

# News & Notes

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# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

(Continued)

Oh, it's measured out with such wisdom! I mean the... awareness - not exactly consciousness, but a state between consciousness and perception - the awareness of the stupendous difficulty of the "thing" is given to me drop by drop... so that it won't be crushing. But there has evidently been some rather considerable progress, because lately the enormity of the thing has been shown to me far more... concretely, oh!... I tell you, it has reached the point where all spiritual life, all these peoples and races who have been trying since the beginning of the earth, who have made so many efforts to realize something - it all seems like nothing, like child's play. It's nothing: you smile and then... you are joyous. It's nothing at all, nothing at all!... To put things in ordinary terms, mon petit, this work is without glory! You get no results, no experiences filling you with ecstasy or joy or wonder - none of that. It is... hideous, a hideous labor. If there weren't this clear vision and constant aspiration within - oh, it's so dreary and exasperating... so dull, so gray... ugh!

(silence)

Some months ago, when this body had once again become a battlefield and was confronting all the obstacles, when it was suspended, asking itself whether... it wasn't wondering intellectually, but asking for a kind of perception, wanting to touch something: it wondered which direction it was taking, which way things were going to tilt. And suddenly, in all the cells, there was this feeling (and I know where it came from): "If we are dissolved out of this amalgam, if this assemblage is dissolved and can no longer go on, then we shall all go straight, straight as an arrow" - and it was like a marvelous flame - "straight to rejoin Sri Aurobindo in his supramental world, which is right here at our door." And there was such joy! Such enthusiasm, such joy flooded all the cells! They didn't care at all whether or not they would be dissociated... "Oh," they felt, "so what!" This was truly a decisive stage in the work of illuminating the body.

All the cells felt far more powerful than that stupid force trying to dissolve them; what is called "death", left them entirely indifferent: "What do we care? We shall go THERE and consciously participate in Sri Aurobindo's work, in the transformation of the world, one way or the other - here, there, like this, like that - what does it matter!"

This came more than a year ago, I think. It has never left. Never. All anxiety and all conscious tension have gone. Only - there is an "only" in all this - if there were a more liberal proportion between the "refreshing" (if I may say so) freedom of solitude and the necessity for collective work, there would probably be fewer difficulties... Towards the end of the first year after I retired upstairs (perhaps even before, but anyway, some time after I began doing japa while walking), I recall having such sessions up there!... Had there been a personal goal, this goal was clearly attained; it is indescribable, absolutely beyond all imaginable or expressible splendor.

And that was when I received the Command from the Supreme, who was right here, this close (*Mother presses her face*). He told me, "This is what is promised. Now the Work must be done." And not individual but collective work was meant. So naturally, because of the way it came, it was joyously accepted and immediately implemented. But when I remember that experience and consider what I have now...

(silence)

Well, what Sri Aurobindo did by leaving his body is somewhat equivalent, although far more total and complete and absolute - because he had that experience, he had that, he had it; I saw him, I saw him supramental on his bed, sitting on his bed.

(silence)

He has written: I am not doing it individually, for myself, but for the whole earth. And it was exactly the same thing for me - but oh, that experience! Nothing counted for me anymore: people, the earth - even the earth itself had absolutely no importance.

(The clock strikes.)

Later, just before leaving:

But you know, this present state gives me the feeling that actually we know nothing at all, at all, at all - nothing at all. Everything else, everything leading to the spiritual life, to liberation and so forth - well, yes, it's all very well, all very well. But compared to what one must know to do this work... Perhaps it's better not to know.

Because evidently I can't say that my experiences are the result of a mental aspiration or will or knowledge - I don't know, I don't know at all. I don't know how it should be, nor what it should be, nor anything at all. I don't know what should be done, I don't know what should not be done - nothing. It's truly a blind march (*gesture of groping along*), in a desert riddled with all possible traps and difficulties and obstacles - all this heaped together. Eyes blindfolded, knowing nothing (*same gesture of groping blindly*), one plods on.

The only thing to do is to be like this (*Mother turns her hands towards the Heights in a gesture of abandonment*). Provided you don't fall asleep! You mustn't enter into a beatific state where you... No, we must keep moving on.

