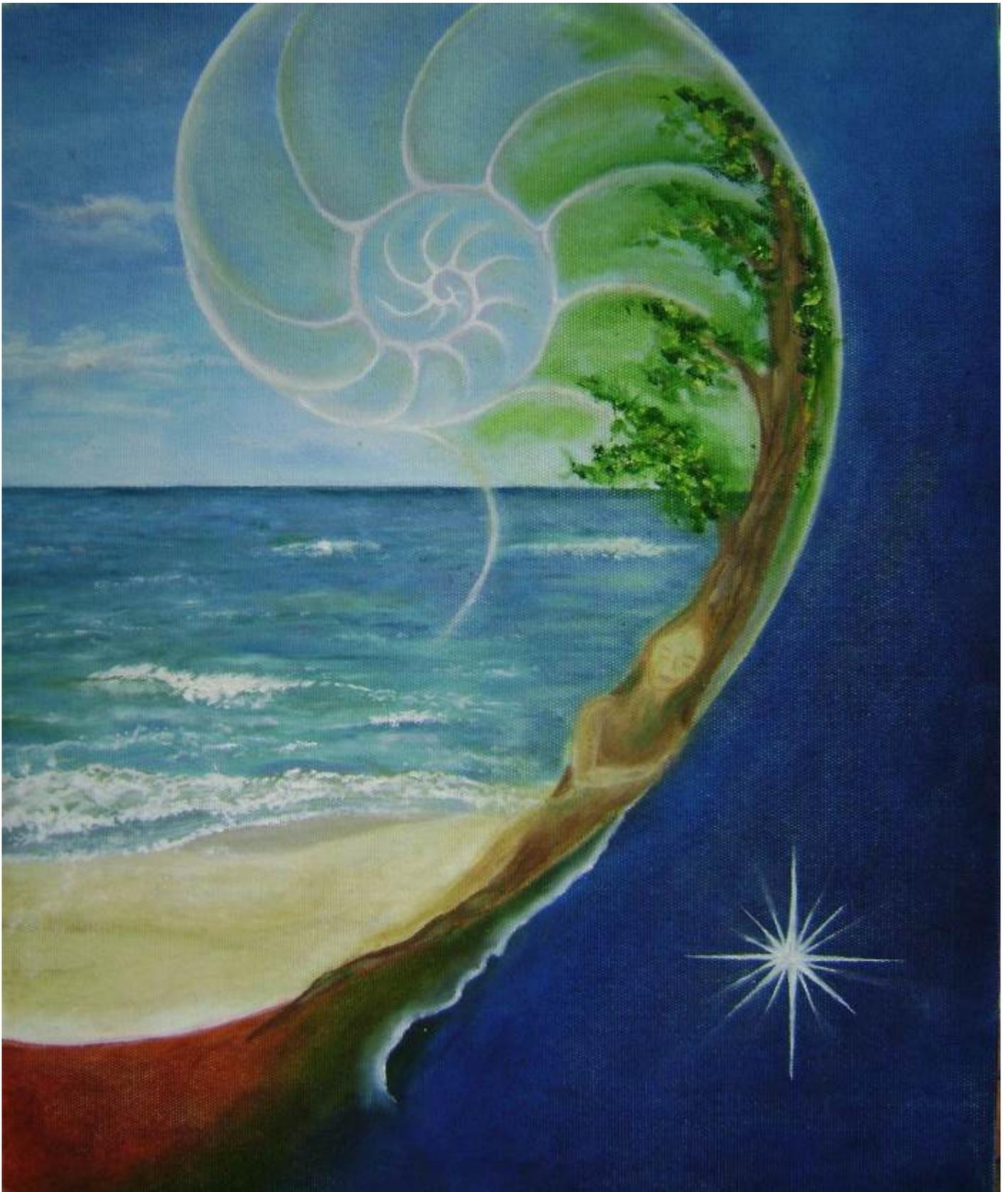


# News & Notes

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# House of Mother's Agenda

(Continued)

As for the child, he should be told, "There are marvels to be manifested, prepare yourself to receive them." Then, if they want something a little more concrete and easy to understand, they can be told, "Sri Aurobindo came to announce these things; when you are able to read him, you will understand." This awakens the interest and the desire to learn. *I do see the difficulty he alludes to: most people, in what we see written or in the conferences they have here, use bombastic words ...Yes. ... devoid of any truth of personal experience and without any effect. They rather have a negative one. That's what he alludes to.* Yes. But that's why it would be better to do as I said. Oh, but not so long ago, the majority of the teachers were still saying, "Ah, we must do this here because it's done everywhere." They have (*smiling*) come a little way. But they still have a long way to go.

But the main point, what is most important, is to get rid of that division. And they all have it in their minds - each and everyone of them! The division between living a spiritual life or living the ordinary life, having a spiritual consciousness or having an ordinary consciousness - there is only ONE consciousness! In most people it's three-quarters asleep and distorted; in many it's still quite distorted. But what's necessary isn't to leap from one consciousness to the other - it is, quite simply, to open one's consciousness (*gesture upward*) and fill it with the vibrations of the Truth, putting it in harmony with what must be here (up there, it's from all eternity), but HERE, what must be HERE: the tomorrow of the earth. And if you weigh yourself down with a whole burden you have to drag along ... if you drag behind you all that you should let go of, you won't be able to move forward very fast.

Mind you, knowing things from the past of the earth can be very interesting and useful, but it must not be something that binds you or holds you back. If you use it as a springboard, it's all right. But ultimately, it's rather secondary. From the individual standpoint, there was a time (besides, it was fairly widespread in people who dealt with so-called occult things), when it seemed thrilling to know one's past lives, one's past experiences; but as soon as I came here and understood what Sri Aurobindo had introduced, I found all that absolutely insignificant. It's childish curiosity. It doesn't help you in any way, it's merely either to glory in it or have fun, but it's unimportant. Some people still write to me, "Will you please tell me what my past lives were?" I answer them, "It's not interesting. What's interesting is the life you want to realize, not the errors you made in the past!"

(silence)

It would be interesting to formulate or work out a new method of teaching for the children, taking them very young. Very young, it's easy. There must be people (oh, we would need remarkable teachers) who have, first, sufficient documentation on what is known, so as to be able to answer all questions; and at the same time, at least the knowledge, if not the experience (the experience would be better) of the true intuitive intellectual attitude, and ... naturally, the capacity would be still preferable, but at any rate the knowledge that the true way to know is mental silence: an attentive silence turned towards the truer Consciousness, and the capacity to receive what comes from there. The best would be to have that capacity; in any case, they should explain that it's the true thing - give a sort of demonstration - and that it works not only with regard to what must be learned, the whole field of knowledge, but also with regard to the whole field of what must be done: the capacity to receive the exact indication of HOW to do it. As one progresses, it turns into a very clear perception of what must be done, and the precise indication of WHEN it must be done. At the very least, as soon as the children have the capacity to reflect (it begins at seven, but around fourteen or fifteen it's very clear), they should be given some first hints at the age of seven, and a complete explanation at fourteen, of how to do it and that it's the only way enabling you to be in contact with the deeper truth of things; that all the rest is a more or less clumsy mental approximation of something you can know directly. The conclusion is that the teachers themselves should have at least a sincere beginning of discipline and experience: the point is not to pile up books and just keep repeating them. That's not the way to be a teacher - the whole earth is like that, we can just let it be like that outside if it enjoys it! As for us, we aren't propagandists, we just want to show what can be done and try to prove that it MUST be done. When you begin with very small children, it's wonderful! With them, there's so little you have to do: you just have to BE.

Never make a mistake. Never get angry. Always understand. Understand and see clearly why this movement took place, why that impulse, what the child's inner constitution is, which point needs to be strengthened and brought to the fore. That's all you have to do, and then leave them: leave them free to blossom, just give them the opportunity to see many things, touch many things, do as many things as possible. It's great fun. And above all, do not try to impose on them something you think you know. Never scold, always understand, and, if the child is capable, explain. If he isn't capable to receive an explanation, replace the false vibration by a true one (if you are yourself capable of it). But that ... that's asking of the teachers a perfection they rarely have. But it would be very interesting to draw up a program for the teachers and the real program for study, starting with the very small ones - they are so plastic and anything leaves such a deep imprint on them! If they were given a few drops of truth when they are very small, they would blossom out quite naturally as their being grows. That would be a lovely work to do.

**MOTHER'S AGENDA, 5 April 1967**

**MOTHER**

*The  
Ponder  
Corner*

*There is a sort of intuitive consciousness that comes in the body and makes it know the right thing or do the right thing. This growing of consciousness in the body is one of the most important results of Yoga turned to action and is especially important in this Yoga.*

*Sri Aurobindo  
ref. Letters on Himself and the Ashram, p.765*

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## Report from the Housing Service and Housing Board

The Housing Service and the Housing Board have been studying the following issues:

### The permanent housing solution for the newcomers becoming Aurovilians

As for the present situation there are no funds available for housing for Aurovilians without funds, there is an impossible situation to accept any more new Aurovilians without the minimum funds for housing.

The Housing Board has created 7 options that can be accepted as solution for permanent housing. An exception could be considered only for a few very special cases like with young Newcomers with specified skills (like teachers or nurses), or thanks to fundraising whereby the Auroville International centers are also involved and exceptions can be made.

1. A booking of a house or apartment in some housing project under construction.
2. To become the steward for a second-hand house for transfer
3. To share co-stewardship with another Aurovilian.
4. To live in a staff quarter with a commitment to work for a minimum of 5 years.
5. a Building a house in places where it is possible with the community agreement (even temporarily).
  - b. Building outside the City area like in Auromodel, Petite Ferme.
  - c. Building in the Greenbelt with permission.
6. Donating Rs 3 lakhs, refundable for future housing options.
7. Have a long-term, like a 5-year house-sitting agreement.

### The issue of Houses with absent stewards for longer than 5 years

In the present Housing Policy is written that in case a housing asset steward is out for longer than 5 years the asset should return to the housing service.

The Housing Service sees the present positive use of these houses as a way to provide house sitting options for people who need them, until they have a more permanent solution.

However it is almost impossible to ask the stewards to release the stewardship after 5, 8 or even 10 years, even when the people have not actually lived these years in AV or for just a few months in a year to secure the house.

When the Housing service is asking the stewards to give up the stewardship then there is a lot of pressure from friends and the Stewards, and for this reason the relocation of these assets has simply been almost impossible in the last years.

