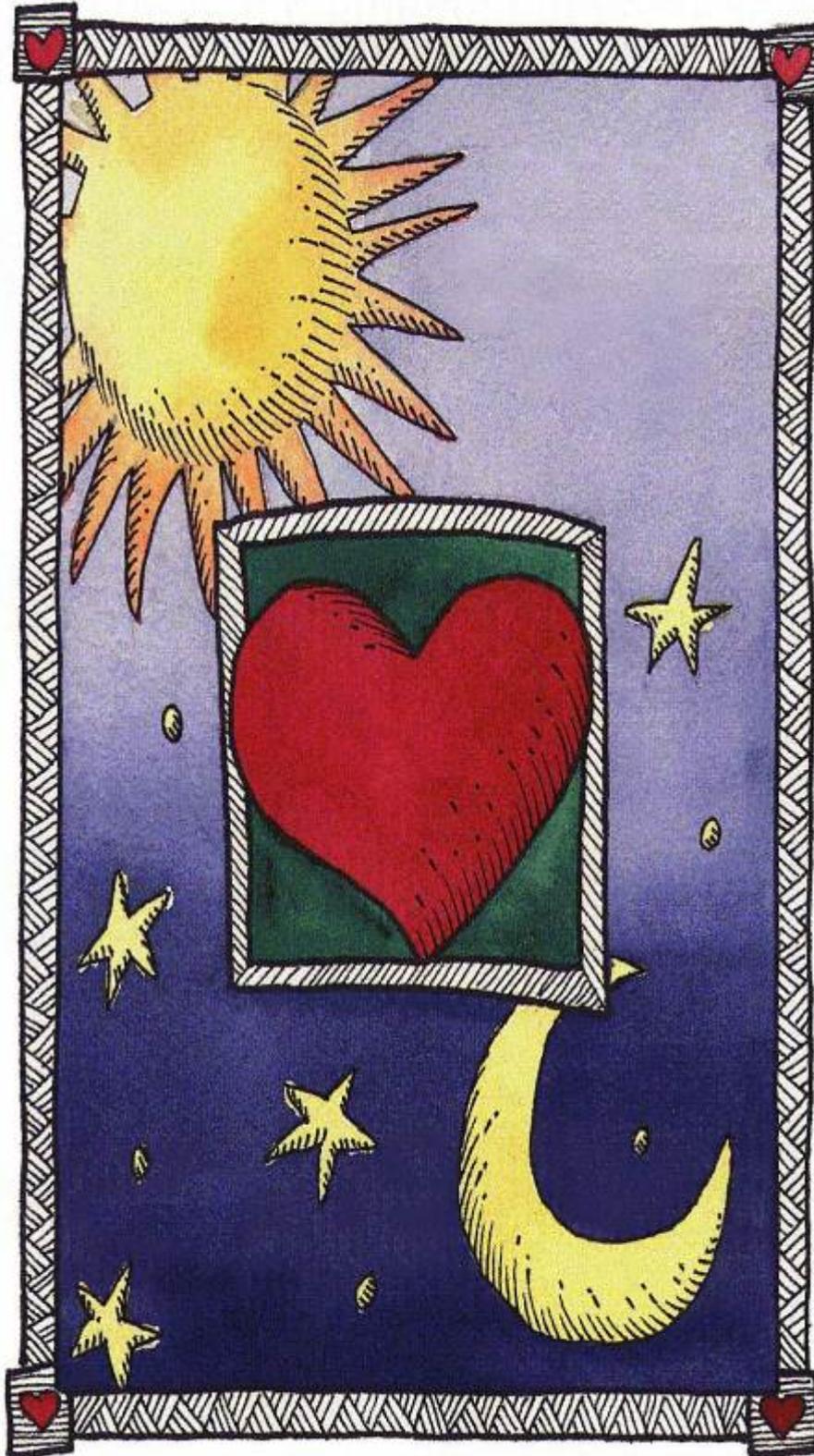


News & Notes

4th October 2014.....A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville.....Number 567



House of Mother's Agenda

Are the time and manner of death always chosen by the soul? In large human destructions through bombings, floods, earthquakes, have all the souls chosen to die together at that time?

The vast majority of human beings have a collective destiny. For them the question does not arise. One who has an individualized psychic being can survive even in the midst of collective catastrophes, if such is the choice of his soul.

How is the soul conscious of being and existing after death, once it is separated from its physical vital and mental beings?

The soul is a spark of the Supreme Divine, I do not see how the Lord needs a body in order to be conscious of being.

It's nothing very new, but it's a broadening of the consciousness. And all these questions have in fact been coming into the atmosphere lately, giving at first the impression that man knows nothing about death - he doesn't know what it is, doesn't know what happens, he has built all kinds of hypotheses but has no certainties. And by pressing on - by insisting and pressing on - I have reached the conclusion ... that there is really no such thing as death. There is only an appearance, and an appearance based on a limited outlook. But there is no radical change in the vibration of consciousness. This came as an answer to a sort of anguish - there was in the cells a sort of anguish at not knowing what death really is; a sort of anguish, like that. And the response was very clear and persistent: it was that the consciousness alone can know, because ... because the importance attached to the difference of state is a merely superficial difference based on an ignorance of the phenomenon in itself. One who could retain a means of communication would be able to say that as far as he himself is concerned, it doesn't make much difference. But this is something being worked out at the moment. There still remain gray areas and some details of experience are missing. So it would be better to wait, it seems to me, until the knowledge is more complete, because rather than give an approximation with assumptions, it would be better to tell the complete fact with the total experience. So we'll put it off till later.

But you say there is no difference - when one is on the other side, does one go on having or is one able to have the perception of the physical world? Yes, yes! Exactly. Exactly. The perception of beings, of ... [Satprem meant seagulls over the sea, trees, the pretty sunshine on the earth].

Yes, exactly. Only, instead of having a perception ... You leave a sort of illusory state and a perception which is one of appearances, but you do have a perception. That is, at certain times I had the perception, I was able to see the difference, but of course, the experience wasn't total (it wasn't total in the sense that it was cut short by people), so it's better to wait awhile before we talk about it. But the perception is there. Not absolutely identical, but with an effectiveness which is sometimes greater in itself. But it's not really perceived by the other side. I don't know how to explain. I've had the example (not an example: it was lived with the full perception) of a being who lived with me for years, who remained in perfectly conscious contact after he had left his body (and left it quite materially), and who didn't merge but closely associated himself with another living being and in this association went on living the life of his OWN CONSCIOUSNESS. I can give neither the names nor the facts about all this, but it's as concrete as can be. [*Mother is referring to the diplomat's son she already spoke of, who merged with Pavitra. (See Agenda VII of February 23, 1966.)*] And it's going on. All this has been seen - I've been seeing it for a long time, but just this morning it came back as an illustration of the new knowledge. Extraordinarily concrete [the "association"] in its effects, changing the capacities and movements of the other's consciousness. And consciously - an absolutely conscious life. And it's the same consciousness that was conscious during the phase when there was no body left at all and the presence was visible only in the night vision. There are other cases. This one is very close and intimate, which is why I have been able to follow it in all its details. But it's clear, precise and EVIDENT only with this new vision, because (how can I explain?...) I knew this - I knew it before, I was aware of it - but I saw it again with the new consciousness, the new way of seeing, and then the understanding was total, the perception was total, absolutely concrete, with elements that were completely missing - convincing elements that were completely missing in the first perception, which was a vital-mental knowledge. While this is a knowledge of the consciousness of the cells. But all this would only be interesting with all the facts (which I can't give). So I'd like to have a more complete and "impersonal" experience, I might say, I mean not illustrated by facts but an overall vision of the process. Then I will be able to talk about it. It will come.

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 7 March 1967

MOTHER

*The
Ponder
Corner*

*Be free in thyself, and therefore free in thy mind, free in thy life and thy body.
For the Spirit is freedom.*

*Sri Aurobindo
Ref. The Hour of God, vol17, The Divine Superman, p. 75*

Report from the General Meeting of the International Zone Group Sept 15 Unity Pavilion

In attendance: Jose Luis, Aliona, Alain G., Anatole, Miriam, Linda Grace, Eric Clapton, Nadia, Susmita, Guilio, Vera, Krupa, Franca, Frederic, Claude J, Vani, Tahir, Eric, Fif, Kalsang, Ruslan, Nicole (for one topic), B (notes)

The meeting opened with a silence concentration in honor of Kireet Joshi.

Each person introduced themselves with reference to their interest and work in the IZ.

Some clarifications about the email lists and those who wished to be dropped or added. There are basically three lists: the Coordination Team list for the weekly meetings (about 22 people), the IZ Group list for the general meetings every few months (about 50), the Pavilion Members and AVI members list for occasional reports, updates (about 40). People need to choose on which list they want to be. *(Anyone reading this who wishes to be on a particular list, please inform B at bgr8ful@auroville.org.in for inclusion)*

The Mission Statement was noticed to be more than just a mission statement and so was more correctly titled Guidelines for the International Zone. The full text was read out and received a unanimous consensus. The text will be sent to the relevant working groups and published in the News and Notes. *(Please see the text below)*

The letter to Mr. Doshi as Chairman of the TDC which was circulated a few months ago but not sent, can now be forwarded to the TDC calling for the detailed development plan for the zone.

