and carbohydrates, containing potassium, calcium, magnesium, iron, zinc, besides Vitamins A, B, C, B-6), and also cuts down its gas-producing effect (vayu).

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

These bi-monthly sessions are offered by **Buvasundari**.

The aim of these classes is to make you confident enough to prepare by yourself for your consumption at home. Allowing us to become aware of and using locally grown vegetables, the optimal use of mild spices and oil with good cooking techniques, will enhance the taste and savour, besides helping in getting familiar with using vegetables available where we live.

Looking forward to see you there on 4th of October, where we will see, learn, do, eat and ask questions!

Life Education Centre team

AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY (ATB) WITH AMIR

ATB2 - A series of 6 weekly sessions every Saturday morning starting Saturday 4th October ending Saturday 8th November.

Venue: ATB hall, Transition school from 9 am to 1 pm.

Practical exercises to help us to know ourselves better and to increase our capacity to be present.

The exercises and games focus on:

Refining the senses, and observing their effects on the different planes of the being.

Exploring the effects of emotions on the physical body and to develop a witness attitude towards them.

Group dynamics and the effects of a group on the individual and vice versa.

Exercises to develop awareness and conscious control over the Physical Structure.

For more information visit the ATB website: <http://awarenessthroughthebody.wordpress.com/>

Sign up: By mail atbwithamir@gmail.com or feel free to call 9751257709.

Kottakarai plaza tour & Village Artisans and Crafts visit

Auroville is an incubator that enables the development of village crafts, artists and artisans. In the communities around Auroville in the villages of Kottakarai, Alankuppam and Sanjeevinagar there are many small-scale Handicraft products for Auroville and for the world. It means there are imaginative designs with respect for a quality finishing.

Mohanam invites you to join us in a tour of these projects.
We will take you into the communities to show you how the products are made and introduce you to the artisans.

Timing: Every Friday Month of October from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm
Place: Meet 9.45 am at Lively Boutique opposite Ganesh Bakery Kottakarai
Booking: Not required but please phone if you wish on 0413- 2623 806
If a group requested, date can be flexible (Expect Sunday)
Contribution: Minimum Rs.400 Requested (Including Lunch and small craft gift)

Bamboo Centre Training Program for October



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

TRAINING AND WORKSHOP

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

	<u>Bamboo Construction</u>
8 th to 11 th October	-4 days - Training program on bamboo construction
28 th to 31 st October	-4 days - Training program on bamboo construction
	<u>Bamboo Furniture</u>
16th to 18th October	-3 days - Training program on bamboo furniture

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

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



Opening the Gateway to the Village Program for October 2014

Village Tour

Sunday 05/10/14, Saturday 11/10/14, Sunday 19/10/14, Sunday 26/10/14

Meeting Point is the Lively Boutique, Kotakkarai plaza at 9.30 am (please bring your bike)
Come and enjoy the authentic village experience and celebrate cultural heritage!
Contribution requested from Aurovillian, Guests & Volunteers.

Local Cooking Class

Saturday 04/10/14, Saturday 11/10/14, Saturday 18/10/14, Saturday 25/10/14

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

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

BIO REGION TOUR

Date: Every Saturday, September 2014

Time: 12pm till 7.30pm

Meeting point: 11.45am at Lively Boutique, Kotakkarai Plaza

- Begin in Munnur
- Enjoy lunch at a village home
- Discover the village of Munnur with it's church and ancient temple
- Visit a traditional family of potters who will demonstrate their craft
- Finish the day climbing the rocks to Perumukkal's 12th-Century temple for tea and an opportunity to meditate while the sun sets over the magnificent Kaluveli landscape.

Please contact us on 0413 2623806 or at mohanamprogram@gmail.com
Tour will only take place once a minimum of 10 bookings has been received.
We aim to run this tour every Saturday, dependent on number of bookings received.
Contribution amount is confirmed on enquiry.
Transportation will be arranged according to the number of people.

SAVITRI BHAVAN

October 2014

EXHIBITIONS

Meditations on Savitri: Books Two and Three

110 paintings made by Huta under the Mother's guidance, in the Picture Gallery

Glimpses of the Mother's Life

Photographs and texts, in the Hall

Sri Aurobindo: A Life-Sketch in Photographs

In the upstairs corridor

FILMS

Mondays 6:15 pm

This month, the films shown are our homage to Kireet-bhai Joshi who passed away on September 14, 2014 after 60 years of devoted service to the Mother and Sri Aurobindo.