The housing service is proposing the following 2 options to add an article in the housing policy on this issue and would like the community to give feedback on this.

Proposal of adding an article in the Housing policy:

1- Those who are clear that they are leaving Auroville for good and don't have any intention to come back: To those people the housing service can offer, in case they are eligible (it is necessary that they make a request for it), the present repatriation scheme.

2- Those who are clear that they want to come back to AV as soon as they can solve the impediments that made impossible their permanent residence here. To this category of people the housing service could offer two alternatives:

a) Their housing asset reverts to the housing service. This asset will be offered for newcomers for limited periods of time. The housing service will be responsible for taking care of its maintenance. Before the return of the Aurovilians the housing service will vacate the asset and give it back to the Aurovilians on the same conditions when it was given to them.

b) The second alternative is to do an evaluation of the asset, transfer it and the funds received for it will be deposited into a housing credit account. Once they return to Auroville, these funds can be used to get another housing asset of their choice.

The maximum period of time available to use those funds is 5 years.

Explanation: We have experimented in a number of occasions that the introduction of this new aspect of the housing policy (If the steward is out of Auroville for a total of five years then the stewardship is reverted to the Housing Service for re-allocation) was too abrupt.

Housing Service is of the opinion that the introduction of this new article can help the negotiations between the Aurovilians and the housing service in facilitating the transition for transferring the stewardship of the assets when the five years have expired. The introduction of these two new alternatives can "soften" the decisions that have to be taken.

### Temporary housing

The Pony farm, small temporary movable houses for newcomers, volunteers. The site NOC is given and the building application is coming up, this project will start very soon.

### Housing projects update

Sacred Groves: Joseba partly acted as a project holder. In order to give support to this activity, the HS had given a grant of Rs 4 lakhs. And advanced 30 lakhs for a booking of 3 houses for new comers, one studio house for a single, one for couple and one for family. Unfortunately most of the total fund Sacred Groves has received, including the help from Housing, loan from FAMC, donations etc., was utilised mostly in the infrastructure, storage, office and accommodations for volunteers. Now funding from other sources is necessary for the continuation of this housing project.

### Grants for housing and extension of houses

As the prices for building have increased greatly, the Housing board has increased the grants for people in need of help for building their houses/apartments or extensions, to 2 lakhs for single and 3 lakhs for a couple (if both partners are Aurovilians). The possibility for a loan remains 5 lakhs, to be repaid within 5 years maximum.

### Some extracts of the Housing Service financial report 2013-14:

Fraternal fund collected from 12 Aurovilians: Rs 19,21 lakhs  
 Grant to 22 Aurovilians for new housing, extension and renovation: 28,44 lakhs  
 Expenditure for Renovations Rs 13,27 lakhs  
 Expenditure for Housing repairs: received: 20,03 lakhs, spent: Rs 18,66 lakhs / 58 houses  
 New comer housing repairs: received Rs 15,42 lakhs, spent: Rs 13,07 lakhs  
 GOI grant: 1,6 crores, spent 1,59 crores (Maitreye II)  
 Donation from Aurovilians: Rs 19,98 lakhs  
 40 House Transfer Agreements: 12 new assets, 28 used assets.  
 34 evaluations done  
 (The full financial report is available in the HS office).

## Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)

### September 2014 Report

Regular members: Ashoke (Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Educational Research), Daniel (Working Committee), David (Forest group), Iyanar (Farm group), Juergen (Land Resources Management), Michael (Auroville Unity Fund), Rathinam (Budget Coordination Committee), Satyakam (Housing Service), Sauro (L'avenir d'Auroville), Toby (Auroville Board of Services), Ulli (Auroville Board of Commerce), and Mr. Srinivasmurthy (Finance & Administrative Officer, Auroville Foundation)

Temporary membership: On 22 September the Auroville Council (AVC) informed the FAMC that Rita would be the AVC representative "on a temporary basis". This is in response to the update to the FAMC mandate (which remains pending); it is noted the Auroville Board of Services (ABS), Forest group and

Land Resources Management (LRM) representatives have been attending the meetings for quite some time as proposed in the updated mandate.

Membership term ending: the ABS and the Housing Service representatives' terms will be over in October. New or re-appointments will be made by these groups.

#### TRUST & UNIT TOPICS

The Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC) approved four units moving from the ABC Trust to Team Trust. They are: Auroville Energy Products, Glimpse, Miniature, and Rangoli. *This was approved.*

#### FINANCE TOPICS

*Erratum*: last month the booking information for Sumark, Invocation 4 housing project was incorrect. Following is the correct information: Phase 1 has 6 apartments: 5 are taken; 1 is available. Phase 2 has 6 apartments: 1 is booked; 5 are available.

The FAMC reviewed various land-related fund balances which stimulated many questions concerning both land purchase and exchange. As the balances were from mid-July it was agreed that current information is needed. *The conversation will continue in October.*

Auroville Maintenance and Unity Fund Loan Process Guidelines were documented starting in 2013. The document needs to be finalized and distributed to the Loan Group, Unity Fund, Auroville Maintenance, the ABC, and the Housing Service. It is simply the documentation of known practice. It is almost complete. Two FAMC members volunteered to review it again, and update the text for a final approval. It was stated this work will be finished by mid-October.

Concerning the Government of India (GoI) Plan Grant 2014-15 it was reported that Rs. 2.5 crore as a first installment has been sanctioned and the letter will be with the Foundation office shortly. Mr. Srinivasmurthy will forward the same as soon as possible. Michael and Mr. Srinivasmurthy will organize a meeting to discuss the first allocations.

#### HOUSING TOPICS

During the 5 September FAMC meeting it was agreed the members would thoughtfully review a report submitted by Govind, as well as a detailed response by the Housing Board, and be prepared to discuss the matter on 19 September. Govind has been conducting housing asset evaluations on behalf of the Housing Service for several years. He reported an irregularity in the housing asset evaluation process and outcome as overseen by the Housing Service. He requested the FAMC to intervene. The members agreed that the FAMC are under no obligation to respond beyond the acknowledgment which was sent to Govind. How to conduct housing asset evaluations, in the context of Auroville, needs to be updated. FAMC asked the Housing Service to prepare a *Housing Assets Evaluation* proposal considering the conditions in Auroville, with some points to keep in mind during their process: a. It was expressed clearly during the discussion that the evaluations of immovable assets as it is done at present in Auroville is not satisfactory; b. It is up to the Housing Service/Board to retain or discontinue the service of their present evaluators; c. Several long-term Auroville architects should be consulted about the evaluation methods which should be applicable in Auroville; d. The Housing Service/Board can recruit a pool of new evaluators. The Housing Service was requested to pursue this work as a priority, with a first draft proposal to be submitted by end-October. Finally, specifically in response to Govind's report, a third evaluation of the asset will be done. Another professional will be employed for this purpose. The Housing Service will be given the contact information and will follow-up on the evaluation.

The Housing Service recommended Sonja as a Housing Board member. After a further reading of the "Functioning and Mandate of the Organization Responsible for Housing Assets in Auroville" [2011] it was found that this request does not need to be made to the FAMC.

#### LAND TOPICS

At the beginning of September it was reported to the FAMC that three fencing works were urgent; and that encroachment of the land is imminent. The FAMC approved the following fence works only: 1. International Zone; 2. Bamboo Centre; 3. Near Fishermen Quarters. The funds come from the Rs. 20 lakhs that was sanctioned to the Land Resources Management (LRM) in May 2014.

Earlier in the year it was decided to review the future of the FAMC Task Force, Land Resources Development (LRD). This task force was initiated by the FAMC in February 2009. The conversation was postponed for myriad reasons. With a view of the emerging new Land Board it was agreed to see how the LRD mandate can be incorporated into that work. FAMC members directly involved in the discussions will take the idea forward.

At the General Meeting on 23 September those Aurovilians present agreed to form a 5-member Selection Committee to create the new, 7-member Land Board. Two Selection Committee members were to be chosen by the AVC and the FAMC; one member by the Town Development Council (TDC). During the next FAMC meeting each member had the opportunity to offer a name(s) for the Selection Committee. When this process was done two individuals had overall support and each already had expressed their willingness to serve. They are Sukrit and Andy. This was communicated to the AVC.

#### OTHER TOPICS

The FAMC decided to share its concerns with the AVC concerning the scheduled, announced, and then canceled 19 September "RA decision-making event", concerning the update to the FAMC mandate. The primary points shared were: a. the detailed history, over two years (May 2012 through June 2014), of the community-oriented process of updating the mandate; b. the RA decision-making process was not respected; c. request to proceed with an 'RA decision-making event' based on the 23 September 2013 version [with one change by the former AVC on 25 June 2014]. *The FAMC await a response from the AVC.*

Regarding architect and other professional fees for Auroville projects, a group of Auroville architects "categorically reject[ed]" the FAMC recommendation of maximum architect and other fees. It was agreed by the members to write to the architects and ask them for a counter proposal. It was not expected that all architects would agree on a common proposal, so individual responses were solicited.

The Farewell Matters team submitted a grant application to the Project Coordination Group (PCG) for a facility estimated at Rs. 71 lakhs. In 2013 the FAMC approved the project at an estimated cost of Rs. 31 lakhs, and gave the green light for the team to begin with the funds donated up until that time. It was reported that L'avenir gave the No Objection Certificate (NOC) for Phase 1 for Rs. 31 lakhs, and was aware that Phase 2 was estimated to go up to Rs. 48 lakhs. The FAMC decided to write the Farewell team with a request for an explanation of the higher costs. It was reiterated that the FAMC had approved the project for Rs. 31 lakhs only. *The FAMC await a response.*

#### Following up from previous FAMC reports

Following up from last month, the FAMC continued to discuss Sumark's loan request. At the beginning of the month It was agreed to provide an Rs. 20 lakhs loan at 9% citing the profit of the project, to be given in installments of Rs. 5 lakhs. The project holders were asked to lower their fees if they need to reduce costs to meet expenses. One loan condition stipulated was that funds to the project for a flat should be used to repay whatever amount is outstanding of the loan immediately. The Sumark project holders were informed however they have not taken up the loan.