Ruslan gave the report on Planning and Development subgroup and their attempts to interface with TDC for a detailed development plan. So much has remained pending for decades and now priorities must be set, the parameters for the pavilions, crown road, residential flats, and the two planned parks temporary housing, landscape, and help given to the pavilion groups to interface with TDC for site and building permissions. A simplified project proposal form was proposed as a first step.

B reported on the completion of the pipeline from Krupa's container to the African Pavilion utilizing the two tanks at International House. The cost for the well, pump, solar installation, digging, pipe, and fences came to 4 lakhs. About one half lakh remains which will be needed for an automatic float valve and some other plumbing needs.

The IZ Coordination Team letter to the TDC about the violation in the IZ of installing poles for overhead power lines when the guide line is for underground cables was discussed with Nicole from the Visitors' Centre. She and Peter CS had initiated this project on behalf of the VC to meet their increasing power requirements. While granting the legitimacy of the need, the solution to use overhead lines is unacceptable given our prior agreements. The implementation of the project with no consultation with the IZ is also unacceptable. Nicole agreed to a special meeting at TDC when Toby, who sanctioned the project, has returned from Europe. Meanwhile, the meeting has asked the work be stopped until a solution is found. Nicole said the work cannot be stopped because now it is in the hands of the TNEB. Consultation will be taken with the Electrical Service.

Volunteers came forward to help in the subgroups. *Aliona, Claude J, and Frederic* in Planning & Development. *Fif* in Communications. *Tahir and Eric Clapton* in Protection & Security.

International Zone Mission and Organizational Guidelines September 2014 Mission

To hold the spirit of the International Zone of Auroville as expressed by the Mother and Sri Aurobindo and coordinate simultaneously its physical development, activities and events.

Vision

"...the unity of the human race can be achieved neither through uniformity nor through domination and subjection. Only a synthetic organization of all nations, each one occupying its own place and the role it has to play in the whole can alone effect a comprehensive and progressive unification which may have some chance of enduring..."

"Each pavilion represents the soul of a nation or continent and will be accessible to all through expressions of intellectual and artistic genius and its spiritual tendencies as well as all its life and vitality and its movement towards the future."

"The International Zone will take a 'practical and concrete interest in the cultural synthesis' though active projects and collaborations."

"If the synthesis is to be a real thing, the grouping should be done around a central idea as high and as wide as possible in which all tendencies even the most contradictory would find their respective places."

A "collaboration of countries to create something...based on the Truth...to do something which is the beginning of a harmony."

(all quotes are from Mother)

Objectives

1. To explore and commit to the raison d'être of the International Zone and to develop a better understanding of the purpose of the International Zone amongst the Residents of Auroville and amongst the group;
2. To promote research, educational programs and events related to the realisation of the International Zone and its pavilions;
3. To provide support for all activities and developments in the International Zone and create a road map for this purpose;
4. To be an interface between the project holder and L'avenir d'Auroville for all building projects to be developed in the International Zone, and to advise and facilitate its work on all aspects of development in the zone;
5. To communicate the purpose of the International Zone in and outside Auroville;
6. To network with governmental and non-governmental agencies outside Auroville;
7. Collaborate with the other three Zone Groups (Cultural, Industrial and Residential Zone) towards an integral development of Auroville;
8. To interact with Auroville working groups related to land, infrastructure, security and other areas of work;
9. To collaborate with Auroville International in the realisation of the International Zone;
10. To update on a regular basis Aurovilians, Auroville's working groups, Auroville International and well-wishers about the progress of the development of the International Zone;
11. To set up and maintain a permanent space in the Unity Pavilion.

Organization

International Zone Team

The International Zone Team is composed of:

- Pavilion group members;
- Participants of activities located in the International Zone;
- Members of Auroville International;
- Residents of Auroville who participate actively in the International Zone development.

Creation of Sub-groups

- Sub-groups are created by the International Zone Team according to the work requirements;
- The forming of a sub-group takes place at an International Zone Coordination Team meeting or at a general meeting of the International Zone Team;

They will interact with the relating working groups and report at regular intervals to the International Zone Team for feedback and approval.

Working Areas

Working areas where sub-groups may be required:

- Protection and Security Management
- Infrastructure and Energy (In collaboration with TDC / L'Avenir)
- Landscaping
- Physical Development & Urban Design (In collaboration with TDC / L'Avenir)
- Activities and Events
- Media
- Administration
- Networking and Fundraising
- Communication

Coordination Team

The Coordination Team is composed of:

- One or two representatives from each sub group;
- Those who wish to volunteer their regular work towards the realisation of International Zone.

Coordination Team Meetings:

- The minimum quorum for a meeting is five persons;

As for all meetings, draft minutes will be distributed to all members of the Coordination Team for feedback and final approval within one week.

- Meetings normally take place once a week to maintain clarity and interaction between the sub groups;
- Draft minutes of all meetings will be distributed within one week to all members of the Coordination Team for feedback and final approval.

Management of meetings

- Meetings of the International Zone Team will normally take place once a month;
- A focalizer and a note-taker will be nominated for each meeting;

An agreed upon agenda will be provided for all International Zone team meetings and circulated amongst members in advance of the meeting;

The focalizer will be responsible to ensure that the agenda is followed and clear outcomes are arrived at, including actions to be taken, and an agreement of responsibilities for those actions;

Meeting notes will, if possible, contain a summary of all discussions, along with a record of all actions agreed upon, with a note of the person(s) responsible and a time frame if appropriate these actions will be reviewed at the beginning of the following meeting;

The note-taker will promptly distribute the draft-minutes to the participants of the meeting for feedback and to reach the final version before larger distribution;

A summary report will be produced at least every three months and circulated amongst all members of the International Zone Team and published on AV Net and in News and Notes.

Decisions

- Decisions will be sought by consensus;
- In case of some objection to the decision, consent will be encouraged and noted in the minutes;
- Exceptionally, where no consensus can be arrived at, then decisions will be taken by a 2/3 majority of the members present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pre-Qualification of Civil Contractors

The Auroville Town Development Council (TDC) invites pre-qualification tenders from reputed & experienced building contractors for construction of a Residential Building Project "Serenity" (G+1) in Auroville.

Pre-qualifying tender relates to the work experience, financial capacity and the technical ability of the Tenderer to carry out the proposed construction using both, traditional as well as innovative building technologies.

Project Tender documents will be issued to such parties who will pass the pre-qualification stage.

The last date for submission of pre-qualification tender in a sealed & super scribed envelope is October 14th, 2014 before 11:00 am at the address mentioned below.

For any assistance please contact, TDC, Town Hall, Auroville / Tel: +91 413 2623568 / email: avenir@auroville.org.in

These houses are ready for transfer

Kindly contact the Housing service to give your names and obtain more information.

There will be 2 weeks for the collection of names and a list of the candidates will be presented to the community for their choice of new resident.

Available right now:

Grace: a 2-bedroom apartment on first floor for a couple or a small family - 83.14 sqm

Courage: a 2-bedroom apartment on first floor for a couple or a small family - 85.94 sqm

Annapurna: House, office and storeroom - 87 sqm

From AV Council

[Invitation to the community at large on the 8th of October for an interactive General Meeting on code of conduct, eligibility criteria & feedback.](#)

A subgroup formed with a few members of AVC and Study Group has been working on finalizing the draft on the above topics, by holding discussions amongst resource persons, compiling Aurovilian's input via e-mail and also held a one day workshop on the 20th of September.

It was challenging to integrate all the diverse points; on one hand the participation was less than expected and on the other the minimal number of Aurovilians that participated were too strong in their views to bring a conclusive shape to these sections of the process.

The General Meeting on the 8th of October will aim at tackling this challenge by filling a questionnaire.

In order to facilitate a speedy progress, the same questionnaire will be published in AVnet, reflecting the inputs and concerns of Aurovilians which are mainly:

- [Acts against the ideals of Auroville.](#)
- [Acts against protection of Auroville land.](#)
- [Violence and violations against person\(s\) and property.](#)
- [Required skills to be eligible.](#)
- [Open questions on feedback.](#)

All Aurovilians present at the meeting on the 8th will be invited to participate by filling the questionnaire.

AVC message to the community

The AvCouncil is inviting all the concerned residents to propose 5 names for the composition of a Review Committee. This Review Committee will assist the Study Group and the AvCouncil with the Feedback process for the selection of a new Working Committee and the replacement of 2 to 3 members for the AvCouncil.

This Review Committee will have 7 members, with gender & cultural & age balanced. They should be long term residents each of them respectable in terms of integrity, credibility, idealism and actions towards the realization of Mother's Av. To be part of the Review Committee, they cannot be members of many working groups (maximum one).

Proposals must reach the AvCouncil latest by the evening of 9th of October.

Please send your proposed names by e-mail to: avcoffice@auroville.org.in.

Auroville Council

TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville

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

- 1) Aryan Kolbert, Ravena, House
- 2) Alain Grandcolas, Prarthana, House Extension

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

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N NO- 567 dated 04.10.2014

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

AUROVILIANS:

Sabine CHARPENTIER (French) - Staying at Transition School staff quarters, working as French teacher at Transition school.