October 6: *AUROVILLE - The City The Earth Needs*

Shri Kireet Joshi always held the vision of a luminous future for Auroville (40min).

Interview with Shri Kireet Joshi in March 2013

In which he shares his experience of the Mother's Action and Grace (22min).

October 13: *The Aim of Life*

This film looks at the questions - "What is the aim of human life?" and "What are the truth of existence, and the knowledge of the One and the knowledge of the many?"

Shri Kireet Joshi was the main editor of the film. Duration: 51:54min.

October 20: *Let Us Work To Restore The Veda: Part 1*

Video of a talk given by Shri Kireet Joshi at a conference in Jaipur in 2006.

He reveals when and how Sri Aurobindo discovered the work and experiences of the Rishis and the truth of the Veda. Duration: 1:26:44min.

October 27: *Meditations on Savitri : Book 11: The Book of Everlasting Day*

A film by Manohar of Huta's paintings illustrating passages from *Savitri* read by The Mother and accompanied by her own organ music. Duration: 55min.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sundays 10.30-12 noon: *Savitri* Study Circle

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

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

Tuesdays 4.45-5.45 pm: 'Mudra Chi' led by Anandi

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

5.45-7.15 pm: OM Choir

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

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

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

Saturdays 5-6.30 pm: Satsang led by Ashesh Joshi

OM Choir

The voice that chants to the creator Fire,

The symbolled OM, the great assenting Word (Savitri - p.310)

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

Full Moon Gathering

Wednesday October 8th 7.15-8.15pm in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue

Digital Library: multimedia facilities for individual study

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

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

Programme for October 2014

Y o g a

Āsanas	drop in all levels	Tues	11.00 - 12.00	Angela
Āsanas	beginners(regular students)	Tues	15.30 - 17.00	Angela
Āsanas for women	drop in all levels	Wed	07.30 - 09.00	Angela
Āsanas	all levels	Wed	11.00 - 12.30	Angela
Āsanas	Restorative all levels	Thurs	15.30 - 16.30	Angela
Āsanas	beginners(regular students)	Thurs	17.00 - 18.30	Angela
Āsanas	intermediate (regular students)	Fri	17.00 - 18.45	Angela
Āsanas for the spine	drop in all levels	Sat	16.30 - 18.00	Angela

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

Ashtanga - Vinyasa (*)	regular practitioners	Tues, Fri	06.30 - 08.15	Alain
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Y o g a - m i x e d s t y l e s

Āsanas (*)	for teenagers	Mon, Wed	16.00 - 17.00	Natascha
Yoga Therapy	all levels (from 6th)	Mon, Wed, Fri	08.30 - 10.00	Gala
Yoga	for Pregnancy	Thurs	09.30 - 11.00	Appie
Aviva exercise	for women (not on 2nd)	Thurs	16.30 - 17.30	SuriyaG
Āsanas	for children 7-9 yrs.	Sat	10.00 - 11.00	Gala

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

Pilates all levels	Tues	07.45 - 08.45	Teresa	
Pilates all levels (not 14th and 15th)	Wed/Fri	17.30 - 18.30	Teresa	
Discover energy body	children, 7-9 yrs.	Sat	11.00 - 12.00	Gala

D a n c e

Odissi Dance (*)	Regular practitioners	Tue	16.00 - 17.30pm	Kanchana
Odissi Dance (*)	Regular practitioners	Fri	15.30 - 16.30pm	Rekha

M a r t i a l A r t s

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

The timings of Childrens classes are not mentioned here. Contact Cristo 2622356, email: cristo@gmx.fr

W o r k s h o p

6. *Iyengar intensive beginners workshop with Tatiana*, Oct 13th -17th from 7.15am to 9.15pm
7. *Kaya Bodha with Hans* (2 wokshops) Tues, Wed, Thursday October 7,8,9, and 14, 15, 16 at 10.00-12.00 am
8. *Anirveda: posture and confidence in self-defence with Hans* (2 workshops) Tues, Wed, Thursday October 7,8,9, and 14, 15, 16 16.00-18.00pm

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

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

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

Ayurvedic Oli Massage with Teresa, Awakening the intelligence and journeying to the memory of the body with Vani , Cranio Sacral Therapy with Elena, , Facial Treatment with Svetlana, Reiki with Betty, Reflexology with Pircilla, Releasing through Awareness - with Rosa, Thai Yoga Massage - with Juan and Teresa