It was previously reported that the TDC submitted a paper discussing how a person 'friendly to Auroville' could purchase land in the greenbelt area. In September they submitted an updated paper. There was another detailed discussion about the Master Plan, what is currently allowed in the greenbelt by

Aurovilians, and what this proposal aims to achieve namely, making it interesting and worthwhile for someone friendly to Auroville to purchase greenbelt land. Members were invited to

individually comment in the text to share clearly their ideas for improvement. The paper was recirculated for members' input. L'avenir was asked to continue to incorporate feedback.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Meeting for the Presentation of Pavilion's activities

Dear friends, representatives of the Pavilions of the International Zone,  
We invite you to present your work, your projects, and the current and future organization of your Pavilion,  
On Saturday October the 25<sup>th</sup>.  
The meeting will take place at the Unity Pavilion at 2.30 pm.  
Thanks to bring documentation.

The aim of this meeting is also to work out together a coherent Plan of Action in a spirit of Unity and respecting diversity.  
Let's move together to be stronger and finally succeed in the activities as well as in the construction of the International Zone.

*International Zone Coordination*

### To all Residents and guests,

We would like to confirm that a thief from Edayanchavady village was caught on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014 (more details will be shared as we get them). But it is important that all residents and guests remain vigilant as we have received several reports of people roaming around inside communities after the capture of the above mentioned thief.  
Please call us immediately if you see/hear anything/anyone suspicious at: 9443090107/ 9443362691.

As Diwali approaches we would like to remind everyone that as per the law regarding pollution control, citizens are not allowed to light firecrackers between 9 pm and 6 am.

Happy Diwali to all! AV Security Service

### TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville

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

#### Individual Project

1. Site approval for The Colours of Nature for staff quarters
2. Nolly, Samasti, House

#### Collective Project

1. Site approval for Monica e Massimo, Temporary structure - portable cabin for milk distribution, on plot IR 424/1A in the Certitude Service Zone, bordering the Certitude road on one side and the internal service road in the other.
2. Site Approval for Bertrand & Damien for Residential Housing on plot of 1000 sq.m survey no. BO53/1

**Project Description given by the project holder.**

**Project Title:** Residential housing.

**Proposed Site Location:** North of Arati along the cycle path that joins the "Vikas Radial to Grace"

**Project Holder:** Bertrand/Damien

**Architect:** Bertrand

**Contact Persons:** Bertrand

**Description:** Residential project

Six 1 bedroom unit of ± 45 m2 each

Two 2 bedrooms unit of ± 65 m2 each

1 family home 3 bedrooms ± 110 m2

**Target Group:**

Aurovillians and Newcomers

**Background:**

The Project wishes to offer residential facilities for up to 14 people in the low density environment of Sector 1. Providing living facilities that will integrate fundamental sustainable principle.

**Triggers:**

Fulfilling the need for affordable housing in Auroville.

#### Goals/Objectives:

The project intends to bring together like-minded people, interested to experience with community living and aspiring to apply Auroville's basic principles toward housing.

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.

### Message from AVC

Dear residents of Auroville,

We are trying our human best to respect the deadline given to the GB concerning the formations of a new Land Board and the new WC within the month of November. It is not an easy task; but at the same time, we believe as a community it is imperative to show maturity and commitment and deliver.

In this current situation, it would be an unrealistic attempt for us to proceed with the other working groups processes at the same time: FAMC, Entry, Housing, etc.

All these topics and some others are on our table; we will continue with the other pending work when the expected process for the two new groups is drawing to an end.

Thank you for your understanding and patience,  
*The Auroville Council*

### FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N NO-569 dated 18.10.2014

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

#### AUROVILIANS:

**Margareta Titia GONLAG** (Dutch) -Staying at Fraternity, working as team member at the Learning Community.

**Bhuvanewari DURAIKANNU** (Indian from Kottakarai) - Staying at Swayam, working as manager of the showroom at Upasana and also working as caretaker at Rohini - Upasana volunteer home.

**Saravanan MANNANKATTI**(Indian from Bommayarpalayam) - Staying at Dehashakti sports ground staff quarters, working as Tamil and Life Science teacher at Deepanam school and also working as sports teacher at Dehashakti sports ground.

#### CHILD OF AN AUROVILIAN:

Camiel GONLAG (Dutch) - born on 06/02/2006, studying at TLC.

Daniek GONLAG (Dutch) - born on 04/12/2007, studying at TLC.

#### RETURNING AUROVILIAN:-

Aurore MABILAT (German) - Living at Transformation, working as team member at Nandini distribution centre.

#### CHILD OF A RETURNING AUROVILIAN:

Sitara MABILAT (German) - born on 08/08/2010, studying at Aha! Kindergarten.

Mira Jolanda MABILAT (German) - born on 30/11/2011, studying at Aha! Kindergarten.

#### NEWCOMERS:

Robert L'HEUREUX (Canadian) - Staying at Savitri Bhavan, working as a receptionist at Savitri Bhavan and also working as part of the petal team at Matrimandir.

Kalivarathan(Kali)VEERASATHIVEL (Indian from Edayanchavadi) - Staying at Brihaspathi / Red earth riding school staff quarters, working as riding instructor at RERS and also working as part of the team member at PTDC.

Chloe BENNETT (Canadian) - Staying at Petite Ferme, working as musician at Sunshine Music and also working as shopkeeper at Freeland bookshop offers also music classes and initiation.

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:

Paula MURPHY (USA)

Liron LEVI (Israel)

Yasmin LEVI (Israel)

Moria Lisa (Mamata) HAYLLE DICK (South African)

Gregory (Greg) HAYLLE DICK (South African)

Sheba MAINI (Indian from New Delhi)

Leena De CHAKRAVARTY (Indian from Orissa)

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

Laura O'CONNELL (British)

Chris O'CONNELL (American)

Giulio Di ANASTASIO (Italian)

Stefania (Estee) MAZZONE (Italian)

Nishanthi Raj KANNAPPAN (Indian from Chidambaram)

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

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

Tia PLEIMAN (USA)

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

#### NOTE:

Dear Newcomers,

The Entry Service team would like to inform you of the new timing designated specifically for 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 (relay with communication, human relation, interviews). Fluent English, skills such as typing minutes, email follow up, listening, understanding and give information on entry at the desk and during interviews.

## OBITUARY

### Ajit's suffering is over



It is with deep surrender that we inform the community that our good friend and brother, Aurovilian Ajit Koujalgi, left his body on Sunday 12 October in Apollo Hospital, Chennai, after a two-week struggle with the many ailments and complications caused by an accidental fall from the second floor of his Samasti house in the early morning of 29 September. He had just become 66 years old.

The enormous surge of concern, care, love and prayers, and also financial support, from friends, colleagues, associates and workers that during this sudden ordeal went out to him and his wife, co-architect Ratna, testifies to the profound respect that this quiet, conscientiously working man evoked in them, and the deep impact he and his work made on people and, yes, on towns.

Hailing from Karnataka, Ajit graduated from the School of Planning and Architecture in 1970 and was already here in Auroville in the mid-seventies, working on various architectural and town planning projects with Roger Anger. From 1978 to 1986 he studied and worked in Germany and traveled in Europe to see historic cities. During this time he became aware of heritage preservation and its relevance to

India. In 1987 he returned to Auroville where he worked as architect, became involved with environmental issues (ECR) and with the Pondicherry Chapter of INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage) to do the listing of heritage buildings and other heritage preservation activities.

From 1998 onward the INTACH work became almost a full-time occupation - besides doing architectural practice together with Ratna, tackling quite daring, high quality restorations. Their first restoration job, during 1998-2000, was the 250-year-old French-style building to become the 'Hotel de l'Orient' in Pondy. It got the UNESCO Asia Pacific Heritage Award as an 'Outstanding Project'. In 2002, the Vysial Street restoration carried out under the Pondicherry Asia Urbs Project received UNESCO's Asia Pacific Award of Merit for Culture Heritage Conservation of that year. These are only two of such prestigious projects in Pondicherry and Tranquebar. More recently Ajit saved and restored the Indian Coffee House in Pondy's Nehru Street.

*All these will stand the times. We salute a highly capable Aurovilian who, unobtrusively, did great things... Jay MA-*

After its release from Apollo, Ajit's body was taken to the temporary Farewell House at Auroshilpam for friends to pay him a last visit. The cremation took place at Adventure's mandappan in the late afternoon of Tuesday, 14 October, that saw family and many friends participating in a beautiful, quiet farewell moment, with candles and flowers, some chanting and singing, - a fine dignity and love in the air.

Our deepest love and strength go out to Ratna, and pray the community may hold her.

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## “Gratitude Heritage” testimonial for Ajit



The architect from Auroville who gave a distinct identity of a Heritage Town to Pondicherry, Ajit Koujalgi, 66, Co-convenor, INTACH Pondicherry, sustained severe injuries after accidentally falling from a roof and after a brief struggle at Apollo Hospital, Chennai, passed away on 12th October 2014.

His untimely demise has left the community of Auroville, residents of Pondicherry, his friends and associates with a deep sense of loss and a void which cannot be filled easily.

Ajit's passion and drive and his quiet strength and ability to take on major projects to preserve and restore old buildings, monuments and streetscapes slowly transformed Pondicherry into a popular tourist destination. In today's trend of building concrete blocks in the name of development, it was not an easy job but Ajit never gave up.

Always smiling, always ready with a witty pun, the mild mannered Ajit brought people together, taught and nurtured young architects and contractors and took keen interest in each one of his friends' and associates' lives. He made a place for himself in the heart of every person who got to know him. Ajit will always be remembered as a constant source of fresh and innovative ideas which he always acted upon.

Today onward, Pondicherry may never be the same again.

He is survived by his wife Ratna, an architect as well.

*From Gratitude Heritage [This text is from one of the Heritage participants, sent to publications all over India.]*

*Submitted by Mauna*

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Acres for Auroville - Update N° 2



Yes, the momentum is growing for our collective land gift for Auroville's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday!!

The A4A team is happy to report that the campaign is progressing full steam ahead!

DONE: Our first focus was to set up a clear and transparent A4A accounting system which is checked on a regular

basis by Mandakini, Martin and Friederike for Auroville International. This system is now very much operational and has recorded the beautiful enthusiasm A4A has already received since its kick-off on Sri Aurobindo's Birthday. This reflects, in the words of one Auroville pioneer, "the joy and trust" which A4A has achieved - a primary goal!

DONE: The next step has been A4A's Donor Appreciation Envelopes. The Certificates of Contribution for our many donors have all been personalized and laminated. These certificates -- along with the COLAAP access codes, Auroville earth cards and *The Language of Flowers: The Life and Work of the Mother of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram* DVD - will be mailed out in the next few days.