NEWCOMERS:

Paula MURPHY (USA)-Staying at Savitri Bhavan hostel, Working as part of the PTDC kitchen team at PTDC and also Working as proof reader at Savitri Bhavan.

Liron LEVI (Israel) - Staying at Courage, working as Chef at Well café.

Yasmin LEVI (Israel) - Staying at Courage, working as Customer Care Manager at Well paper.

Moria Lisa (Mamata) HAYLLE DICK (South African) - Staying at Aurovelo, working as Curriculam developer at Pichandikulam.

Gregory(Greg) HAYLLE DICK (South African) - Staying at Aurovelo, working as Curriculam developer at Pichandikulam and also working as Dairy analyst at Annapurana Farm for Dairy Group.

Sheba MAINI (Indian from New Delhi) - Staying at Swayam, working as leading member of the researching team at

CIS Bharat Nivas and also working as project member for furthering Auroville education at Surrender. She was Friend of Auroville and would now like to join the community by beginning a Newcomer process.

Leena De CHAKRAVARTY (Indian from Orissa) - Staying at Swayam, working as member of the research team CIS at Bharatnivas. She was Friend of Auroville and would now like to join the community by beginning a Newcomer process.

CHILDREN OF A NEWCOMER'S:

Inbar LEVI (Israel) - born on 06/03/2007, Studying at Deepanam.

Gali LEVI (Israel) - born on 26/12/2011, Studying at Nandanam.

Erin Maie HAYLLE DICK - born on 12/06/2006, Studying at TLC.

Amelia ROSE HAYLLE DICK - born on 16/11/2008, Studying at AHA kindergarten.

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

CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER STATUS:

Elena IASHINA (Russian)

Frederic POYET (French).

Gaurav CHHABRA (Indian from Haryana)

Sandijvy DEVARAJAN (Indian from Pondicherry)

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

Jane MASON (Australian)

Aniko Hilda KARSAI (German- Hungarian origin)

Tom GABLIER (French)

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

Theresa GRANTHAM - Expressed her wish to discontinue her Friend of Aurovilian status.

Laurel Anne FOX - Laurel Anne FOX of New Zealand had begun her integration into Auroville with the Entry Service this year. However short our encounter was, we looked forward to welcoming her back. We send out our warmest condolences to her family here in Auroville. Dear Laurel you are dearly missed.

Dear Newcomers,

The Entry Service team would like to inform you of the new timing designated specifically to you to either collect or submit the Newcomer kit. Please pass by our office in Town hall, during these hours **Wednesday & Friday 2pm to 4pm** looking forward to seeing you - *The Entry Service Team*

TEAM MEMBERSHIP:

The Entry Service is looking for new committed members.

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

INFORMATION ON JOINING AUROVILLE:

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

We will use this time for studies, field visits and internal office work.

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

Haimanot Alemu Chairperson of AVI Ethiopia and close friend of Auroville passed away.

He was a true friend of Auroville. His support for the AVI meeting in Ethiopia in 2011 was amazing. He had heard about Auroville, did not know much about it, but had an immediate response and support for the work. The writings of Sri Aurobindo touched him deeply. He took up the work as Chairperson for AVI Ethiopia and later he came to Auroville for a three months visit, when together with Jill he directed the Twelfth Night Shakespeare play.

In Ethiopia I had the opportunity to spend time with him and it was always amazing how he met with people, such an open and direct interaction, a warm equality, always setting people at ease - it made him a very loved person, whether it was colleagues at the University, an Alternative Nobel prize scientist, former students, a waitresses, or someone at the Internet cafe or the museum. Always interacting, friendly words and interest in the people around him. A great sense of humor and fun. A man with a true sense of Equality and love of his fellow human beings.

He stood for all I came to love about Ethiopia. He is a brother and friend that I will sorely miss.

For an interview where he also speaks about his stay in Auroville, please go to:

<http://www.ethpress.gov.et/herald/index.php/herald/art-culture/2147-ethiopia-s-fine-arts-ambassador-haimanot-alemu>

Jaya

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



ETHIOPIA == At the sad passing of Haimanot, key person of AVI Ethiopia and known to most Centres and a good number of Aurovilians as well, AVI's Chairperson wrote the following to all friends and colleagues in Ethiopia on behalf of the AVI Board:

Dear friends of AVI Ethiopia,

It is with deep dismay that we have received the information of Haimanot Alemu's passing. We would like to express our condolences to you who have been his friends and fellow workers in AVI Ethiopia and we kindly request you to pass on our condolences to his family.

Cherished memories well up while thinking of Haimanot, memories of the wonderful time we spent together during our AVI meeting in Addis Ababa in 2011. Haimanot has been such an exceptionally gifted co-organiser and moderator of our gatherings, such a warm and inviting personality. He contributed substantially in making us feel welcome and appreciated as guests in your beautiful country. All AVI participants of the meeting, coming together from all over the world, will remember him full of gratitude and affection. We experienced him as a true friend of Auroville and a determined seeker for deeper truths. It was a great honour when he took up the work as Chairperson of AVI Ethiopia when it was joining the international network of Auroville friends.

Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and also to you, dear friends, who will have to fill the void which he has left. We would like to offer you any assistance needed in this process.

May Haimanot's soul rest in peace.

CANADA == AVI Canada expresses its gratitude to Monique Patenaude who has functioned both as its AVI Canada representative and as coordinator of the Canadian pavilion since years, but now is involved in other tasks. Further development re the Inuksuk and Canadian pavilion is presently in the hands of Fif; at the moment no official Canadian representative is called for.

WELTWAERTS ALUMNI == *Thank you Auroville!*

This August we - former Auroville volunteers - gathered in Germany for an alumni meeting. There are now over a hundred young former volunteers who had the privilege of experiencing and working in Auroville through the 'weltwaerts' programme since 2008. We still feel connected to Auroville,

recognise its influence in our lives and want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude through this small thank-you note.

Thank you for the unforgettable experiences, your patience and openness and all the other things we can't express in words. We wish Auroville all the best, a bright and successful future and hope to live its ideals as best we can wherever we are.

Your weltwaerts volunteers

For all AVI matters, please refer to vani@auroville.org.in / This column is maintained by mauna@auroville.org.in

Report Erosion Control Hermitage phase 2

Working period from August 19 - September 27.

The 7 dams of phase 1 were upgraded and a new one was added; the Snake Dam 70m long, 4m wide on the top and 5m high.

After finalizing the work on the East side of Hermitage we started working on the N N East side, closer to Sadhana Forest.

Partly we worked on Hermitage land and peromboke. We had already permission from the panchayat of Poothurai and for the 2nd phase we received a written permission from the panchayat of Tiruchitambalam. Again this land is canyon area. Many granite check dams have been made in the past. These are now mostly broken or silted in. The road to Hermitage is an existing dam. By just making 2 small dams this water tank has been enlarged. Already water is standing in the tank from the last rains.

When this tank overflows the water enters the Banyan Barrier. Two beautiful banyans are standing on either side of the dam. The Banyan Barrier consists of 4 dams with a total length of 200m and which hold the water of 5 water bodies.

The Das Dam 1 (pointing to Das' house) contains the sixth water tank. Das Dam 2 is a small pond, which eventually flows over through the pipes under the road to Das, as the water used to flow before the construction of the dams.

The dams have to be covered with grasses etc., as they are virgin and vulnerable. Torrential rains easily erode the dams from the top and the dams will only slowly stabilize. The newly built 16 dams will hold an enormous amount of water, which will be interesting to see after some good rains. The rain of 15th Sept. looked for sure promising.

Oussudu Lake (Ousteri) will get a facelift of 10.2 crores for five years and will be declared Tamil Nadu's 15th National Bird Sanctuary. We hope some of these flying visitors will also be interested in Hermitage area. Some ducks are already surveying.

The expenditure for phase 2 was Rs 174.514.
Thanks for support and cooperation to Jan Pieter, Forest Group and Road Service.

Kireet

What is Auroville - A festival of Auroville in Chennai

Proposed dates: March 6 - 16

The Auroville Foundation is hosting a big festival in Chennai in March 2015 to inform Chennaiites about the work being done in Auroville. Besides the organised events, all Aurovilians are invited and welcome to propose their own activity in Chennai during the festival. These will be at our own initiative and at our own cost, but will be presented under the festival schedule and will benefit by the publicity that will be arranged by Outreach Media.

An Auroville Ethical Market

A few units (Auro Delicious Italian Food, Avatar Design, Miniature, Matrigold, AVArtService) are interested in setting up an 'Auroville Ethical Market' in which Auroville products will be sold or displayed. Would you like to participate?

We propose to hold the market for 3 - 4 days at the end of the first week in March (maybe 5th to 8th). We are in the process of finding a good covered space in a viable location, with an affordable rent.

To participate:

Units producing Food and Well Being Products, please contact Samadarshana <samadarshana@auroville.org.in>

Units producing Craft or Designers, please contact Melissa <avatardesign@auroville.org>

Other Units or Services, please contact Samadarshana <samadarshana@auroville.org.in>

Auroville Herbarium (II)

By coincidence, the very first collection 'AURO 5001, Puthupet, 05.04.94' was of a plant described in the botanical literature as very rare, probably extinct (Endemic Plants of the Indian Region, Vol. I, M. Ahmedullah & M.P. Nayar, p. 98. 'Climber; Pondicherry. Very rare, probably extinct.')