I don't know what to do. It's not easy.

(Mother rises)

Ah, I have something for you, but I forgot to bring it! (*Mother laughs*)

It's part of an experience... I was told that NOTHING joyful should be rejected - but it's an entirely different kind of "joy," it has nothing to do with what is called joy when one lives in the vital - nothing of that! (*Laughing*) It's a funny kind of joy!

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 15 July, 1961

MOTHER

The  
Ponder  
Corner

And so it makes you... (everyone is complaining, everyone is moaning, everyone is talking about his troubles), it makes you indifferent and you say, "Well, what would you, the world is like that!" The world is "like that," but it isn't true! It is NOT like that - it's like that for our consciousness...

Mother's Agenda, 3 July 1971

## Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)

### October 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), Rita (Auroville Council), Satyakam (Housing Service), Sauro (L'avenir d'Auroville), Toby (Auroville Board of Services) attended through 17 October only, Ulli (Auroville Board of Commerce), and Mr. Srinivasmurthy (Finance & Administrative Officer, Auroville Foundation)

### TRUST & UNIT TOPICS

The FAMC froze the Financial Services account of Bijou in March 2014 as the unit had closed in November 2013. Gillian, the unit executive, requested that the account be opened to clear the balance; that the approximately Rs. 81,000 account balance be applied towards a loan from the unit, and; to repair the 'nil' balance sheet, as required for formal closure. She shared that approximately Rs. 20,000 worth of remaining stock would be given to the Free Store. During the members' discussion it was agreed: a. to re-open the account; b. that Rs. 5,000 be kept 'in escrow' for future expenses, and; c. the Rs. 76,000/- account balance can be used against Gillian's loan. The loan balance would not transfer to the Artisana Trust. The FAMC asked Gillian to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that future bills up to the account balance amount (Rs. 76,000) would be paid by her, that this is the final settlement, and she would make no further claims. Gillian agreed to the MoU. In connection with the conversation, an FAMC member proposed to request the Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC) to create a monitoring process and guidelines, so a unit that is making a loss over several years is detected and can be helped; and Lyle has made some suggestions concerning assurance for the settlement of workers. *The two proposals will be explored in November.*

Amy, the FAMC secretariat, gave a written update concerning the pending status of the unit, Memories from the Future of Light, and asked the members if the unit can be finally closed. Enea had been approached by a member and then proposed to buy the entire stock at a fixed value; however this was not accepted because some members felt that the remaining stock had a higher value. One member then proposed to allow Enea to sell the stock on a consignment basis as he helped make possible the sales in October & November 2013, and January 2014, which resulted in income close to Rs. 10 lakhs. He would be asked to contribute to Auroville what he can from sales of the items. A decision was pending while a couple of members reviewed the items remaining in the shop. Thereafter a proposal was made by these members: a. semi-precious stones will be evaluated by a jeweler in Pondy; b. Tanto will give now Rs. 1 lakh; and then 80% of turnover after tax of stock sales proceeds (to be sold through 2 Tanto locations) will be given to the Auroville Unity Fund. The accounts for the sales of these items will be kept separately from Tanto accounts; c. another public sale in December or January; d. all the stock (crystals, gems, statues, wood items, etc.) will be removed from the shop located in Baraka before the end of January 2015 so the unit can finally be closed. Furthermore, the FAMC member directly involved will collaborate with Enea who will be given the opportunity to sell some of the stock also. In the proposal it was stated that an estimated Rs. 5 lakhs 'at least' can be realized on the resale value of the remaining stock. This proposal was accepted by a majority of the members.

### FINANCE TOPICS

Manu, one of the project holders of the Sacred Groves housing project, suggested as a fund-raising convenience direct debit donations, especially for regular, monthly installments. The members agreed that it is an interesting idea and could be used for all kinds of fund-raising needs. One member volunteered to look into the details of how this can be used. The conversation led to questions about the Sacred Groves project in general. The Housing Service and L'avenir are to provide an update to the FAMC. *The members will continue their conversation in November.*

At the end of the month the Budget Coordination Committee (BCC) was invited to present their proposal for the 2014-15 budget. After the 10 minute presentation and 20 minute discussion the FAMC expressed their support for it.