DONE: The Donor Pages on COLAAP have been created, one for each registered donor up to now. So, donors, when you receive your envelope, connect to COLAAP and check out your page! And for new donors, just as soon as your contribution comes in, your personal Donor Page will be created!

DONE: The Mother's Symbol Success Barometer is also now in operation. Friends, when you access your Donor Page, you will also see our collective success visualized in gold on the Mother's symbol!

A4A is grateful to the people behind the scenes for these accomplishments whose work we are happy to recognize. The first person is Jothi of LFAU who does the book-keeping as well as all the work involved for the Donor Pages, the Certificates of Contribution, and the Donor Appreciation envelopes. This is an enormous job which she manages with great efficiency! "Merci" to Sam for his input and A4A logo design. And third, all our thanks go to the goodwill and IT skill of Sathish and his team at 150dpi - who set up the Success Barometer system. What a great and impressive job you've done!

Thanks also to Martin, AVI's "A4A representative in Auroville" who jumped right in just as soon as he got back to Auroville. And also many thanks go to Vani, AVI representative, who has facilitated the processes for us, big and small!

We are sincerely appreciative for the solidarity of so many "first-responders" - via AVI centers and Sri Aurobindo centers, Aurovilians, Ashramites, and friends in India, the US, France, Germany, Scotland, and Kazakhstan! But this is just the beginning!

Dear Friends everywhere, if you haven't yet done so, please join us! Together, with our united aspiration and energy, we can build a beautiful 50th birthday gift for Auroville!

In solidarity for the City of Dawn, *The A4A Team*



*The new AVIUK team shows that it's bringing fresh blood into the picture by a recently held Open Day with some 25 adults and 15 children attending. The fact that several Auroville-born youngsters had taken an active part in the formulation & organisation of the event is telling and promising...*

UNITED KINGDOM == The bi-annual Open Meeting of AVI UK was held at the beautiful Manor House in Bygrave, Hertfordshire. There was a good mix of people who had long standing connections with Auroville and people who were coming across it for the first time. Main theme of the day was Water, in light of the difficult water situation that Auroville and its bio-region are facing at the moment. It was expressed by a mix of formal presentations, discussions, sharing of personal stories and a walking meditation.

The day consisted of two hour-long morning and afternoon sessions with a shared potluck lunch in between. Auroville-born Angiras and Aurama generally lead the event and shared their hands-on knowledge of Auroville, while long-term friends Vikas and Thakor Mistry regaled stories of their relationship with the City of Dawn as well. During the morning session, presentations and a video on Auroville were shown, Renu's story of The Wave was read out by Auromira, who also gave a detailed presentation on the current water situation, followed by an interesting water exercise and meditation.

The afternoon session specifically focused on AVI UK itself. Angiras, secretary of the Centre, gave a short presentation on the work of AVI UK and evoked a discussion on how the Centre could become more instrumental and active. An intense exploration followed and it became evident that the Centre's first priority is to build up a database of interested people and

that it's necessary to develop strategy for actively engaging them - primarily through the use of social media.

A very nice and sympathetic note of this event is the way the children were engaged. Jane Opegaard, who does [yoga sessions for children](#), had them all outside doing yoga, making hanging mobiles and having fun on the trampoline. Between this she taught them a small water based yoga routine which the children presented to the adults at the end of the day. An undoubtedly very fine moment!

*Organisers of the event were happy with the outcome: the participants who were new to Auroville now wanted to know more, were keen to arrange a date to watch a full length video, wanted to buy books and even had ideas for engaging with their children's school. Moreover, awareness of the water issues in Auroville have become sharper outlined; and three of the first generation Aurovilian children (who are now adults) are happy to get more involved in the activities of AVI UK.*

**Thank you, AVI UK!**

For a full report and photo gallery, see <http://aviuk.pjlittlewood.co.uk/news/aviuk-open-meeting-2014/>

For all AVI matters, please refer to Vani via [vani@auroville.org.in](mailto:vani@auroville.org.in)

This column is maintained by [mauna@auroville.org.in](mailto:mauna@auroville.org.in)

## The Matrimandir Calendar 2015 is available!



This is the cover - and attached is the back cover image of the 12 calendar photos with Mother's handwritten quotation.

The format is the same like last year - a desk top calendar measuring 20 cm x 21 cm.

The photographers were Giorgio, Manohar, and Tine, from Auroville.

Quotations from Sri Aurobindo's *Savitri* are on the photo page.

On the calendar page, the months and days are printed in 4 languages:

English, French, (spoken) Sankskrit, and Tamil. Darshan days and other important days as well as moon days (full/new) are indicated.

Front and back cover and the sturdy white stand are laminated.

Gold foiling is used for the cover. The calendar is printed in 4 colors on foreign art board, matt, thickness 250 GSM. It is spiral bound on top (white). Each calendar is wrapped separately in a plastic cover.

The price is the same like last year Rs. 160 excluding packing and postage. Shops will add their own commission to this price.

All proceeds from the sale of the calendar will be donated to the Matrimandir.

If you intend to order a larger quantity, please discuss with us a discount. Kindly place your mailing orders soon so that the Calendars will reach you in time for the New Year. *Thank you !*

## POSTINGS

### Baby born

Ennio has a little sister! Elora Paz was born on October the 5th. Elora in Greek means "God is Light" and Paz in Spanish means "Peace". Many thanks to Dr. Wandana and our midwife, Paula Murphy, for their hard work and support. We would like to thank our family and friends who held us in their thoughts and made this event into such a joyful celebration. You are welcome to visit us, we are the first house on the right in Dana as you enter the gate). With love and gratitude, *Ruben and Taranti*.

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## Regarding the "Code of conduct"

Dear community members,

In regards to our process on trying to create a 'Code of conduct and eligibility criteria' for working groups, limited participation and divulging opinions within the community on the topic has resulted in a lack of conclusion for the time being.

The Auroville Council would like to halt this process at this point; it seems some fundamental questions need to be asked and answered by us as a collective, including the need and implementation strategy of such a document, before the next attempt is made to draft a conclusive 'Code of conduct and eligibility criteria' guidelines.

All those who participated in this difficult process diligently, the Auroville Council thanks you for your patience and persistence.

Once we are ready to restart the process with a different/better approach, we will announce it to the community.

In the meantime, for the possible 3-day selection process in the first week of November, the temporary Feedback Review Committee will use the Laws of India, the guidelines from the Mother and 'Material conditions to live in Auroville' as a base to process feedback on nominees for the Working Committee and Auroville Council.

Sincerely, *the Auroville Council*

## Message from the Indian Embassy in France and the AVIs

**Irina Bokova**

Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization  
And

**Ruchira Kamboj**

Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of India in UNESCO

Request the pleasure of your company at a ceremony to mark the new location of the

**Statue of Sri Aurobindo at UNESCO Headquarters**

**On Tuesday, 21st October 2014 at 6.30 pm.**

In the presence of **Dr Karan Singh**

Member of the Executive Board and Chairman of the Auroville Foundation

The speeches will be followed by floral tributes to the memory of Sri Aurobindo and a reception.

UNESCO House, Ségur Hall 125, avenue de Suffren. Paris 7

RSVP: [a.brabra.in@unesco-delegations.org/](mailto:a.brabra.in@unesco-delegations.org/) Permanent Delegation of India to UNESCO

### BSNL does NOT sell Modems

BSNL sells ADSL/Broadband/Internet modems ONLY at Customer Service Centers (CSC) and NOT at their Exchanges. One is at liberty to buy their modem from wherever they want. It is not compulsory to buy from BSNL. *AVTS*

### Special sale at Wellpaper continues!

If you look for gifts or need some baskets and accessories, we would like to offer you Wellpaper's products at very low prices! Timings: from Monday to Fridays from 09:30 am till 16:00 pm. Directions: The sale will take place in Well Café- Sve-Dam and

in the Wellpaper workshop in Kottakarai. Please call us on 2622219 for any assistant or additional information. You are all welcome, *Wellpaper team*

### Auroville Bakery will be closed on Wednesday 22.10.2014.

Please pick your Wednesday order on Tuesday 21.10.2014". Happy Deepavali.

#### Av Bakery Cafe will be open from 20/10 daily Mon-Sat:

We invite you all to come and enjoy the delicious menu at our new outdoor restaurant. Super Yummy Sandwiches, Dosa/Idli, Omelets, Homemade Muesli, Fresh Salads, Daily nourishing dishes, Desserts, Smoothies, juices and much more. Looking forward to see you!

With love *Av Bakery Cafe team*.

## AVAILABLE

### "Carnets d'une Apocalypse". Vol. 11, at Freeland Bookshop

We are happy to announce the release of Volume 11 of the "Carnets d'une Apocalypse" by Satprem. The book is presently available at our bookshop. Freeland is open every day from 10 to 1 and from 3 to 6 - tel.2623145 - Looking forward to seeing you, *The Freeland team*

#### New book release!

"LIFE AT ZERO DISTANCE - The freedom of being nothing and none" by Anamika Borst

Anamika is happy to inform you that her book "Life at zero distance" is available at Freeland bookshop in a limited edition.

And also on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) as POD (Print on demand) while now looking for a publisher in India or abroad.

"Life at Zero Distance" consists of a selection of 105 edited short texts dating from 2011 to 2014 selected from the original posts of Anamika's blog called "Potshots".

The texts are poetic, simple and clear. The book is beautifully designed and edited by Cecilia (All proceeds will go to the Mahatma Gandhi Home for the Old Aged in Pondicherry which Albert founded 9 years ago).

## LOOKING FOR ...

### Living space /painting studio

Hello, I am looking for a small, quiet place with sufficient light to use as a studio for painting, and secondarily as a living space if possible. I am open to temporary solutions and would be happy to clean/redecorate any place that is not currently in use. A single room could be enough. If you have any suggestions please contact me at [tisamri@gmail.com](mailto:tisamri@gmail.com) or 9442527616.

Thank you! *Amrita*

### Running shoes

Hi, friends. Need a pair of running shoes. Asian size 6 or 7 will work. Want to go running in the beautiful Auroville jungle. Please call Sidhya @ +91 8966903523. Thanks. *Sidhya*.