We were not able to identify it for some time but it finally turned out to be '*Derris ovalifolia*' a liana in the family Fabaceae. It surely is not "extinct" anymore since the Shakti nursery distributed 100 seedlings in 1994 and another 50 in 1997. Moreover, the claim 'probably extinct' was surely exaggerated, to put it mildly, since later on the species was also discovered in Aranya, Oorani, Pannaiyur, Marakkanam, 2 places in Cuddalore, and in 1996 a healthy population was

found in "Merveille", the Sri Aurobindo Ashram farm near Usteri lake.

Collection and preservation of specimens

When in the field the objective is to collect any given species with both flowers and fruits, with juvenile leaves when they are different from the normal ones, and with roots for small plants.

After each specimen is entered in the field book with family- and species-name, and a short description, a collection number is attached to it. Entered also are the data that will be lost on drying such as colour, fragrance and shape for some flowers (orchids). Finally the date, location and name of the collector will be recorded.

The specimens are then placed in newspaper folds, bundled together and placed in a lightweight wooden press.

At home the incoming plant material is put in a polythene bag in a 10% formaldehyde solution for 24 hours.

Grasses and ferns can be removed before putting the collection in the solution since they do not need treatment. The treated plants are then placed in between folds of blotting paper, stacked in bundles, and put in metal presses. The presses are brought to the roof of the herbarium for the material to be sun-dried when the weather permits, or arranged in an electrical dryer on rainy days and during the monsoon. The blotting papers are changed daily. Normal collections such as leaves and flowers take max. 2 days to dry, but members of the family Cactaceae, succulents, fruits and such may take up to 1 week. When finally the specimens are sufficiently dry they are placed in airtight polythene bags with a spoonful of Paradichlorobenzene (PDB) added to keep pests and fungi away. The bags are then entered, per date of collection, in a cupboard in the herbarium where they await further identification and classification.

To keep the collection free of insect attack it proved necessary to fumigate the herbarium room with PDB at least 2 times a year. This is a necessary but very unhealthy exercise. One has to wait at least 2 weeks before it is safe to enter the room again but even after that period of time the atmosphere in there is hardly as healthy as in a Spa resort.

Most of the herbaria now use a top-opening chest freezer to keep their collections insect free. A series of bundles gets stacked in the freezer for 24 hours, then taken out and put back in their resp. pigeon holes, then the next series of bundles gets in, and so on till the whole collection has gone through.

In addition, to keep the specimens free of fungi, the humidity in the herbarium should be kept ideally at 50 - 55% rel. humidity. This is realised through the installation of a dehumidifier.

To be continued

Walter, Shakti.

POSTINGS

Correction

Thanks to take note that the email address of Oli school is not olishakthi@gmail.com as written in the *News and Notes* of the 26th September 2014 but olischoolindia@gmail.com

A clarification on Pachamama Celebration

We apologize for a mistake on a name of a good helper on that day. It was Danish from New Creation, studying at Transition School. Thanks a lot Danish from your collaboration .

Anandi Realisation

Attention! Aggression!

A guest of Auroville, Maria Tarnovskaya (26), was returning on the bus from Saddahna Forest around 10 p.m. Near Solar Kitchen she took her moped and moved in the direction of the Aspiration Guest House. The road after Certitude turns left and soon Maria saw three young men. Two of them sat on a

motorbike which was immobile. The third man (about 20) stayed in the middle of the road and tried to stop her. When she was near him he pushed her on the chest. He wanted her to step down but she kept herself on the moped but was extremely disturbed. The road between Certitude and Kuilpalayam is dangerous at night for ladies on their own. It needs patrolling this way, catching bandits and making the road safe at any time for everybody. Maria is a Russian from the Far East of the country (Vladivostok City). She likes Auroville but hates violence.

Boris

Taxi sharing

I am going to Aravind Eye Hospital in the morning, next Tuesday, October 7th. Is there anyone who wants to share the taxi, going and coming back to Auroville? Call me at 0413-2623314, mornings or evenings or email shanti@auroville.org.in. Thanks, *Anand Shanti*

Naturellement and Garden Cafe closed

We are closed for two days on Friday the 10th and Saturday the 11th of October 2014 as we are all going on a tour. On Monday

the 13th we are open again as usual. *The Naturellement and Garden Cafe team.*

A V A I L A B L E

Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil from my Family farm in Sicily (Italy)

Dear friends, as some of you already know, I brought an extra amount of organic extra virgin olive oil from Sicily (Italy) and I'm willing to sell a part of it, as last summer I couldn't work when I went and I still need to pay back a part of my travelling expenses.

This is a very special organic extra virgin olive oil for real connoisseurs or those who want to try something totally new to their palate. It falls under the consortium "Monti Iblei" DOP (Denomination of Origin Protected) and in general it has been described by experts as having a harmonious taste; specifically a medium-intense fruity taste, with flavour of herbs, green tomato, artichoke, and hints of chili, all harmoniously blended in equilibrium.

In addition, I can say that the olives coming from my family's farm (since innumerable generations and forever organic) are hand-picked by my parents and a couple of friends when still fully green, thus producing less oil, but of a different much better quality and taste.

For those who don't know, the best part of olive oil is actually coming from the seed inside the fruit and not from the pulp; in addition a ripe fruit will give a much larger amount of oil, but it will also enhance the acidity of the oil and dilute the intensity of the flavour (that's why most farm harvest it ripe, but very few who care about the result don't do it). The oil is then extracted in a friend's laboratory (controlled by the consortium) at room temperature (cold pressure can mean a lot of things by law, but this is the real one) and then stocked in large stainless steel container for at least four months to let the heavy undesired particles (the brownish part you get in the bottom of the bottle, when this process is not done).

If you are interested and you are willing to offer an extra premium for the quality and my sudden need, please contact me at 9442328120 or giovanni@auroville.org.in. Have a good week-end. *Giovanni:-)*

Computer's Items and Aikido weapons

A computer graphic card model NVIDIA Geforce 9500 gt; a computer cabinet Qori; a pair of Aikido weapons "Jo" and "Boken", child size. Please contact *Symeon* 9943905119

Items

An old TVS moped, a new stainless steel sink and a new ceramic sink and a new tap. Contact *Arlet, Petite Ferme:* 2622463.

Furniture

1 silk cotton mattress, single size and 4 cane chairs with high woven backrest. To see please call 262 3615 from 3 to 8 pm ONLY - *Marlenka*

Humvee

Latest generation, maroon color, needs new batteries. Please contact *Jamey* at jameyellis@yahoo.com

Metal work

I am doing metal work: Grills, windows, cupboards, gates, sheds, fencing work etc. I am ready to work at your place too. Contact *Anand* at: 9865623504

L O O K I N G F O R ...

Translation work

Bilingual Aurovilian looking for translation work, English-German German-English. Any subject as long as it is interesting. Contact Merry, Prayatna at: 2623 581 (No e-mail)

Fridge and Bicycle

Dear Friends, As long term volunteers we are looking for a small fridge and a bicycle. Thank you in advance. *Laura, Kaya and Hannah* Contact: Hannah.Karl@web.de or 9159890526

Responsible, loving person

Responsible, loving person or family who would be willing to try to adopt a sweet but unhappy grown-up female tiger cat (sterilized). I love her, but I have 5 other cats - none of which harass her - but nevertheless she feels shy and "persecuted". Please try it! If she wanders back to my house, that's OK, it will be her decision. Thank you! Merry, Prayatna, Ph: 2623 581 (No email) or see me at the Solar Kitchen

Furniture

Dear Friends:
I am Savithri Maya, the dancer. I am asking a favor from you. I need some furniture for my room: a bed and a pillow, a big piece of cloth for my window/balcony door, and maybe one small table and chair.

So, if you have any of these items that you don't need, please contact me on my landline: 0413- 2622-840 or write to: aurosavithri@gmail.com. Thank you so much, *Savithri*

A second hand bike

Models in order of preference-

Choice Number	Model	Color
1	Classic 350	Lagoon
2	Classic 350	Classic Black
3	Classic Battle	Green
4	Classic 500	Black
5	Bullet Electra	Black

Please call *Sidhya* - +91 8966903523.

A piano

Hi, my daughter is learning to play the piano and she needs a piano. Please if you have one contact *Anand* at: 98656233504

2KV generator

We are looking for a 2KV generator, preferably Honda. Contact: 9943907444. *Meera*

Solar panels

Looking for two solar panels. Contact *Boobalan Siddharta* Forest. 9787084506

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House sitting1

I'm Charles, nine years Aurovilian, looking for a house-sit. I'm quiet, responsible and reliable; a good housekeeper. In charge of maintenance at Verite for 2+ years, now with Blue Light. References available. Funds available for expenses and small repairs. Current house-sit ends 15 October. Contact: c.bluelight@auroville.org.in, 262 2500 (office hours), 99434 66057.

Thanks in anticipation. Best, *Charles*

House sitting2

We are 3 friends currently house sitting at Naradi's house at Arati-1. I'm working with Shama Dalvi at Aurelec and looking for a house for a minimum of 2 months and longer. We're good at handling pets, gardening, keeping the house healthy and can make contribution for expenses. Contact *Saalanki* (0999-966-0546)

THANK YOU

From Varada

Millions of thanks to all those who have helped me when I was in need and thanks too to Auroville from which I received so much.