### HOUSING TOPICS

The FAMC was asked to review the Serenity (formerly Maitreya 3) housing project information submitted by the architect, Sonali. The primary question that arose is the difference between the square metre cost of 'carpet' and 'super built-up' areas. It was suggested to compare known cost figures of projects like Luminosity, Arati 3, and Maitreya 2. In the follow-up conversation it was reminded that the tender is in process. After that is completed the project will come to the FAMC for review. At that time the apartment bookings will be confirmed. In the interim, data to compare three housing projects needs to be obtained. *This conversation will continue when there is more information.*

There was a general discussion concerning the Sanjana housing project. As with Serenity, questions concerning carpet compared to super built-up area were expressed. It was suggested and agreed that such questions should be sent to L'avenir d'Auroville, Work Allocation Team (WAT). It was then reported that Sanjana (and two other housing projects) have not provided to the Housing Service their individual agreements with the people who signed up for the project. This information is needed by the Housing Service. It was agreed that the FAMC would write directly to the project holders with a request to provide this information to the Housing Service.

### LAND TOPICS - *Nothing new this month*

### OTHER TOPICS

The FAMC has been looking into the activities at Red Earth Riding School (RERS), which is located directly next to Brihispathi, and after a long sharing it was agreed to invite Jacqueline and Anna to talk about the project. Jacqueline (founder and financier), Anna (Aurovilian living there and manager), Clare (Aurodam; daughter is one of the students), and Hilary (Newcomer living and teaching riding there) attended the regular Friday afternoon meeting. Primarily they were asked to share how they see the RERS activities being relatable to Auroville. They explained, in quite some detail, the activities with children and the work involved to care for the horses. There was a friendly exchange among all those present for about 45 minutes. Later in the meeting the members discussed their perceptions. It was noted that Jacqueline and Anna clearly asked for direction from the FAMC on how to fit into the Auroville structure. The secretariat wrote 3 pages of notes which were distributed to the members and the conversation continued. During the subsequent conversation it was agreed to write Jacqueline to share the members' thoughts, concerns, and ideas.

The Auroville Council (AVC) asked for the FAMC to comment concerning the Windarra arbitration which is in process. They

wrote, “[...] whether [FAMC] are committed to accept the decision of this arbitration process as binding. It is understood that in case this decision would imply any fund and assets related liabilities for the FAMC, the arbiters would consult with [the FAMC] prior to the final decision. [...]”. The FAMC members expressed their support for this however it was clearly stated that the decision of the arbiters should not have to be implemented (‘enforced’) by the FAMC. *This was communicated to the AVC.*

The Auroville Earth Institute sent an update to the FAMC on the proposed School of Earthen Architecture. During the long discussion the members posed several questions: a. who are the others members involved in the management team, and who ensures the continuity in operations in Satprem’s absence; b. is the projected budget realistic; c. who will monitor the project; d. What are the projected operating expenses when the facilities are built and activities running, and what will be the source of the funds to meet these expenses. It was finally agreed to write L’avenir d’Auroville about the location(s) that may be proposed for this project and send the questions to Satprem. *This is an ongoing exploration.*

Through the Town Development Council (TDC) it is being proposed to create a New Town Development Authority (NTDA) for Auroville. Several of the Aurovilians involved in the Task Force created to research the proposal gave a presentation of their work which included a lot of background information. There was a healthy discussion after a 10 minute presentation. The questions asked by the FAMC had been researched by the Task Force members who, for the last two years, explored the ‘pros’ and ‘cons’ of an Auroville NTDA. The FAMC expressed no objections to this moving forward. *It remains to be seen, as there are many steps, if this will manifest or not.*

The Auroville Sports Resource Centre (AVSRC) are in conversation with the District Sports Officer, and other government officials, regarding a Tamil Nadu sports program that could be located in Auroville. There was a report given by the TDC representative, who has been requested to allocate a plot of Auroville land (6 acres). The FAMC gave their support to the TDC to ask for more time to consider all the possibilities, and to get more details of the program including who is responsible for future management, maintenance, and running costs. It should be considered as a land exchange possibility for the use of Auroville land, the allocation to Auroville of Paramboke land in the City area.