### An Amma

Monica from Dana is looking for an Amma, daily morning time: 9159674499

### Furniture, appliances, and other useful things

Dear friends,

Don't know what to do with that old table, the broken mirror in your bathroom or that vase you never use? We are looking for

### ID Cards Postponed

The computer containing all the ID card photos at the AVDzines has crashed. They are still in the process of recovering all the data. Once the photos are recovered we will be able to finalize the ID cards which could take a few more weeks.

*Auroville Foundation*

### From Nandini Tailoring section

No order taken from Saturday 25th to Thursday 30th of October. We start again on Saturday 1st of November. Nandini will be closed for Diwali on Thursday 23. Don't forget to bring your bag with your new order. *Anne and Vidya*

"Freeland bookshop" on the road to Visitors' center / Phone 2623145 / Opening timings everyday including Sunday from 9am to 1pm and 3 to 6pm.

### TVS super XL

TVS Super XL, Tamil Nadu registration, in very good condition. If interested please call *Shakthi* - 9751416754

### Pushchair

A foldable, lightweight Chicco pushchair for a contribution. Please contact: [min@auroville.org.in](mailto:min@auroville.org.in) or call 9486750671

### 2 mattresses

Pieces of different thickness and size: 61X160 cm and 48X183cm. Just pick it up. *Kayananda* 2623038

### House items

Many items including indoor and outdoor furniture must go due to moving back to the UK. Please contact Shelley on my email address [shelleybreakell@gmail.com](mailto:shelleybreakell@gmail.com) as my telephone keeps missing calls and text messages due to bad signal."

Many thanks, *Shelley*

furniture, appliances, and other useful things to fill our new and empty apartment. Be it a pot, a mat, a big table, a small table, or even a stool, anything is welcome. We would like to hear from you; so don't hesitate to call 8489281386 or write to [ingevanalphen@gmail.com](mailto:ingevanalphen@gmail.com) and we will make arrangements for compensation and pick up. Thank you, *Inge and Samai*

### A house sitter in Holland.

A friend of mine is looking for a house sitter in Zutphen, Holland, for 3 months, starting in the beginning of December.

If you are interested, please contact me. *Tineke* ([tineke@auroville.org.in](mailto:tineke@auroville.org.in))

### Electric bike

Thanks to Mirajothi who graciously lent me her e-bike for three months during my recovery, I have now to my own great amazement fallen in love with the silence and cleanliness of moving thru life on such a vehicle. I therefore find myself looking for an e-bike, possibly in exchange for the well-maintained Honda Street that I rode up till now. If you know of something, pls get in touch with [mauna@auroville.org.in](mailto:mauna@auroville.org.in), 9443168323. Thanks! *Mauna*

## LOST & FOUND



A cycle (found): Near Pitchandikulam Bridge, please contact *AV Security* on 94430 90107 / 9443362691

## ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

### House sitting 1

We, Fanny and Erik (French and Belgium), are a couple of pre-newcomers looking for a house to stay at (from mid-December if possible and for min.1 month). We are quiet and responsible people. Loving garden and harmony. We worked with Pierre Rabhi in agro ecology in France and are involved in organic farming in Auroville (Pebble Garden, Farm group). Please contact us to meet, ph : 894 023 16 13 or [fanny.canette@gmail.com](mailto:fanny.canette@gmail.com) - Fanny

### House sitting 2

Ancolie is looking for one-year housing in Auroville. Preferably with a garden. :) The forest will come later. ☺  
Anyone leaving for some time and caring to have a clean and happy person to take care of their lovely space and garden?  
Call: 8940566769 or message me [eilocna@gmail.com](mailto:eilocna@gmail.com) - Life is great! Ancolie

### House-sitting 3

Long-term volunteer Kaeridwyn looking for a housesit starting in November. I am a responsible young Canadian woman, neat

and respectful, and will be working for Auroville Arts Service. Would particularly love to find something in the green belt! Thank you! Contact: [dwyndle@gmail.com](mailto:dwyndle@gmail.com) - Thanks so much! Kaeridwyn

### House-sitting 4

We're Isis (France, 30) and Sam (Portugal, 32). We're both architects at the Auroville Earth Institute for 6 and 9 months and also living at CSR.

Now we're looking for house sitting opportunities starting as soon as possible until at least February 2015. We're both responsible and respectful; we're looking for a calm place to live in with at least two separate rooms. We'll gladly take care of the house, plants and animals and we can cover any maintenance expenses. We're both skilled with simple repairs and maintenance work if needed.

Please contact us at: [Isis9442952914](mailto:Isis9442952914) or [isisrouxpages@gmail.com](mailto:isisrouxpages@gmail.com) Sam9943482758 or [samuel.gros@gmail.com](mailto:samuel.gros@gmail.com)

## THANK YOU

### Thanks to Ajit

When we are going to the Indian Coffee on Nehru Street, you will be with us like in the seventies with your sweet smile. .  
Thanks for that, and for being around us all this years, dear friend.  
Love and Oneness, *Anandi Realization*

### Gratitude to Kireet Joshi from the Lilaloka team

It is with lots of tenderness and respect that we would like to share our gratitude towards Sri Kireet Joshi. We met him twice regarding Lilaloka, our dream for the children, the first time in December 2012 and the second in March 2013. Each time, he looked at us with great kindness and took much interest in the project, asking several questions about the activities offered and giving us important inputs about education.

We felt really encouraged when he said: "you are doing what Mother wanted: just to observe and serve the child" (even though we know we still have a long way to go). He then suggested we could better name Lilaloka, as he felt that it was not only a "resource center" as we called it up to that time, but also a kind of school. We explained to him why we prefer not to call this project a school: Lilaloka simply offers a space to be, explore and flourish, for the learning process to happen naturally and these by proposing free choice activities based on joy and non-judgment in a specific atmosphere and set-up, individually or in mixed age groups. Then we discussed with him different options for the name. When he suggested: "Self Learning Center", the term expressed Lilaloka clearly and in its essential nature. We all felt very enthusiastic with this new and more complete title: "Lilaloka, Self-Learning and Resource Center for the Child". The more complete name has, thanks to Kireet Joshi, made the project much easier to understand and it has helped our team a lot in our communications and in materializing this dream, currently under construction.

Heartfelt Gratitude to you dear Kireet: we dedicate Lilaloka to all those who are children in their hearts, whatever their age and as well to you, eternal child of The Mother!

With Love, *Lilaloka's team* /  
<http://lilalokaproject.blogspot.in/>

### Av Singing Festival 2014

Dear all,

Now that the AV Singing Festival is over we would like to thank the following persons for their involvement (in alphabetical order): Andrea (AV Radio), Clementine (Stage Hand), Drupad (Master of Ceremony), Edo (Electric Guitar), Fabien (Sound Wizard), Hum (Transport), Jean (Lighting, BN Management), Jivatman (Flute), Jo (Conducting of Do it Now), Jode (Musical Arrangement), Kumbha (Sound Wizard), Mahi (Lighting), Matt (Drum), Mattia (Sound Wizard), Matthias (Sound), OK (Design of stage decoration), Ram (Piano), Ramjee (Stage Hand), Robert (Press Contact), Rolf (Guitar, Bass, Stage), Ruben (Sound), Sang (Back Stage Control), Shakti (Conducting of Children choir, Piano, Bass, Guitar), Suresh (Sound, Projector), Soby, Dorhail (Decoration), Riju (BN Management), Children from Udavi school and Transition school.

Sorry if we have forgotten anybody.

A big thank to SAIER for its financial support.

Furthermore we would like to thank all the participants for their dedication, and the audience for its warm support.

For the AV Singing Festival 2014, -Community Cultural Colors -  
*Minseon & Ananda.*

### For your help

Last night, on 13th of October, I fell from my bicycle near Dana and broke my hip. I was not able to move after the fall. However, the ordeal is now over because of the kindness and actions of some amazing human beings. My heart is filled with gratitude and joy towards them.

I want to thank:

- Two young Aurovilian girls who knew what to do in that situation. They took care like young sisters
- Marc artist's elder son who ran around for things
- The Auroville security guard who was there right from the beginning and stayed till the end
- Dr Alexi for his grace in handling my pain

- Alok Adventure for his presence of mind and driving me to the hospital in the ambulance
- And Lalit who took charge of bringing me to the hospital and made sure I was in good spirits

These occasions remind us there is so much to be grateful for in Auroville.

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## TAXI SHARING

**October 19th:** Leaving Auroville Sunday 19th of October 5.30 pm from Arati, coming back 1st of November, 10 pm Terminal 1, If you would like to share, please call me 9443843976. *Ingrid*

**October 19th:** Go to/From Chennai airport. 1person is coming from Chennai Airport at 11.30pm by taxi. Taxi is leaving around 9-9:30 pm. Please contact me 7867998956 to share either go to Airport or pick up. Thanks *Minori*

**October 22nd:** I arrive at Chennai airport on the 22nd of Oct at 11.25 am. If you are leaving on the 22nd morning from Auroville or arriving at Chennai around 11.30 am and would

like to share, please contact me. Email - [shahnandi@gmail.com](mailto:shahnandi@gmail.com)  
SMS 9488483286

**October 22nd:** To Chennai airport at around 3pm. please contact me under: 9626637604. Thank you! *Petra*

**October 30th:** Leaving Auroville around 3 pm for Chennai airport. Who want to share, please contact *Chrystel 2622987*

**November 2nd:** Taxi to share: Arriving at Chennai Airport at 1:45 am, November 2. Please email me at [kirtiHemsell@yahoo.com](mailto:kirtiHemsell@yahoo.com), if you need a ride to or from the airport. Thanks, *Kirti*.

## AUROVILLE RADIO



This week we have re-connected with SAVI for hosting long term volunteers, the educational Institutions (Weltwearts, American University of Paris) are once again welcome to apply to intern with the Auroville Radio. The project of the Media Lab (Art and Science of Communication School) is slowly taking shape as communication is a core need in Auroville. We are looking for a number of professionals or students having skills in: Linux audio streaming, Journalists, Web-developers (WordPress), Media students or professionals, Fund raisers, Social Networkers, Audio engineers with Linux expertise and an Architect.

We have received a reply from the AVCouncil with regard to resolving the sound barrier in the next week. We will meet with people who have the legal expertise to advise further for the application of the FM license.