Varada for ever

Thanks to Kireet-bhai for bringing Her into our Life

To you, dear Kireet, not only because you have been a "miraculous worker" for Auroville, but also because you have brought Her Sweetness, Her Kindness and Her Understanding to us. To be with you in your Office in Delhi, your smile and your tenderness has made her presence a reality.

Thanks to Francois and Rakhil for these films, but please show them more. We could possibly get regularly together (Savitri Bhavan?) to read his books, to see his interviews. He has a positive way of looking at our problems and that is a real need,

from my viewpoint, at this very moment in Auroville and on the Planet.

Thanks again for your heartfelt way of being.

Anandi (Relisation)

From Chali for Future School

Future School extends a big and heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our fund-raising open house a fun and productive day! So many of you gave Auroville made products to sell, household items that needed a new home, baked goods and other tasty treats, and of course your precious time and presence. Your show of support in all these ways and more is invaluable!

With love and gratitude,

Everyone from Future School

APPEAL

ONE ASIA 2014 in Taipei: Update (30.9.2014)

Thank you to those who have donated to "ONE ASIA 2014 in Taipei" through IndieGoGo Crowdfunding.

We have received 1,006 USD through this platform. Meanwhile we have received some kind donation to Unity Fund from Aurovilians and well-wishers from all over the world. So far we have raised a total 15,42,402 INR (62% raised!). We are deeply thankful for all the heartfelt support. In order to hold this event we still need to raise 9,64,300 INR.

Some dedicated artists from Auroville, other parts of India and also artists from four other countries are gathering for this event which is dedicated to the realisation of Human Unity.

Our FS account is #251646 ONE ASIA project. Please support this event and be part of the adventure.

Here is our downloadable detailed financial statement (PDF):

http://oneasiaproject.org/?page_id=1155

Eluciole Circus School

Dear friend,

I would like to share this project with you. It will be so interesting to film the children when they are practicing at the Circus School and show them afterward - this way they can see by themselves what they are doing, understand and correct more the position of their body. For 5 years I worked with a professional company and we used a lot this way of working for our progress.

This can be a big step for the children, and I'm very impatient to start. I'm looking for a camera and a flat screen.

I have an old computer that I can use if I find a flat screen, but since I'm on solar, even an old laptop would be fantastic!!

If by chance you have some of our needs and you would like to help a new project for a school, please contact us, or if you want to help me to purchase these items, please contact me.

Love and Light, Eluciole circus school

Kalou: 9787332791.Email; eluciolecircus@gmail.com

TAXI SHARING

October 12th: To Chennai airport. Sunday morning at 7 am - Taxi leaves to Chennai Airport with one person. Comes back empty as far as I know! Contact - G (sattvig@gmail.com, 0840 799 7970)

December 3rd: My friend Mona is arriving in Chennai Airport on Wednesday December 3rd at 10.20 and wishes to share a taxi to come to Auroville. Please, contact her directly at: monatmam@gmail.com - Thanks, *Simone*

AUROVILLE RADIO



means that after 8 months the radio will cease operations. Just

We end our fund drive for the month of September, with a donation of Rs 500 on September 29. Thank you all so much for making the effort. A total amount of Rs 231,393 was raised so we have achieved close to two thirds of the funds needed to manage the radio for the year. This

kidding! There has been no response from the BCC since our request in May but as always we will continue covering events, news and views in Auroville, offered free to the world. We would however like to meet our fundraising goal, which means raising an additional Rs. 125,233. We welcome suggestions for how to achieve this...

This week we had the opportunity to participate in the first regional Community Radio Sammelan held in

Pondicherry, organized by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in association with Oneworld India. Representatives from many other community radios from around the country participated in the conference and the information shared was both practical and useful. At this event we got in touch with officers from the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, who advised us on proceeding with an FM license application. We will be preparing for this in the coming days.

Broadcasting on FM band will make the radio accessible to people in Auroville and the wider region who cannot afford computers and internet bandwidth. It is a way to share culture, share knowledge and build community among all within a 20 Km radius.

Auroville Radio Team

[This week program](#)

L`aura & the restorative circles (Evolution 24/09/2014)

L`aura shares her vision on the restorative circles in Auroville. A new field of relationship inside the community? -[English, 10 Minutes]

Land Board, AV Singing Festival (News from Auroville 25/09/2014)

New Land Board formation will be chosen by 5 members of AVC . FAMC and TDC. -[English, 13 Minutes]

Selections by Gangalakshmi-7 (Integral Yoga 24/09/2014)

Selections by Gangalakshmi-7. This is a weekly series (In French) on selected works of or on the Mother or Sri Aurobindo. -[French, 14 Minutes]

Land Issues (News from Auroville 22/09/2014)

Tomorrow General Meeting at 4.30pm at Unity Pavilion on land issues. -[English, 10 Minutes]

You can listen to all of the programs and more on www.aurovillerradio.org

For more info call 0413-2623331 or email a@aurovillerradio.org

HEALTH

Life Coaching by telephone

Health Services introduces Christian, a volunteer, from Germany staying with us until March 2015. People who would like to speak about their problems *anonymously* are welcome to call him at 763 949 3183, daytime. His experience includes telephone hotline, palliative, family constellation and couples coaching.

AV Health Services

Reminder to the Community - Activating Neighbourhood Compassion

AV Health Services supplies paid Hospital Care Attendants for Aurovilians during hospitalization, night 8 pm - 8 am. Our paid workers are indispensable but Aurovilians do want to be attended and visited by their friends and Community members during daytime.

We request that Aurovilians answer the call when Mass Bulletins are published. .

With thanks, Auroville Health Services

Reversing the Effects of Gravity

Alternative and complementary anti-aging approaches are getting a second look as everyone are looking for ways to go «less gently into that good night». One of these approaches is inversion therapy or 'slanting' i.e. lying head down on a board with one's feet elevated.

reversing the effects of gravity is said to have many benefits: relieving back and neck pain by stretching a compressed spine; rebalancing the musculoskeletal system; improving posture; easing gastrointestinal disorders by unkinking colons and other prolapsed organs; draining sinuses; enhancing lower lung capacity; and stimulating the thyroid and pituitary glands. Increasing blood flow to the head is a natural facial that may improve skin and muscle tone, reduce wrinkles, and create a natural glow. Proponents also say it improves memory and encourages clear headedness.

About 125 years ago, Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, inventor of flaked cereals, recommended using a slant board at his famous Battle Creek Sanitarium. Since the mid-1900s, health and beauty entrepreneurs have sung the praises of slanting. It is used by yoga practitioners, astronauts in training, chiropractors, physical therapists, spas and beauty experts for relaxation, rehabilitation, and rejuvenation.

Doing yoga and other exercises while slanting enhances their effects.

Yoga expert Larry Jacobs says it only takes one or two fifteen-minute sessions daily to make gravity work for you instead of against. According to him, **twenty minutes of meditating on the slant is equal to two hours of sleep.**

See more at:

<http://www.healinglifestyles.com/index.php/the-up-side-of-down#sthash.V60acYX2.dpuf>

Submitted by Gildo

GREEN MATTERS

Addition to last week's article on Gourds

Dear friends,

Hope you are enjoying the cooling and refreshing benefits of Bottle Gourds and Snake Gourds. Just a reminder - take out the seeds from the Snake Gourds before cooking them. If consumed in excess, the seeds can cause indigestion :)

Best of health to you!

The FoodLink team

"Humanity has never faced a greater challenge"

Climate Summit's call to immediate action



These were the words of UN Secretary General, exhorting the world leaders gathered in New York to act before it is too late.

Nearing the tipping points

What scientists warn about is that we are reaching several *Tipping Points* - fast and extreme changes that are difficult or impossible to reverse once started, which accelerate global

warming out of control. The predicted scenarios in a nutshell: The thawing of the Arctic, freeing up millions of tons of methane gas now locked in the ice cap (methane is 100 times more harmful than CO2), leading to the destruction of the giant white 'mirror' that reflects heat back into space. A resulting massive heating up of the oceans, acidifying their waters so that plankton, the basis of all marine life, will perish. The rising sea levels progressively threatening low-lying island nations and coastal cities all over the world. Climate becoming ever more extreme, with hotter summers and harsher winters, increasing draughts, wildfires, storms, floods; problems in agriculture, spread of diseases like dengue and malaria, and a mass extinction of life on earth (already we are losing 25000 species per year due to habitat loss!).

It is still possible to get back into the safety zone...

Getting the planet back to the 'safety zone', from the present 400 to 350 ppm (parts per million of CO2 in the atmosphere) will not be easy, but according to Nasa scientists it is **possible if we act very fast, and all together**. The measures required? Improved land use and soil conservation; stop of deforestation

and coal burning, large-scale promotion of cheap, renewable energy, clean transportation and energy efficiency, drastic reduction of all fossil fuels. This can only be done by tackling inequity among nations, with developed countries providing funding for adaptation, helping poorer countries with locally-driven, sustainable development.