Note: This symbol (*) above indicates classes not open to new students

Holiday: Please note that Pitanga is closed for Oct 2nd, Gandhi Jayanthi

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

VÉRITÉ

CLASSES in Vérité - October 2014			
Days	Drop-in Classes	Timings	Facilitator
Everyday	Meditation (new students: please arrive 15 mins early)	6 - 6:30 am	Ivana
Monday to Friday (Morning)	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	6:45 - 8.15 am	Olesya
Monday	Sound Bath (only on Oct 20 & 27)	5:15 - 6:30 pm	Aurelio
Tuesday & Thursday (Afternoon)	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	5 - 6.30 pm	Olesya
Thursday	Dance Space	5 - 7 pm	Dariya

WORKSHOPS in Vérité - October 2014 (Registration required)			
Sat, 11 Oct	Consciousness as Medicine	9 am - 12:30 pm	Dr. Yogesh Mohan
Saturdays: 11, 18, 25 October	Integral health & Healing	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Dr. Geeta Auropremi
Fri, 24 Oct	South Indian Organic Cooking	10 am - 12.30 pm	Rajaveni & Suba
Mon 27 Oct - Sun 16 Nov	Qi Yo Yoga Teacher Training (only Aurovilians & Newcomers)	9 am - 12 noon & 2 - 5 pm	Ariadne & Agung
THERAPIES in Vérité - October 2014			
Therapist	Modality	Contact for appointment	
Krupa	Art Therapy	9486287495 or krupa@auroville.org.in	
Dr. Geeta	Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy	9443288156	
Julie	Life coaching (available only for the period: Oct 20 - 27)	08968660083 or juliemosmuller@gmail.com	
Linda	Lomi Lomi (Hawaiian) Massage	linda_auroville@mail.ru	
Minori	Holistic Treatment (Acupressure base)	7867998956 or minoriogawa1124@gmail.com	

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

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

See the regular events section for on-going classes

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

Please note: Monday 29 September from 5.15 - 6.30 pm- Sound bath class - with Aurelio Cancelled.

F I L M S



C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

"MON ONCLE"

Director: Jacques TATI - France, 1958 / *With:* Jacques Tati, Jean-Pierre Zola, Adrienne Servantie

Synopsis: Young Gérard enjoys spending time with his uncle, Mr. Hulot, a dreamer and bohemian character who lives in a popular and lively neighborhood in the suburbs of Paris. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arpel live in a modern and luxurious villa, where they live a drab and sterile existence. One day when Gerard returns from yet another trip with his uncle, Mr. Arpel takes the decision to take his child away from Mr. Hulot's influence. He then attempts to find him a job in his plastic factory. The film centers on the socially awkward but lovable character of Monsieur Hulot and his quixotic struggle with postwar France's infatuation with modern architecture, mechanical efficiency and consumerism. As with most of Tati films, Mon Oncle is largely a visual comedy; color and lighting are employed to help tell the story. Dialogues are barely audible, and largely subordinated to the role of sound effects...

Original version in French with English Subtitles - Duration: 1h.57' - In collaboration with the Embassy of France, New-Delhi.



The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, October 3rd, Friday at 7 pm

WILD BRAZIL- FACING THE FLOOD [Episode 2 of 3]

2014 - 59 minutes. Produced BBC2, English - Nominated for 3 Awards

This intimate journey to the heart of Brazil continues, following the animal families as they face the formidable monsoon rains. The giant otter babies must watch out for predatory jaguars and learn to swim before their river floods. The coatis must eat all they can before their world disappears

under water, and the youngest capuchin monkey has to learn some clever survival skills fast.

Please see our listing under Special Events for a live concert by Formidable Vegetable Sound System on Saturday, October 04th.

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 SADHANAFOREST: 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

The French Pavilion & the CIRHU



Present

On a retrouvé la mémoire de l'eau

Documentary of 52 mn, in French with English subtitles.

Directed by Christian and Laurent Lichtenstein

Film shown on French TV:

France 5 in 2014

On Saturday 4th October 2014 at 5.00 pm.
Cinema Paradiso, Town-Hall

Professor Luc Montagnier retracing the Journey of Jacques Benveniste.