#### FOLLOWING UP FROM PREVIOUS FAMC REPORTS:

Earlier this year during a general meeting on 18 March called by Shivaraj, Malar and Krishanmeyer concerning Martuvam Healing Forest the residents who attended came to a ‘consensus agreement’ to propose to the FAMC that additional “support persons” (mutually agreed- upon by Sivaraj and the FAMC) would be appointed to Martuvam to: 1) Offer support to Sivaraj; and 2) Provide reassurance to the FAMC. In a sincere effort to honour this agreement the FAMC then explored the possibility that Martuvam would collaborate and work with Joss, Pitchandikulam, and move under the Auromitra Trust. But that turned out to not be a good fit. Recently the Arka management team suggested to bring the Martuvam Healing

Forest activities under its umbrella, however SAIER did not agree that their activities fit under SAIER. Martuvam is presently under Auroville Village Action Trust (AVAT), who recommended closure in a letter to the FAMC dated October 2013. Since it has been one year, the FAMC decided to check in with the AVAT trustees. They have been asked: “Are you available to actively oversee the Martuvam Healing Forest activities, do you have another recommendation, or are you still in favour of closing the unit?” *At the end of this reporting period, the FAMC had not yet received a response from the AVAT trustees.*

Previously FAMC reported that it had advised L’avenir d’Auroville to get input from Farm and Forest groups on their land allocation paper which covered the points of stewardship, and land use (i.e. is it for farming, forestry, or the responsibility of LRM). In October the FAMC were presented with a simplified, clear outline of farm and forest land allocation process. It was acknowledged that the details concerning management and stewardship criteria, and removal of stewardship, needs to be developed and reviewed. It was reported that the same document had been sent to the Green Group already. It was agreed that it should be sent also to the Farm and Forest groups. The FAMC members provided some input which was noted by the L’avenir representative. *L’avenir will continue to incorporate feedback.*

Auroville Maintenance and Unity Fund Loan Process Guidelines were documented starting in 2013. The document was finalized during the month of October and distributed via email to the Auroville Unity Fund, Financial Service, Otto, Auroville Board of Commerce, and Housing Service. The Auroville Board of Services have been asked how loans in the services would be included in the next revision of the paper. *FAMC await their response.*

In the follow-up conversation on a cost escalation report submitted by the up-coming Auroville Institute of Integral Health (AIIH) it was agreed that the situation at AIIH can be viewed as a ‘lesson’ learned. There are many things to be taken from what has happened with the project, and the unplanned cost escalations. It was suggested that a list of questions can be prepared that will be asked of project holder(s) in the future, and used as an FAMC reference. It was suggested and agreed that for public buildings dedicated project managers are needed. It was decided to ask the Auroville Board of Architects for their views on how they could provide forward-thinking questions to avoid unplanned or unexpected project expenses. *At the end of this reporting period the FAMC had not yet received their reply.*

In September it was reported that 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 was needed. After the current account information was provided, the FAMC asked the Land Consolidation Committee (LCC) for an update on all transactions from January 2014 to the present. *The information was submitted by the LCC in mid-October however the members have not had the opportunity to review it in detail, as of the end of this reporting period.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Re Finalized Budget from BCC

Dear Aurovilians

The budget for 2014-15 is at last finalized. Thank you for your patience.

#### Increases in budget:

- The new, increased budget will be disbursed from December 2014 onwards. As we want this budget to at least cover half of the financial year (October 2014 to March 2015), the balance amounts for October and November will also be credited (retroactively) in December 2014.

**Maintenances:**

- Maintenances will be disbursed starting from 1 December 2014 (for November 2014) onward according to the table below.
- In addition, 10 new maintenances have been created and Children Maintenances have been increased by 15%.
- In total there has been a 13.5% increase in the full maintenance budget.