We cannot stand by: People's actions across the world

The weekend ahead of the Climate summit saw the largest global action in history, with thousands of events in 168 countries, and millions of people participating. In New York, 400,000 people marched with a message for the world leaders, and around the globe marches took place in solidarity. People from places where fossil fuels are dug up marched with people who live where they are burned; workers, unions, faith groups and students walked alongside indigenous communities from all over... A message that could not be ignored, as every keynote speaker in the UN summit acknowledged the people's actions.

What happened at the Summit

The UN event was a preparation for the upcoming Climate conference in Lima, Peru from 1st December this year and the Paris Summit in December 2015, the meeting that according to world leaders will be crucial for the fate of the planet. Over 100 heads of state were joined by 800+ leaders from business & finance, and some representatives of civil society, for a long day with 16 hours of combined speeches. While corporates played a greater role than ever before, grassroots organisations (such as Climate Justice Alliance) trying to deliver their petitions were denied access, in a meeting that is said to have been 'strong on rhetoric but weak in action'. Graça Machel, Nelson Mandela's widow and member of the Elders, rebuked the leaders for lack of courage; Greenpeace USA's director Annie Leonard (of 'The Story of Stuff') pointed out the US government's inaction, Pacific Islands made desperate pleas, and a Navajo elder summed up the essence in simple, powerful words: *"Those within the UN Climate Summit need to start thinking about ways to change people's relationship to the earth, ways to change the definition of prosperity and well-being to something that's not about money for a few people, but for a good livelihood for everybody."*

Some meaningful pledges

While commitments made at the Summit are voluntary and non-binding (!), some encouraging steps are there. Denmark promises to be 'fossil-free' by 2050, Sweden aims for zero net emission in the same time; Uruguay pledges to reduce its emissions 85% by 2030, and the EU at least 40% (!). Apart from pollutants, the summit focused on food security, forests, renewable energy, sustainable transport, cities, and finance.

Divestment

A fast growing coalition of hundreds of institutions, local governments, collectives and individuals is committed to divesting from fossil fuel investments and re-investing in new

energy sources, putting their money into 'companies that stand for solutions'. Within the next 3-5 years this will amount to at least 50 billion USD. The growing movement may not bankrupt the climate-wrecking fuel companies, but it can remove their social licence to operate and take away their political power.

On the home front

India along with China, Russia, Australia and Canada was among the countries whose head of state did not attend the Summit. According to ex-environment minister Jayram Ramesh, the country is showing less commitment than its "BASIC" quartet partners Brazil, South Africa and China. "Clinging to old mantras when others are moving on in no way helps us. India must recapture its capacity to proactively provide both intellectual and political leadership as it did in the past." Environment minister Prakash Javadekar attended the summit with a promise that India would double its wind and solar energy by 2020.

Auroville participated with several events, showing the documentary 'Disruption' (to be screened again at Le Zephyr), singing the Climate Song 'Do It Now', along with info displays, at the Farmers Market (Youth Centre) & Solar Kitchen, and a Pachamama ceremony in the International Zone. Attendance was throughout disappointing, and leaves one pondering... We believe that *we can and must step up our commitment, individually and as a community*, if we are to help the transition to a sustainable, inspiring future in balance with the Earth that gave birth to us!

The Auroville Green Center invites you to share anything green for a healthy Auroville, Bioregion & planet Earth; avgreencenter@auroville.org.in

For AV Green Center: Lisbeth, Jasmin & Bridget

LOCALICIOUS AUROVILLE
re-connecting to what our Earth grows

FARMER'S MARKET and COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Saturday October 4 at the Youth Center - 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Featuring - Local Produce from Farms, Snacks, Local Handicrafts, Music, Songs, and FUN!

Come one and all - farmers, cooks, eco-warriors, handicraft artists, singers, musicians, and volunteers!

A family-friendly and community-building event :)

Look out for the 'Mr. Localicious' flyer posted around. To participate - get in touch with us at localiciousav@gmail.com

Love, Light, and Abundance...

The Localicious Auroville Team



"...the same self-abnegation as have the members of a tribe..."

In February 1969 Roger Anger submitted to the Mother a text that some people attribute to Gilbert Gauché, the Aurovilian who had paid for thirty-four huts in Aspiration - the first, historical pioneers' settlement in the Auroville's territory proper. Besides his generosity and altruism, Gilbert is remembered for his poignant questions to the Mother and uplifting comments. This document is powerful evidence of the churning in a newly-born community in search of its embryonic group-soul. The Mother wrote, "I am in full agreement and my blessings accompany this realisation."

"By the nature of its ideal, and the answer it offers to the present needs of our world in evolution, Auroville addresses a large portion of humanity aspiring for a better life.

The people attracted by Auroville are very varied and varied too [are] their conceptions of what Auroville ought to be. Many will think, of course, that their experiences and inner visions are the only true ones. They are true on a certain level, but no individuals can claim that their own experience is the only valid one. Even if a person has a valid experience, still it must be adapted to the outer

situation so that it does not clash with the vision of others, creating disharmony, altogether undesirable in Auroville. A vision or an experience about Auroville may have its own reality, and not merely poetic one; but many factors may intervene before it is called to be realized. A vision rarely remains free of errors and misinterpretations by the person who receives it. This is unavoidable at humanity's present level of consciousness. If everybody insists on living out their vision, exactly the way they received it and interpreted it, Auroville will become a second Tower of Babel, where confusion will reign and nobody will be able to communicate with their neighbour.

Auroville is the meeting point between the inner and the outer worlds. In fact the two are but one and Auroville wants to be a living example of this truth, the concrete proof that spirit and matter are one.

This can happen only if the first Aurovilians are determined to subordinate their personal convictions to the common goal/aim, in total self-abnegation.

Auroville aims at the greatest possible freedom, but to reach there people must make the effort. At the beginning the Aurovilians as a collectivity will need to have the same self-abnegation as have the members of a tribe. As the collective develops according to its own pace and rhythm, evolving from a village to a small town, and then a large city, for each individual it will become progressively easier, to evolve in a less limited way. Tomorrow's freedom depends on today's sacrifice." (1)

(1) Two pages follow, entitled "Major options and directives for an overall management plan for the territory of Auroville". Source: Auroville Archives, 13.2.1969. The last three paragraphs were reproduced, much later, in the Gazette Aurovillienne VIII, ¾, December 1981.

Submitted by Paulette

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!

Wednesday 8th October from 6.30 to 7.00 pm

Musical meditation for the full moonrise
Hindustani classical music
(Recorded music)

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

INVITATIONS

Bring your old bag, take a new one! *

Come on Sunday 5th October at 3 pm
to Upasana to get a new bag for free!

Activities for Children & Adults
Tea & Biscuits will be served

Come and have fun!



* Even if you don't have an old one!

Small Steps

PAVILLON DE FRANCE (French Pavilion)

Lettre aux Auroviliens et aux Nouveaux arrivants français.
(A letter to the French Aurovilians and Newcomers: Meeting on October 9 with the French Consul))

Bonjour,

Nous organisons le **jeudi 9 octobre 2014**, à **18H30 au Pavillon Tibétain**, une rencontre avec M. Philippe Janvier-Kamiyama, Consul général de France à Pondichéry et Chennai et avec Mme Kamiyama.

Ce sera pour les Auroviliens et les Nouveaux arrivants, l'occasion de faire connaissance avec le Consul général et son épouse. Le Consul général répondra à vos questions de tout ordre: (carte consulaire: intérêt d'avoir une carte....passeport, carte nationale d'identité, élections futures etc.)

Ensuite, un dîner, vous sera proposé; cela vous permettra d'avoir un échange privilégié avec le Consul et son épouse. Afin de prévoir le nombre de repas, pour la logistique et éviter le gaspillage, merci de confirmer rapidement votre présence par courriel: france@auroville.org.in

Claude Arpi, Claude Jouen, & Jean Pougault.

AV SINGING FESTIVAL

Dear all family and people,

This is to remind you that AV SINGING FESTIVAL on 10th -11th of October at 7 to 9 pm at Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas. It will be happened with <FAMILY CONCERT>, <EXCHANGE CONCERT>, <CHILDREN CHOIR> and Sing along with the public.

Please come and enjoy our joyful festival!

2014 AV Singing Festival

'One Community One family' -Community Cultural Colors(See See See)
(Ananda, Shakti, Rolf, Anna, Jo, Drupad, Minseon)

E X H I B I T I O N S

GALLERY SQUARE CIRCLE - KALA KENDRA

DREAMY

The ongoing exhibition of paintings by D. Tiroumale will be now open till 10th of October

OPEN DAILY: 9 AM TILL 5 PM - CLOSED ON SUNDAYS

**AT GALLERY SQUARE CIRCLE - KALA KENDRA - BHARAT NIVAS-PAVILION OF INDIA- AUROVILLE
ALL ARE WELCOME**

C E R A M I C S - II

By Priya Sundaravalli

OCTOBER 8 - 20, 2014 AT Citadines Centre d'Arts

Daily except on Sundays: 2:30-5:30 pm

Opening on Wednesday October 8th from 4:30-7 pm



Photo Exhibition

The Sound of Dharma, Dalai Lama

Photo by Yunggis Lee

The 33rd Kalachakra in Leh

Photo by Dorjii Sangjal



Date: 4th of Oct – 19 of Oct (2 weeks)

09.00 – 12.30; 14.00 – 16.30
(Sunday 09.00 – 13.00)

*Inauguration on 4th October, 2014 at 5pm.
Followed up with refreshment and slide show.