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

Dead in 2004, Jacques Benveniste, a researcher at the INSERM, was the centre of a worldwide controversy with his thesis on the memory of water. Applying this theory to its own research, the Nobel Prize in medicine Luc Montagnier

made a surprising finding that may cause a revolution in the medical field.

The origin of life on Earth, water is essential to the survival of the species. But for some scientists this fundamental element carries unsuspected capacities. In the 1980s, a renowned immunologist, Jacques Benveniste, claimed to have discovered that water could retain the properties of the molecules with which it came in contact, even when they were not there anymore.

An astonishing theory that has been the subject of considerable controversy. Quickly, the validity of his work was questioned and Benveniste, rejected by the scientific community. But out of curiosity, Luc Montagnier, Nobel Prize in Medicine for the discovery of HIV, has renewed his search. From the first experience with the blood plasma of infected AIDS patients, he detected electromagnetic waves. *"It was a real surprise that I did not expect and I was fascinated by this phenomenon"* recalls the doctor virologist who immediately thought of medical applications.

To highlight the amazing properties of water discovered by the man he considers "the Galilee of the twentieth century", Luc

Montagnier decided to lift the veil on his ongoing research and proposed to carry out, on camera, a surprising experience: The transduction of DNA.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 29th of September 2014, at 6:15 pm

"Meditations on Savitri - Book 10: 'The Book of Double Twilight'"

Canto 1-4: 'The Dream Twilight of the Ideal', 'The Gospel of Death and Vanity of the Ideal', 'The Debate of Love and Death' and 'The Dream Twilight of the Earthly Real'.

The film is done by Manohar with Huta's paintings illustrating passages from *Savitri* read by The Mother and accompanied by her own organ music. Duration: 50 min.

We supply photocopies from the "Savitri" texts read by The Mother, so that the texts can be followed while watching the film.



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film programme 29th September 2014 to 5th October 2014

Carl Sagan's Cosmos Series - In this week when the world is focused on the Climate Change summit - don't miss the chance to come and reinforce the wonder of the Universe, and the earth that we are stewarding!

Carl Sagan's Cosmos - Monday 29 September, 8.00 pm:
COSMOS: EPISODES 9 & 10

UK-USA, 1980, Dir. Adrian Malone w/Carl Sagan, 120mins, Documentary, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G

Episode-9: The Lives of the Stars: The simple act of making an apple pie is extrapolated into the atoms and subatomic particles necessary. Many of the ingredients are formed of chemical elements formed in the life and deaths of stars, resulting in massive supernovae, neutron stars, pulsars, and even black holes.... **Episode-10:** The Edge of Forever:

Beginning with the Big Bang, Sagan describes the formation of different types of galaxies and anomalies such as galactic collisions and quasars. The episode moves further into ideas such as an infinite vs. a finite universe, the idea of an oscillating Universe (similar to that in Hindu cosmology).

Carl Sagan's Cosmos - Tuesday 30 September, 8:00 pm:
COSMOS: EPISODES 11 & 12

UK-USA, 1980, Dir. Adrian Malone w/Carl Sagan, 120mins, Documentary, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G

Episode-11: The Persistence of Memory: The idea of intelligence is explored in the concepts of computers, whales (in their songs), DNA, the human brain, and man-made structures for collective intelligence (cities, libraries, books, computers, and satellites). **Episode-12:** Encyclopedia Galactica : Questions are raised about the search for intelligent life beyond the Earth, through SETI and radio telescope. The probability of technically advanced civilizations existing elsewhere in the Milky Way is interpreted and a future hypothetical Encyclopedia Galactica (similar to Rosetta Stone) is discussed as a repository of information about other worlds in the galaxy.

Carl Sagan's Cosmos-Wednesday 1 October, 8.00 pm:
COSMOS: EPISODES 13
IMAX - HUBBLE

Episode-13: Who Speaks for Earth? UK-USA, 1980, Dir. Adrian Malone w/Carl Sagan, 60mins, Documentary, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G - Sagan reflects on the future of humanity. The series ends with an overview of the beginning of the universe, the evolution of life, and the accomplishments of humanity and makes a plea to mankind to cherish life and continue its journey in the cosmos. **IMAX-Hubble:** USA, 2010,

Dir. Tony Myers w/ Leonardo DiCaprio, 44 mins Documentary, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G - A 3D IMAX camera chronicles 7 astronauts aboard the Space Shuttle Atlantis repairing the Hubble Space Telescope.