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

**Auroville Singing Festival Day 1 (Music 11/10/2014)**  
Auroville Singing Festival 2014 - Day 1. "One Community, One Family". -[English, 106 Minutes]

**Charlie Mgee & FVSS in Auroville (Music 10/10/2014)**  
Formidable Vegetable Sound System live concert in Sadhana Forest. An organic electro swing to make you dance & think. - [English, 83 Minutes]

**Love of Life Through Clay (Visual Arts 09/10/2014)**  
Priya talks about her creativity through media of clay, about personal path and transformation, love for life -[English, 19 Minutes]

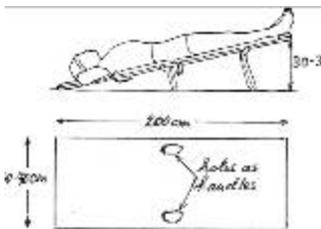
**Mr Bhaskaran Rao the activist (Ecology Awareness 09/10/2014)**  
The 2014 CMS Vataran in Auroville & Pondicerry. Here's Mr Bhaskaran Rao founder of CMs and environmental activist. - [English, 37 Minutes]

**Ceramics II, Singing Festival (News from Auroville 09/10/2014)**  
Priya Sundaravalli talks on her yesterday's inauguration of her second solo exhibition Ceramics II. -[English, 9 Minutes]

**Selections by Gangalakshmi-9 (Integral Yoga 08/10/2014)**  
Selections by Gangalakshmi-9. This is a weekly series (In French) of selected works by the Mother or Sri Aurobindo. - [French, 23 Minutes]

**Climate change, Peace Bird (News from Auroville 06/10/2014)**  
Interactive General Meeting on 8th on code of conduct, eligibility criteria and feedback. Bird of Peace at MM on 12th - [English, 10 Minutes]

## HEALTH



### Reversing the Effects of Gravity: follow-up on N&N #567, p10 of October 4th.

On popular request, please find following some practical information concerning the use and the making of the inversion table:

- Ask any carpenter to cut a plywood (or bamboo) board of a length slightly bigger than your size (200 cm can fit the size of the members of a family or a community) and a width of 60-70 cm.
- Put one end of the table on the floor and the other ones on any support not higher than 30-35 cm such as a bed side or a stairs' step.
- To be comfortable, cover the table with a yoga mat and/ or a blanket.

On the inversion table, one can simply just: stay immobile and breath normally for 15 minutes in the morning and the same in the evening (preferably before going to sleep), stretch oneself, meditate, practice any yoga asana requiring to lay down on the back or enjoy the present instant (see the «Power of now» of Eckart Tolle).

Submitted by *Gildo Pivetta*

Latest News from the Travel Shop - Inside India

Please be informed that the Travel Shop is now at the Inside India office at Auroshilpam

Oman Air has special offers to London, Paris, Frankfurt, Munich, Milan and Zurich.

Emirates has promotional offers to Europe and announced revised baggage policies, please check with us/airlines before proceeding to the airport.

Qatar Airways has discount fares to Europe and USA.

Etiihad Airways has special offers to destinations in Europe.

Srilankan Airlines has special offers to Europe.

We can issue tickets for flights starting from anywhere in the world using local promotional fares.

For travel within Europe we can issue tickets on Ryan Air, Easy Jet and other Airlines as well with discounted prices.

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GREEN MATTERS



Sustainability - beyond the buzz word

Sustainability has become one of the most often-used words,

the mantra on which every new idea, project or product is advertised.

Companies tout it as their very core value, citing it in and out of context. It is the *sesame* that opens all doors and convinces us that they are trustworthy, are part of the solution rather than the problem - regardless of what they sell, plastics, food additives, human body spare parts, or luxury goods for the privileged few. Today, 'sustainability' has become so over-used and misused that many have turned to cynicism, dismissing the word on hearing it.

And yet, it is going to stay with us as a vital key for the future, until we have learnt to secure our planet's fragile health. What seems necessary if we are to move beyond frustration, is a closer look and a deeper reflection on what we *actually* mean when we speak of it. In fact, if you ask someone this question, you will immediately get to know a whole lot about the person, his or her philosophy and priorities. Among the challenges to such discussions is that the word can trigger immediate reactions from existential fears to guilt, as it entails an awareness of just how much in our life is unsustainable. It also stands for something so vast and vague that we know that we are unlikely to get away with small talk. Ideas about it are often so different that finding a common language is not obvious. Academia is grappling with a definition, and there are as many models and theories as trees in a forest. In Tamil Nadu alone, several regular publications are devoted to the subject, which is among the most debated topics. Ask a labourer from one of our surrounding villages struggling to put the next meal on the table, a Marshall Islander threatened by the rising sea, a Columbian farmer whose land has been expropriated for the toxic waste dump of a new gold mine, a first-generation entrepreneur in China, a jobless city dweller anywhere on the globe, a policy maker in any government, and a shaman of the Kogi tribe: The answers will be worlds apart, in the world that is getting ever smaller...

Until quite recently, sustainability was understood mainly as economic, financial durability, with environmental, social and any other factors considered as secondary. No wonder this approach, which tries to prolong the very system that has brought us into crisis, had to be recognised as insufficient. And yet, it is far from over when it comes to development policies. Foreign aid projects implementing 'sustainable development' proudly introduce banks, loans, insurances and the like into 'backward' rural areas in Africa where the majority of the population has until now lived without money. In Tamil Nadu, thousands of 'jobs' are created to lift the poor out of poverty. What it means is that they are also lifted out of their social and cultural context, into huge factories, sweat-shops where they spend years of their youth working shifts, assembling cell

phones or stitching lingerie for consumers in wealthy nations, until global economics force the companies to move to countries with cheaper labour... Even in projects that recognise the environment as a priority, the solutions mostly come from Western-trained engineers and business strategists whose thinking is streamlined in the narrow banks of an approach fraught with downstream problems, besides being unsuitable for local realities - both natural and social - which are neither understood nor considered important. 'Win-win' scenarios are being promised, but they boil down to attempts at reconciling environmentally benign(er) technologies with old-style financial profits (whose?) and economic growth, without looking at the wider picture and at long-term effects. The adagio that '*you cannot fix a problem with the mind-set that created it*' may be accepted in theory, but it remains difficult to recognise our own shadows, let alone jump over them...

And yet the change is happening. One comes across the rare sustainability professor who concludes that the deeper problem is not lack of appropriate technologies, but human greed. Or academicians who boldly reduce the footprint in their own lives. There is increasingly a search for what was sustainable in cultures of the past, and in indigenous people across the world whose voice and wisdom are starting to be heard, and whose marginalisation and sacrifice may hopefully one day be turned back into dignity and recognition as we become their students.

Of course we are not speaking of over-simplifying the complex challenges that are present in every corner of the globe, or romanticising anything ancient or indigenous, while ignoring their limitations and shortcomings. But there is much learning from local systems developed by people now seen as in need of 'development', there are innumerable simple solutions to be rediscovered once we listen to humble wisdom that does not try to conquer the world but works in slower and quieter ways - not in order to redress any karmic balance but in our own practical interest. And while West looks to East and East looks to West, North to South and vice versa, the hope is that we may truly learn to meet as one human family. Then we may remember that in reality there is no such thing as 'waste', nor are there any 'enemies' (there are cultures that still know it, and have no vocabulary for these things). Above all, in Sri Aurobindo's words, '*we may find when all the rest has failed hid in ourselves the key of perfect change*'... and realise that '*on inner values hangs the outer plan*' (Savitri).

In sustainability like in integral yoga, there is no easy shortcut, but there is the richness of a universe of intricately interlinked systems that awaits discovery, and we won't be allowed to rest before knowing the Divine Whole!

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

For AV Center: Jasmin, Lisbeth & Bridget

**Wellcafe closed for Diwali**

Dear Friends,  
Please note that Wellcafe will be closed on Wednesday 22/10 for Diwali.  
Love, *Wellcafe team*

**Solar Kitchen and La Terrace closed for Diwali**

Solar Kitchen and La Terrace remain closed on Wednesday 22.10.2014 for Diwali celebration

**Naturellement and Garden Café closed**

We are closed on Wednesday the 22nd of October 2014 for Deepavali.

Wishing all of you a Happy Deepavali - *The Naturellement and Garden Cafe Team*

**Aurelec cafeteria closed**

Aurelec cafeteria will be closed on Wednesday, 22nd October for Diwali.  
Wishing you all a Happy Diwali!

**The Morgan Café closed for Diwali**

The Morgan café will be closed for Diwali on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
Happy Diwali. *The Morgan Café team*

**Homage to the Divine Worker**

We met Sri Dr Kireet Joshi for the first time on February 25, 1981, under the Matrimandir banyan tree, together with Ludmila Shivkova, the Bulgarian Minister of Culture. We had just arrived at Auroville on February 23, 1981. Our awakened memory had recognized Sri Kireet Joshi, who was going to be one of the most important personalities in our life in Auroville during the next three decades.

An eternal student needs always a Master of Knowledge to pass the closed doors of the ignorance. This teacher, guide and saviour led us by numerous experiences and by what he taught us always with a lot of delicacy and subtlety in his unprecedented testimonies.

When he was chairman of the Auroville Foundation we attended many of his conferences in different domains which unblocked in us floods of energy of knowledge and transformed our resistances and limitations. He was always abundant in the GREAT SENS, the great stream of intention at Auroville, 'A thinker and toiler in the ideal's air' (Savitri, 1,3,7).

When he returned for Sri Aurobindo's centenary in 2010, he simply told me: "Mother brought me home". We informed the Aurovilians of his coming back to us. During these four years we brought to him a series of personalities with which he communicated during his speaking silences, his rhythmic silences of the cosmic poet with a unique presence that revealed and inspired many among them.

A transformation is waiting for us, we are moving to the collective cellular era of the great assembly of a cellular fraternity. We are all responsible for the whole, life was there before us, and it continues, the true life doesn't die, it gallops.

The divine worker has become the GOLDEN CHILD during the last four years of his terrestrial journey where the Essence of Love has been the quest of his Spirit, and he continues to be with us, in order that his students grow integrally in the sun of Truth in Service of Sri Aurobindo and Douce Mère.

For you, dearest Kireet Joshi, unconditionally for eternity in this quest for Joy, for Truth, where our soul with infinite gratitude is like a summer song, like a river which is the source of prayer, revealing to the eye the discrete beauty .