Venue: Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

Photo Exhibition

The Sound Of Dharma Dalai Lama

The 33rd Kalachakra in Leh

4th to 19th October (2 weeks)

9am 12.30. 2 to 4.30pm

Inauguration on 4th october at 5pm

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

insight seminars

Invites you to 'Interactive Sessions on Auroville' via presentations by Aurovilians speaking about their areas of expertise and sharing their thoughts and experiences. Free of charge these introductory sessions are and for those who wish to explore various aspects of Auroville; whether they be Guests, Newcomers or Aurovilians.

Interactive Sessions on Auroville

Monday 6th October 2014	Introduction to the Vision and Concept of Auroville
Wednesday 8th October 2014	Auroville Economy and Organization
Friday 10th October 2014	Town Planning & Architecture

Time: 10:00 to 12:00 including question and answer session.

Venue: Insight Seminar room in the Inside India building in Auroshilpam (behind Auromode).

Donations are welcome.

Presented by

inside india

SADHANA FOREST PRESENT'S

A LIVE CONCERT BY FORMIDABLE VEGETABLE SOUND SYSTEM

This Saturday, October 04th, 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 skeptic 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

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

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HEALING BY BREATHING RESPIRATION WORKSHOPS AT SVEDAME

4 afternoons Workshop...

October 8, 9, 10, 11th... 14.00 - 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 blocages, at the physical, emotional and mental levels.

What ever are our issues, breathing blocages are always present.

Stress is the main reason of 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 « 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

framatim@yahoo.fr, 2622 989 evening time, or try 7 639 128 435 or sms

LOCALLY GROWN VEGETABLES - SESSION 5

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

The second session will be on 4th of October 2014 (Saturday) at 10.30 am, at Life Education Centre, opposite Isaiambalam School.

It will focus on the preparation of green cooking Banana along with tamarind.

These sessions are being conducted by Buvanasundari.

Life Education Centre team

VERITE

Please contact Vérité to register for the following workshops: 0413 2622045 or programming@verite.in. Contributions

SCHEDULES

ARKA WELLNESS CENTER OCTOBER- 2014 THERAPIES

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Acupuncture	Dr. MOHAMMED SAHEL ANSARI by appointment 9994208068	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Body Logic, Soft Massage and Deep Tissue Massage	PEPE by appointment 9943410987	
Yogic Healing . Therapeutic Massage	BASU - by appointment 9443997568	Monday to Friday 8 to9.30 am & 6 to 7:30 pm. Saturday & Sunday Mornings
Reiki, Mind Therapy, Foot Reflexology, Courses of Reiki & Ayurvedic Massage. (Also Individual)	JANNAKA by appointment 9487629648	
Thai yoga massage	Mark-by appointment 8940001088	
Psycho Spiritual Tarot, Deconditioning Self-Inquiry, Innervoice Dialogue, Graphology	ANTARJOTHI By appointment 0413-2623767 or Email : antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Also in French.
Siddha Treatment (Discover the traditional Medicine)	Shivaraj - 93454 54232	Monday, Wednesday and Friday From10am to12pm by appointment.

BEAUTY PARLOR

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

REGULAR CLASSES IN THE MULTIPURPOSE HALL - 1ST FLOOR

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Acro-yoga	mail-mark@auroville.org.in 8940001088 Damien - 9047722740	Sunday morning at 8:00 to 10:00 am
VOCAL YOGA VY®	Clare Fanning - 9442318775 & Giridev	Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 7:30 am to 9:00 am
Hatha yoga with pranayama and Meditation	Ankur -9159834055	Monday to Saturday at 5:00 to 6:15 pm(also special classes with appointment)

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

Note from the editors

The *Regular Classes* column is published once a month. Guest-houses are kindly requested to put this page up on the notice boards. **Kindly inform us of any changes/cancellation in your regular event** - the next regular events schedule will be published on November 1st, 2014. - Editors.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Transportation will be arranged according to the number of people.

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

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

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

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

Flamenco In Cripa Every Wednesday: From 4 to 5:30 pm. Starting 13th of August.

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

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

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

Hatha Yoga Mixed With Pranayama And Meditation:

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

He is having expertise in Hatha, Pranayama, Mudra, Bandha, Kriyas Chakra, Raja, Kundalini, Ashtanga Yoga, Spiritual Chanting, that are capable to cure Asthma, Diabetes, High Blood pressure, Low Blood pressure, Obesity & Navel displacement. **Monday to Saturday at 5:00 to 6:15 pm**

Also Special classes with appointment
Contact: ARKA, Auroville, Ph. : 0413-2622443, cell: 9159834055

Hypnotherapy and Chakras Healing at Arka: Marcella, Aurovilian, is a qualified Hypnotherapist and Past Life Regressionist from the reputed California Hypnosis Institute (India). Languages: English, Italian / Contact: Tel. 9443338734 or email: abalancedstate9@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pilates with Savitri at New Creation Dance Studio on Mondays at 5pm, basic level on Tuesdays at 7.30am, intermediate level. on Saturdays at 7.30 am, intermediate level

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

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

Reiki and Reflexology - Massage By Jannaka at Arka: Every week-end - Individual course in 3 sessions also on week-days by appointment / REIKI COURSE: activates your hands to be connected with the Cosmic Energy which cures physical diseases and the emotional conflicts through contact. It

teaches self-treatment and session to other one / REFLEXOLOGY MASSAGE: heals organic dysfunctions and their psycho-somatic causes not only through massage on the reflex map of the foot but also with pressure on "marma points" in the legs and arms. Therapies and courses are held by Jannaka, Reiki master and therapist with 25 years' experience. Make the bookings with Jannaka: 9487629648 - Email: lestellenoi@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monday 7.30am-8.30am: Chi. Monday 8.30am-9.30am: 24 form. Tuesday 7.30am-8.30am: Chi. Tuesday 8.30am-9.30am: 24 form. Tuesday 4.30pm-5.30pm: 24 form. Wednesday 7.30am-8.30am: 127 form. Thursday 7.30am-8.30am: 108 form. Friday 7.30am-8.30am: 108 form. Friday 4.30pm-5.30pm: 24 form. Saturday 7.30am-8.30am: 127 form

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

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

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



At the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas

THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

"THE LAST LIONS"

Directors: Dereck and Beverly Joubert, USA-Bostwana, 2011
Voice over: Jeremy Irons - Original version in English - Duration: 1h.28 - General Audience

A SPECIAL FILM PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH C.M.S. VATAVARAN ENVIRONMENT & WILDLIFE FILM FESTIVAL AND FORUM (New Delhi) - Please see detailed program published below in the News & Notes for a documentary film event from October 07 - 10 (Tue-Fri): 9:30 - 12:30 am at MMC, Town Hall
Please note the day: Thursday not Friday!

The Eco Film Club



Sadhana Forest, October 10th 2014,
Friday at 7.00 pm

YEARS OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY

Documentary (Environment) - 60 minutes, 2014. Showtime. English

Years of Living Dangerously highlights the importance of understanding climate change and tries to convince large parts of our society that are still skeptical about it despite the overwhelming scientific consensus. The 9-part TV series, which is the "biggest story of our time" according to filmmaker James Cameron, reports on the crippling effects of climate change-related weather events and the ways individuals, communities, companies and governments are struggling to find solutions to the biggest threat our world has ever faced.

The first episode focuses on the severe droughts in the United States Southwest and follows Katherine Hayhoe, a scientist and a devout Christian as she tries to communicate to religious audiences the connection between extreme weather and Global Warming.

Also, please see posting under CULTURAL EVENTS for the concert of 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 SADHANA FOREST: 21:30

Free bus service to the ECO FILM CLUB

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

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

At Savitri Bhavan

Monday, 6th of October 2014, at 6:15 pm.

"AUROVILLE - The City the Earth Needs, Part 1 +2"

The new film about Auroville points at the enormous crises on earth and that we have to find solutions within ourselves. And Auroville is meant to be a place where the children and inhabitants can keep the connection to their souls and the underlying oneness. Sri Kireet Joshi always had the vision of a luminous future for Auroville (40min).

The second part is showing an Interview from 2013 with Sri Kireet Joshi; there he is telling about his experiences of regular meetings with The Mother (22min). His whole life Sri Kireet Joshi worked to bring the knowledge and action of the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother in the fields of education. The films are honoring this dedicated work. Sri Kireet Joshi passed away on the 14th of September 2014.

Le Zephyr @ Visitors' Centre upstairs

HINDI MOVIE SHOW - THURSDAYS @ 8 pm
Thursday the 9 /10/14

ZINDAGI NA MILEGI DOBARA (You don't get life a second time)
2 hrs 35 min (English subtitles)

A comedy-drama story of three friends who set off on an adventure that will make them face their fears, alter their perceptions, unravel their fabric, force them to break out of the box and teach them to seize the day.

Visitors' Center Movie Show

9th October Thursday 8 pm
MILLION DOLLAR ARM (2014)

Genre: Biography/Drama/Sport / Rated: PG13 / Language: English / Subtitle: English / Dur: 1.42min

Dir: [Craig Gillespie](#) / Cast: [Jon Hamm](#), [Aasif Mandvi](#), [Alan Arkin](#)

Storyline: A sports agent stages an unconventional recruitment strategy to get talented Indian cricket players to play Major League Baseball.