Carl Sagan's Cosmos - Thursday 2 October, 8.00 pm:
CONTACT

USA, 1980, Dir. Robert Zemeckis w/ Jodie Foster, Matthew McConaughey, and others, 150mins, Science Fiction, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

Based on Carl Sagan's novel, the film tells the story of Dr. Ellie Arroway. After years of searching, she and her team find conclusive evidence of intelligent aliens, who send plans for a mysterious machine... A perfectly refreshing film, with lots to say, great acting and directing, sound and special effects.

International - Saturday 4 October, 8:00 pm:
THE YOUNG AND PRODIGIOUS T.S. SPIVET

France-USA-Canada, 2014, Dir. Josh Boone w/ Kyle Catlett, Helena Bonham Carter, Judy Davis, and others, 105mins, Action-Adventure, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G Based on Reif Larsen's novel, in this story the 10yrs old prodigy T.S. Spivet, a science enthusiast, lives in a Montana farm with his cowboy dad, entomologist mom, and beauty-queen aspirant teen-age sister. He also had a twin brother who died accidentally and Spivet is confused about it and wants to talk. When Spivet's drawings get recognition, unbeknown to his family, he sets off alone to travel across the country to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. for the award ceremony! *It's a quirky, nerdy, and adorable film; do watch!*

Children's Film - Sunday 5 October, 4:30 pm:
WATERSHIP DOWN

UK, 1978, Dir. Martin Rosen w/ John Hurt, Richard Briers, Ralph Richardson, and others, 101mins, Adventure-Animation-Drama, English, Rated: G (for >5yrs old)

Based upon Richard Adam's novel, this film delves into the surprisingly violent world of a warren of rabbits as they seek to establish a new colony free of tyranny and human intervention.

Luchino Visconti Film Festival @ CINECLUB
Ciné-Club - Sunday 5 October, 8:00 pm:

• **IL GATTOPARDO (The Leopard)**

Italy, 1963, Dir. Luchino Visconti w/ Claudia Cardinale, Alain Delon and others, 187 mins, Drama-History, Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: R

Based on Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa's acclaimed 1958 novel published posthumously, this story is based in the 1860s.

A dying aristocracy struggles to maintain itself in Sicily. The film chronicles the waning of the noble home of Fabrizio Corbero, Prince of Salina and the corresponding rise of the enormously wealthy ex-peasant Don Calogero Sedara. The prince himself refuses to take active steps to halt the decline of his personal fortunes or to help build a new Sicily but his nephew Tancredi, Prince of Falconeri swims with the tide and assures his own position by marrying Don Calogero's beautiful daughter Angelica.

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.

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

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

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

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

ACT NEW TIME TABLE

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

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

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

SHOPPING TRIP

Tuesday

8:50 AM from Vérité

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

AFTERNOON TRIP

Monday

2:50 PM from Vérité

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

Wednesday and Friday

4:30 PM from Vérité

8:00 PM from Pondy Manakula Vinayagar Street (Ganesh Temple Street)

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

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

In summary, 2 trips have been discontinued Thursday and Saturday morning trips. The logic being that there is a 7:45 AM departure from Transport Service every day except Tuesday. We assume this can somewhat fulfil the need for the 9:00 AM trip on these days. We have maintained the 9:00 AM trip on Tuesday when the 7:45 AM is not available. In addition the ACT bus is on duty Saturday (and Sunday) mornings for shuttling visitors from the Visitor Centre to Matrimandir viewing gallery.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LAST MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENT

Entries invited for ART CHAKRA, a biweekly Open Art Event

Art Chakra is an interactive space for everyone to express their artistic side in an informal and non-judgmental environment. Whatever be your medium of artistic expression- photography, painting, short films, sculpting, singing, performing arts, storytelling, yummy recipe etc.; you can share it all with your fellow volunteers, here at Art Chakra. One need not necessarily be a professional artist or an art student to participate in Art Chakra. Ofcourse, it would also provide a great networking opportunity for skill-exchange and to initiate participatory art projects.

So, come participate. And open your Art Chakra.

Registration: The participants who wish to share their works must register beforehand through email. We have limited number of slots of 10 min each for each session of ART CHAKRA.

No registration required for being an audience.

Venue: AV Room, Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas | **Time:** 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, Sunday, 28th Sept

Entry: Free and open for all. **For more details:** Gaurav ,

Email: medimedia@gmail.com, or SMS to [9787897947](tel:9787897947).

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