*Gangalakshmi (House of Mother's Agenda/ Savitri Bhavan)*

**Invitation to Auroville Architects and Designers**

The Auroville Bamboo Centre is developing in various different areas. Some Auroville Architects have worked with us over recent months as part of our workshop activity and this element continues to develop and grow. Perhaps less noticed is the fact that our workshop production is growing too and this covers household goods and furniture. We are also developing better skills specifically concerning building construction and areas associated to this. In fact we get many enquiries from all over India that we cannot properly support so we typically decline these offers.

The fact is that the use of bamboo as a material for building construction and for furniture is again being recognised - not just here but all over the world. At this point we train a lot of architects and architecture students on the techniques of using bamboo in construction. Also, because we do not just use bamboo for construction we have naturally developed skills with other associated materials for things like roofing or for stabilised earth walls, etc.

The first thing we would like to ask of Auroville Architects and Designers is that you come and visit the Bamboo Centre in person to see the scope of construction that has happened here. Many of our buildings are quite new and most Aurovilians will not have seen them. We now also have some costing models for structures that are almost certainly competitively priced. If you do visit and wish to find ways to work with us in some capacity we would be delighted to explore ways to accomplish this. If nothing else a visit and discussion may give you a new insight into areas and techniques that you are not necessarily entirely familiar with.

So please contact the Bamboo Centre or simply come and visit. We are looking for creative and imaginative ways to work in collaboration with you for mutual development and success.

*Nick - Mentor Auroville Bamboo Centre.*



# 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!

## INVITATIONS

### Interactive Sessions on Auroville

For the week from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014:

Introduction to the Vision and Concept of Auroville  
20th October 2014 Monday - presented by 'B'

Auroville Economy and Organization  
22nd October 2014 Wednesday - presented by Bunty

Town Planning & Architecture  
24th October 2014, Friday - presented by Tejaswini

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

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

The presentations are free of charge. Anyone may walk in. New speakers and topics slated for next week. Watch for announcements.

Organized by: Insight seminars

### \*Let's Celebrate Diwali Festival of Light Together\*

There will be some events for our Community on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2014,  
7.00 pm - 7.45 pm: Fireworks with all our children (*At the entrance of the Auditorium*)  
7.45 pm - Live concert of Fusion music

Venue: Bharat Nivas at Sri Aurobindo's Auditorium.

Ps: Further programme details of the musicians will be announced later, please check announcements at the Solar Kitchen, Pour Tous, Town Hall and AV Bakery (on the notice board).

### Deepawali (Festival of Light) @ Upasana 2014

We will be celebrating Deepawali in Upasana on Thursday 23rd of Oct at 6 pm onwards till 9 pm.  
We invite everyone to join us for light, flowers & sweets together.  
*Love, Upasana Team.*

## EXHIBITIONS

### Gallery square circle Kala Kendra

Presents **Outdoor**

An exhibition of landscape paintings by Ezhilarasan e./ Krishnaraj s./ Sujith p.v./ Shanmugam s./ Silambarasan k./ Thangarasu s.

15th october - 30th october, 2014  
Opening on: Wednesday, 15th october, 2014 at 5.30 pm  
Open daily: 9 am till 5 pm/ closed on Sundays

At gallery square circle/kala kendra/Bharat Nivas/pavilion of India/Auroville

## TALKS, SEMINARS

### Learning Collectively: The Auroville Economy (Part2)

Mark your calendar and join us for the next *Joy of Learning* event - the Auroville learning forum from Aurovilians for Aurovilians.

This time on:

The AV Economy; Auroville Units and Services - Unity in Diversity? (I of II)

When? Tuesday, October 21st; 4.30 to 6.30 pm Where? SAIER Conference Hall

Who? The Auroville Campus Initiative (ACI) is happy to present:  
Gilles on 'The Evolution of Mother's Vision on Auroville's Economy'  
Alain - 'A Chronological Account of Auroville's Economic Experiments'  
Nicole & Isha - 'Overview of Auroville's Service Landscape'  
& our moderator Alan

Having covered some of the general features and characteristics of the Auroville economy in the previous session, we now want to delve deeper into some of the economic practices that have emerged within the context of our community life. Therefore, this and the following session will focus on the emergence and evolution of services & commercial units and further reflect on the existing perceptions & realities, aims, challenges, and opportunities surrounding these economic experiments.

*We are looking forward to welcoming you to another collaborative learning event in which to explore once more the making of our very own habitat.*

Your ACI Team (Lalit, Michael H, Min) Contact: [edu@auroville.org.in](mailto:edu@auroville.org.in)

## CULTURAL EVENTS

### ART CHAKRA, The Open art event

Sunday, 26th of October, 10:30 am - 12:30 afternoon  
AV ROOM; KALA KENDRA

Art Chakra is an interactive space for everyone to express their artistic side in an informal and non-judgmental environment. Whatever is your medium of artistic expression - photography, painting, short films, sculpting, singing, performing arts, storytelling, yummy recipe etc.; you can share it all with your fellow volunteers here at Art Chakra. So, come participate...and open your Art Chakra.

Registration: The participants who wish to share their works must register beforehand through sms, email or simply fill in the online form: [www.tinyurl.com/ArtChakra](http://www.tinyurl.com/ArtChakra). No registration required for being an audience.

Venue: AV Room, Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas | Time: 10:30 am -12:30 afternoon, Sunday, 26th of Oct.

Entry: Free and open for all

For more details: Gaurav, Email: [medimedia@gmail.com](mailto:medimedia@gmail.com), Ph: [9787897947](tel:9787897947)

Join us on FB: [www.facebook.com/AurovilleArtChakra](http://www.facebook.com/AurovilleArtChakra)

## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

### THE POWER OF AWARENESS - THE SPECTRUM OF OUR CONSCIOUSNESS

3-DAY WORKSHOP WITH SANDYRA - OCT. 24<sup>TH</sup> - 26<sup>TH</sup>

How can we walk our talk in the midst of all the turmoil we experience in our daily lives?

This challenge brings us easily back to our shadows and conditioning. The workshop will offer tools for a deeper understanding of ourselves. We will discover powerful ways which allow us to move forward in our evolutionary process. We will look at how the mass-consciousness influences us and how we can shift and establish a higher consciousness within ourselves and therefore on planet Earth.

We enter into this deep inner transformational process by using powerful tools from great teachers. The playful and also serious attempt implements dance, meditation, art and nature, as well as mind-opening new concepts based on ancient wisdom.

Sandyra's passion is to develop our consciousness and self-empowerment and to spread energetic healing techniques and principles. In recent years, her focus has moved towards humanity's evolutionary process and therefore to a deep understanding of the huge healing process which humanity is drawn to. Many of the contemporary teachers she's inspired by refer to the teachings of Sri Aurobindo.

She invites the community, volunteers and guests to participate in this (r)evolutionary emerging process, which

helps us to understand what it means to be in the present moment and to truly act from the heart.

Venue: Sunspace at Windarra, Timing: Oct. 24th- 26th, 9 am - 5 pm (1h lunch break)

Bookings & Infos: [sandyra@auroville.org.in](mailto:sandyra@auroville.org.in), cellph.: Sandyra 944 36 19 403

### INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

22nd October (Wednesday)

•Overview with multimedia presentation• Questions and Answers• Practice in Daily Life• Complimentary Concentration Exercises

•Creative Arts, Interactive Games• Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother• Introduction to the Reference Books

Focus this week on: 'Supermind'

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

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

Led by Ashesh Joshi. Contact: 9489147202, 2622922

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

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

## ASTROLOGY FOR NON-ASTROLOGERS

A two-day workshop on the basic tenets of Astrology, and the tools that an astrologer uses for analyzing a birth chart.

This includes topics such as Signs, Houses, Planets, Elements, aspects, transits, planetary periods, divisional charts, etc.

We will also touch on topics such as the philosophy and rationale of Astrology, why and how it works, the responsibilities of the astrologer and the querent and so on. The workshop will end with an evening on star gazing, identifying some of the zodiacal signs and planets. Those who have attended this workshop in the past can plan on attending Day 2 of the workshop, while Day 1 will address the basics, and provide a foundation for further study.

**Date:** Saturday & Sunday, 1st and 2nd November. **Time:** 0845 to 1700. **Venue:** Hall of Light, Creativity.

By contribution. Email: [vikram@auroville.org.in](mailto:vikram@auroville.org.in), or call 9843948288 for queries. *Vikram*

## AQUAGYM CLASS WITH ELISA

At La Piscine, New Creation every Thursday from 4 to 5 pm.

## LOCALLY GROWN VEGETABLES - SESSION 6

**SESAME SAUCE/STEW WITH GREEN COOKING BANANA AND BANANA-PEEL DISH**

The fifth session held on 4th of October taught us how to prepare green cooking Banana, by adding tamarind.

The sixth session will be held on the 25th of October 2014 (Saturday) at 10.30 am, at Life Education Centre, opposite Isaiambalam School.

This will focus on the preparation of both: a spicy tamarind stew/sauce of sesame with cooking green banana, as well as a vegetable side-dish using only the peel of this raw cooking banana.

The ingredients used in this session, each have their special properties and reasons for combination. For example - sesame is rich in calcium as well as provides the necessary oil/fat; tamarind is a blood thinner; fenugreek cools the body; asafoetida helps in gas removal, chilly helps in proper secretion of the digestive juices; tuvar dhal/lentil provides the protein necessary; mustard aids digestion in the stomach, etc.

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

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

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

Looking forward to see you there on 25th of October, where we will see, learn, do, eat and ask questions!

*Life Education Centre team*

## SCHEDULES

### VERITE PROGRAM

Please contact Vérité to register for the following workshops: 0413 2622045 or [programming@verite.in](mailto:programming@verite.in)

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

### SOUTH INDIAN ORGANIC COOKING with Rajaveni & Suba

Friday, October 24 from 10 am to 12:30 pm

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

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

### (FAMILY) CONSTELLATION WORKSHOP with Yuval

Friday & Saturday, October 24 & 25 from 9 am to 5 pm

Fate or Choice?

*An episode in an unremembered tale*

*it's beginning lost, it's motive and plot concealed*

*a once living story has prepared and made*

*our present fate, child of past energies*

*-Sri Aurobindo, Savitri*

In our lives Hidden Dynamics can cause results we never intended. Unconsciously these Dynamics create our Fate. To become aware of them, can bring back Choice. Applying (family) constellation techniques we can, in an intuitive way, find the insights and energy to choose consciously for the changes we want.