10th October Friday 8 pm

X-MEN DAYS OF FUTURE PAST (2014)

Genre: Sci-Fi/Action/Adventure / Rated: PG13 / Language: English / Subtitle: English / Dur: 1.41min / Dir: [Bryan Singer](#)

Cast: [Patrick Stewart](#), [Ian McKellen](#), [Hugh Jackman](#)

Storyline: The X-Men send Wolverine to the past in a desperate effort to change history and prevent an event that results in doom for both humans and mutants.

A Wildlife Film Festival from New Delhi: Oct 7 - 10

Auroville and Pondicherry have the pleasure of hosting the travelling CMS Vatavaran Environment & Wildlife Film Festival and Forum. This well-known festival, based in New Delhi, is organizing film screenings and panel discussions here, in collaboration with Pondicherry University, PondyCAN and Auroville.

Screenings in Auroville will be organized by MMC/CP and Aurofilm. Schools are invited to book for the morning screenings.

MMC/CP: October 7 - 10 (Tue-Fri), 9.30 - 12.30, same films screened daily

- **So Shall You Reap**

India, 2007, Dir. Ajay Bhardwaj, Documentary, 36 mins, Hindi, Telugu, Oriya, Punjabi, English with English subtitles

This is a documentary on genetically engineered (G.E.) seeds, with specific reference to India. The firsthand experience of farmers, farmer leaders, views of scientists and agricultural ministers – all point to the many concerns with regard to GE crops.

- **Prajapaksham**

India, 2011, Dir. Prema Malini, Documentary, 25 mins, Telugu with English subtitles

The documentary focuses on the depleting salt water Lake Pulicat, lying along the Tamil Nadu - Andhra Pradesh coast. The ecological imbalance, the lost livelihoods and the increasing pollution of the brackish water of the Pulicat have gone unnoticed and uncared for by the government. The documentary seeks to make heard the silent cry of Pulicat.

- **Oranges and Mangoes**

India, 2011, Dir. Priyanka Chhabra, Documentary, 23 mins, Hindi, Marwari, Nepali, Tamil with English subtitles

From the desert to the coast, from the plains to the mountains, people are experiencing a change in the climate. Listening to folk songs about rain and nature, we travel through villages via the film, "Oranges and Mangoes", in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

- **Bal Pandi - A Life for Birds**

India, 2009, Dir. Suresh Elamon, Documentary, 36 mins, English
Koonthankulam in Tamil Nadu, India, is a unique a bird sanctuary. Situated right in the middle of a human habitation, here, for hundreds of years, humans and birds have co-existed harmoniously. With brilliant visuals and high drama, wildlife photographer and naturalist, Suresh Elamon, paints an unforgettable picture – a picture of what could be the world, if only we cared for nature.

Aurofilm: October 9 (Thursday), 19.45, Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas

- **The Last Lions**

South Africa, 2010, Dir. Dereck and Beverly Joubert, Documentary, 87 mins, English

From the lush wetlands of Botswana's Okavango Delta comes the suspense-filled tale of a determined lioness ready to try anything - and willing to risk everything - to keep her family alive. In their new wildlife adventure, "The Last Lions", filmmakers Dereck and Beverly Joubert follow the epic journey of a lioness named Ma di

Tau (Mother of Lions) as she battles to protect her cubs against a daunting onslaught of enemies in order to ensure their survival.

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.



You have one more chance

If you have missed the last screening of this remarkable testimony from Kireet

Book yourself for Friday 10th of October 5 pm at Cinema Paradiso

Watch out! This is not the film screened before summer and realized by Christine and Olivier.

It is a never seen before interview filmed in 2011 where Kireet unfolds his vision of Auroville and India. It is indeed somehow as if the Mother was expressing Herself through his mouth and what "She" says is so far away from what we commonly feel about Auroville and ourselves in Auroville! A vision to meditate upon.

Somehow we also owe it to him, who for 30 years worked unceasingly for Auroville, even in its darkest hours, when everybody had deserted Auroville. He speaks so highly of Auroville during these 90 minutes, that we feel ashamed that many Aurovillians, who knew him and worked with him did not show up for the first screening.

Don't miss your last chance!

François & Rakhal



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film programme 6 October 2014 to 12 October 2014

South Asian - Monday 6 October, 8.00 pm:

MILLION DOLLAR ARM

USA, 2014, Dir. Craig Gillespie w/ Jon Hamm, Aasif Mandvi, Alan Arkin, 124mins, Biography-Drama-Sports, English-Hindi w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

Based on real life events in 2008, J. B. Bernstein, a sports agent, finds himself outplayed in business and his personal life non-existent. Desperate, he hits upon the idea of finding cricket players in India and training them to become pro baseball players in America. After a long search, he finds two talented youths, Rinku Singh and Dinesh Patel. As these boys struggle amid an alien culture, Bernstein struggles to make the dream come true. In the process Bernstein finds a deeper humanity in his work and being and true friendships he never expected to have. *During credits the real Rinku and Dinesh make an appearance.*

Italian - Tuesday 7 October, 8:00 pm:

LA MAFIA UCCIDE SOLO D'ESTATE (The Mafia Kills Only in

Summer)

Italy, 2013, Dir. Pierfrancesco Diliberto (alias Pif) w/ Pif, Cristina Capotondi, Carlo Gioè, and others, Comedy-Drama, 90 mins, Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: G

The day the well-known Mafioso Vito Ciancimino is elected mayor of Palermo is also the day Arturo is born. This coincidence will have many more consequences on his life than one would imagine. The boy has two obsessions, each of which consumes him entirely: his tormented love for Flora, who shares a desk with him in class and who he has been in love with since elementary school; and his obsession about the frightening connections between his city and the Mafia.

Cultural -Wednesday 8 October, 8.00 pm:

A JOURNEY WITH THE PIANIST PIOTR ANDERSZEWSKI

Poland, 2008, Dir. Bruno Monsiegeon, Documentary, 90mins, English, Rated: NR

Everything about Piotr Anderszewski is extraordinary: his talent, his repertoire, his constant questioning of his work as a performer. Any film about this highly unconventional pianist needs to depart from the beaten path. Hence here he is presented in a kind of road movie; a winter train journey across Poland with a piano installed on board...Punctuated by Piotr's highly personal reflections, the musical repertoire consists of essential pages by Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Beethoven, Brahms, Shuman and Szymanowski.

Spanish - Thursday 9 October, 8.00 pm:
FIDEL, THE UNTOLD STORY

USA, 2001, Dir. Estela Bravo w/ Fidel Castro and many others, Documentary, 129 mins, English-Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

Admired or hated, Fidel Castro will have been part of history. This informative documentary may help us understand why, after so many years, Fidel Castro is still around. Filled with symbolic stories about his life the film leads us to ask ourselves: "Would/should/could we have done otherwise?"

International - SATURDAY 11 October, 8:00PM
MOTHER OF GEORGE

Nigeria-USA, 2013, Dir. Andrew Dosunmu w/ Danai Gurira, Isaach De Bankolé, Anthony Okungbowa, and others, 107mins, Drama, English-Yoruba w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Ayodele and Adenike Balogen are newly married couple who are trying start a family but Adenike cannot conceive. When fertility beads from her mother-in-law, Ma Ayo, special tea does not work, doctor reveals that Adenike can receive help, but Ayodele refuses to cooperate. Ma Ayo offers a controversial option - to conceive a child with Ayodele's brother, Biyi. Biyi initially refuses but eventually gives in. When Adenike becomes pregnant Ayodele believes he is the father. However, Adenike could not bear and tells her husband the truth. Ayodele walks out of the marriage but as Adenike goes into labor he has to decide.

Children's Film - Sunday 12 October, 4:30pm
TREASURE PLANET

Australia-USA, 2002, Dir. Ron Clements, John Musker w/ Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Emma Thompson, Martin Short, 95 mins, Animation-Adventure-Family, English, Rated: G

A futuristic twist on Stevenson's Treasure Island, the story follows restless teen Jim Hawkins on a fantastic journey across the universe as cabin boy aboard a majestic space galleon. Befriended by the ship's charismatic cyborg cook, John Silver, Jim blossoms under his guidance and shows the makings of a fine shipmate as he and the alien crew battle a supernova, a black hole, and a ferocious space storm. But even greater dangers lie ahead when Jim discovers that his trusted friend Silver is actually a scheming pirate with mutiny on his mind.

Luchino Visconti Film Festival @ CINECLUB
Ciné-Club - Sunday 12 October, 8:00 pm:

• **MORTE A VENEZIA (Death in Venice)**

Italy, 1971, Dir. Luchino Visconti w/ Romolo Valli, Dirk Bogarde, 130mins, Drama, Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: PG.

In this adaptation of the Thomas Mann novel, avant-garde composer Gustave Aschenbach travels to a Venetian resort in search of repose after a period of artistic and personal stress. But he finds no peace there, for he soon develops a troubling attraction to an adolescent boy, Tadzio, on vacation with his family. The boy embodies an ideal of beauty that Aschenbach has long sought and he becomes infatuated. However, the onset of a deadly pestilence threatens them both physically and represents the corruption that compromises all ideals.

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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.

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