*YUVAL is a life & business coach.*

### INTEGRAL HEALTH & HEALING with Dr. Geeta Auropremi

Saturday: Oct 25 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

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

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

Also available for individual consultation in AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY by appointment: 9443288156

### QI-YO YOGA TEACHER TRAINING - with Ariadne & Agung

Mon, Oct 27 - Sun, Nov 16 from 9 am to 12 noon, 2 to 5 pm

\*For Aurovilians/Newcomers only:

Qi-Yo Multi-Yoga unites the Yoga traditions from the east and west, including Qi-Gong, Tai Ji and Balinese practices with traditional Vedantic Yoga. A 200-hour YTTC program, including daily Yoga, Qi Gong, Meditation, Relaxation, and philosophy classes.

*ARIADNE is an artist, teacher and designer. AGUNG is yoga practitioner and martial arts master.*

## FILMS



At the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas

**FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER - 7:30 PM** (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

**"ALICE IN THE CITIES" - ALICE in den Städten** (original title)

*Director:* Wim WENDERS- Germany, 1974

*With:* Yella Rottländer, Rüdiger Vogler, Lisa Kreuzer...

*Synopsis:* Phillip Winter is a roving German reporter who, after a chance encounter with an elusive American woman, reluctantly accepts temporary custody of little Alice. When it becomes apparent that Alice will be his responsibility for longer than he expected Phillip takes Alice on a trek across Germany to locate the girl's grandmother.

The film is shot in black and white and has several long scenes without any dialogues and we follow Wenders' fascination with the contrast between the neon-and-billboard ambience of the U.S. and the rolling hills and industrial pockets of Germany.

Alice in the Cities was the first of Wenders' "road trilogy"; the follow-ups were "Wrong Move" (1975) and "Kings of the Road" (1976), both also starring Rüdiger Vogler.  
*Original version in German with English Subtitles - Duration: 1h.50'*

## The Eco Film Club



Sadhana Forest, October 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday at 7.00pm

### WILD BRAZIL- ENDOURING THE DROUGHT

Episode 3 of 3 / 2014 - 59 minutes. Produced BBC2, English / Nominated for 3 Awards  
This intimate journey into the heart of Brazil concludes. A fierce drought ensues, culminating in huge and ferocious fires. The capuchin monkeys, giant otters, coatis and jaguars are proving their extreme survival skills while looking for mates and racing to breed to ensure that the next generation are born just as the good times arrive again.

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

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

Free bus service to the TOUR OF SADHANA FOREST and the ECO FILM CLUB - DEPARTURE SOLAR KITCHEN: 16:00 and RETURN FROM SADHANAFORREST: 21:30

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

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

## Visitor Center Movie Show

23rd Thursday October 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.

24th Friday October 8 pm



## Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film programme 20 October 2014 to 26 October 2014

**Water Series:** We had started this year with a series of documentaries on water. Given the local and global water situation it is a theme to be repeated periodically. However, this time we bring you films where water is explored as a theme. While there are documentaries rated as the best, excellent films on local issues and activism, there are films of other genre where water provides the ambiance, background, or context. *Let's dive in as we wait for the rains!*

Water Series - Monday 20 October, 8.00 pm:  
**TAPPED**

USA, 2009, Dir Stephanie Soechtig & Jason Lindsey, Documentary, 75min, English, Rated: NR.  
The high cost of bottled water to the environment and our health - is explored in this film that enlists activists, environmentalists, leaders and others to expose the dark side of the bottled water industry. A thought provoking impactful film!

Water Series - Tuesday 21 October, 8:00 pm:  
**TAMBIEN LA LLUVIA (Even the Rains)**

Spain-Mexico-France, 2010, Dir. Iciar Bollain w/ Gael García Bernal, Luis Tosar, Karra Elejalde, and others, 103mins, Spanish-Quechua-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

### 12 YEARS OF SLAVE (2013)

Genre: Drama/Biography/History/ Rated: R Above 18/  
Language: English/ Subtitle: English  
Dir: [Steve McQueen](#) / Cast: [Chiwetel Ejiofor](#), [Michael Kenneth Williams](#), [Ashley Dyke](#)

Storyline: In the antebellum United States, Solomon Northup, a free black man from upstate New York, is abducted and sold into slavery.

## Hindi Movie at Le Zephyr

Visitors Centre upstairs - Every Thursday at 8 pm

Thursday 23-10-2014  
**SINGHAM**

2h25 min (English subtitles)

It is a Bollywood-action story of a policeman from a small town, where he fights corruption with the valor of a lion. Everything seems to be going well until a clash with a criminal eventually escalates into a full-blown fight. For his troubles he gets promoted and also finds himself in the clutches of the very same criminal who is on a mission to destroy him. He now has to rise and put an end to his malicious activities.

## At Savitri Bhavan

*"LET US WORK TO RESTORE THE VEDA: PART 1"*

Monday 20th of October 2014 at 6.15 pm.

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

He is speaking about the steps of Sri Aurobindo's revelations and is then unfolding when and how Sri Aurobindo discovered the work and experiences of the Rishis and the truth of the Veda. Duration: 65min.

## The French Pavilion & Quebec

Present an EXCEPTIONAL documentary in French of 93 mn.

« LE PEUPLE INVISIBLE »

Directed by Richard Desjardins & Robert Monderie

With the presence of 2 Aurovilians: Monique Patenaude & Olivier Loyer.

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>, October 2014 at 5pm. Cinema Paradiso, Town Hall

Spanish director Sebastián, his executive producer Costa and all his crew are in Bolivia, in the Cochabamba area, to shoot a motion picture about Christopher Columbus, his first explorations and the way the Spaniards treated the native Indians at the time. Costa has chosen this place because of tight budget for making the film and for his ability to hire local actors and extras cheaply. Things go smoothly until a conflict erupts over the privatization of the water supply as one of the local actors, is a leading activist in the protest movement. The events blur - the history and the present realities, the genre between drama and documentary. *This is an outstanding film - worth watching more than once!*

Water Series - Wednesday 22 October, 8.00 pm:

**A DROP OF LIFE  
EMBEDDED WATER  
HUNTING DOWN WATER**

*A Drop of Life* - India, 2007, Writer-Dir. Shalini Kantayya w/ Nandita Das, Arnold Y. Kim, Liza Jessie Peterson, Short-Drama, 17mins, English (w/subtitles for any non-English section), Rated: NR: This acclaimed futuristic film is about the intersecting lives of two women on two hemispheres, bound by the most precious resource on earth - water. Nia is a powerful executive whose water distribution program in the global south promises

millions in profits for Hydron, the water corporation she works for. Mirabai is an idealistic young teacher in a tiny rural village in India. When Hydron implements its pay-per-use water pump in Mirabai's community with devastating consequences, both women's lives are changed irrevocably. *Though futuristic, possibility of such events do not seem to too far away.*

**Embedded water**- India, Dir. Bhavani G.S., 5mins - Have you ever thought how much water is used or embedded in producing any food/non-food products? Embedded water for 1lit of soft-drink is 7lit of water, a sheet of A4 size paper - 10lit, a cotton T-shirt - 4000lits, 1kg mango - 1900lits, 1kg banana - 500lits; 1kg of corn/maize - whopping 2540lit; Milk, Coffee, Tea, Rice, Apple, Tomato..... India is the largest virtual water exporter.

**Hunting Down Water** - India, Dir. Sanjay Barnela & Vasant Saberwal, 30mins, English - Everyday a whopping >20million lit of potable water is wasted in India on car-wash alone! As water is diverted from rural areas to satisfy the urban needs...what impacts it has on the rest? *The topic is universal and local, as the number of four-wheelers increase in Auroville.*

**Water Series - Thursday 23 October, 8.00 pm:**  
**CHINATOWN**

Roman Polanski w/ Jack Nicholson, Faye Dunaway, John Huston, and others, Mystery-Thriller, 130mins, English-Cantonese-Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: R  
Jake Gittes or JJ is a private detective who specializes in matrimonial cases. He is hired by Evelyn Mulwray when she suspects her husband Hollis, builder of the city's water supply system, of having an affair. Gittes photographs him with a young girl but in the ensuing scandal, it seems he was hired by an impersonator and not the real Mrs. Mulwray. When Mr. Mulwray is found dead, Jake is plunged into a complex web of deceit involving murder, incest and municipal corruption all related to the city's water supply.

**International - Saturday 25 October, 8:00 pm:**  
**WHALE RIDER**

New Zealand-Germany, 2002, Dir. Niki Caro w/ Keisha Castle-Hughes, Rawiri Paratene, Vicky Haughton, and others, 101mins, Drama-Family, English-Maori w/ English subtitle, Rated: PG

On the east coast of New Zealand, the Whangara people believe their presence there dates back thousands of years. As the story goes, their ancestor, Paikea, had escaped death when his canoe capsized by riding to shore on the back of a whale. From then on, Whangara chiefs, always the first-born, always male, have been considered Paikea's direct descendants. Pai, an 11-year-old girl in a patriarchal New Zealand tribe, believes she is destined to be the new chief. She must fight him and a thousand years of tradition to fulfil her destiny. *It is time to revisit this wonderful recent classic - which no one, especially no girl should miss!*

**Children's Film - Sunday 26 October, 4:30 pm:**  
**SPIDERMAN 3**

USA, 2007, Dir. Sam Raimi w/Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, Topher Grace, and others, 139mins, Adventure-Fantasy, English, Rated: G (for >5yrs old)

A strange black entity from another world bonds with Peter Parker and causes inner turmoil as he contends with new villains, temptations, and revenge.

**Fritz Lang Film Festival @ CINECLUB**

A visionary whose meditations on human loneliness were punctuated by a stark visual style and an obsessive work ethic. The Austrian director Fritz Lang made a number of acclaimed silent and talkie films in Germany before fleeing the Nazis to become a noted practitioner of film noir in Hollywood. Lang was later championed by a wide swath of filmmakers like Jean-Luc Goddard, Woody Allen and Martin Scorsese for his pioneering vision and profound impact on the art of filmmaking.

**Ciné-Club - Sunday 26 October, 8:00 pm:**

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Germany, 1931, Dir Fritz Lang w/ Peter Lorre, Ellen Widmann, and others, 99mins, Drama-Thriller, German w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

It is a classic, early talkie, crime melodrama set in 1931 Berlin. The police are anxious to capture an elusive child murderer and they begin rounding up every criminal in town. The underworld leaders decide to take the heat off their activities by catching the child killer themselves

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

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