	Fulltime Maintenance			Halftime Maintenance		
	Present Rate	% Increase	New Rate	Present Rate	% Increase	New Rate
Individual	₹ 8,050.00	5%	₹ 8,450.00	₹ 4,025.00	5%	₹ 4,225.00
Health	₹ 330.00	21%	₹ 400.00	₹ 330.00	21%	₹ 400.00
Solar Kitchen	₹ 1,150.00	13%	₹ 1,300.00	₹ 1,150.00	13%	₹ 1,300.00
Pour Tous	₹ 1,200.00	0%	₹ 1,200.00	₹ 600.00	0%	₹ 600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>₹ 10,730.00</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>₹ 11,650.00</b>	<b>₹ 6,105.00</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>₹ 6,675.00</b>

**Allocations:**

- Additionally, Rs. 10 lakhs has been allocated towards capital grants for the services
- A total of Rs.20 lakhs has been allocated for housing for young Aurovilians working in services, to be administered by the Housing Service.

**Contributions:**

- Effective from November 2014 onwards, the City Services monthly contribution per person has been increased from Rs.2850 to Rs.3000.
- As per Health Fund executives' minimum request, the Health-Fund contribution per person has been increased from Rs.330 to Rs.400 (for adults) and from Rs.165 to Rs.200 (for children).
- See the table below for the percentage of maintenances disbursed in various sectors in 2013-14. The percent allocation remain the same in the new budget period 2014-15:

Sectors	% of Maintenances distributed in 2013-14
Education	27%
Children & Youth	19%
Organization	10%
Farms & Forests	9%
Village Education	8%
Social Services	6%
Health	4%
Culture & Sports	3%
Matrimandir	3%
Prosperity Services	3%

Land	2%
Outreach	2%
Utilities	1%
Housing	1%
Roads, Cycle Paths, & Transport	1%
Security	1%
City Planning	0%
Projects	0%
Contingency	1%

Details of the new budget allocations will be published in the BCC December report

*Thanking you, Sincerely BCC*

**Important Clarification**

**ON THE INVITATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FEEDBACK PROCESS FOR THE SELECTION OF THE WC AND AVC**

During the three-day selection process, Friday 5th of December till Sunday 9th of December 2014, all participants of the process will select the 7 members for the new Working Committee as well as the 2 replacement members for the existing AVC between themselves.

The feedback process for the nominated participants has started and will end on Monday 24th of November, 2014.

You are not asked to give feedback on everybody on the list, but only on Aurovilians whom you want to support or on whom you have something to share with the community, which is important and will bring better clarity to the community for the process.

All feedback received by the Review Committee must be signed. It will not automatically be confidential. However if there is a strong valid concern combined with fear for repercussions, this feedback should be brought, in writing, to a member of the Feedback Review committee and the committee will adhere to confidentiality.

Love,  
Your RAS team

**Reminder: Ongoing Feedback process on selection WC & AVC**

Dear Aurovilians,

As informed in details in the last N&N you are invited to give your feedback on the participants of the three days selection process.

You will find a list of them in the last N&N, on Aurnet or a hardcopy is laying out in the Solar Kitchen and Townhall. There

you will find also paper forms, which you can fill up and drop in the box next to it. You can also send your feedback online, by sending a mail to [feedback\\_review\\_list@auroville.org.in](mailto:feedback_review_list@auroville.org.in) or by replying to the mail, which has been sent out to you.

All feedback received by the Review Committee must be signed.

It will not automatically be confidential.

However if there is a strong valid concern combined with fear for repercussions, this feedback should be brought, in writing, to a member of the Feedback Review committee and the committee will adhere to confidentiality.

We would suggest that facts and concerns are focused on rather than stories and interpretations and, wherever possible, that evidence is provided to substantiate any statements made.

However, it is acknowledged that deeply-held intuitions about somebody can also constitute valid feedback.

Your feedback will be looked into by the Review Committee  
**Please make sure, that your feedback is with us before Monday, 24th November till 10 am.**

The Temporary Feedback Review Committee (*Alan, Bridget, Margarita, Meenakshi, Partha, Vinodhini and Shankar*)

## Regarding Hari issue

Dear Community:

This is to inform the community that Aurovilian Haridas has been cleared of the court case following a complaint made by the management of Auroville Health Centre in the year 2010. In fact he was not even an accused in that court case. Relevant documents are available in the Auroville Council's files. Therefore the Council appeals to Aurovilians to support him to build back his damaged reputation in this regard.

Sincerely, AVC sub group  
*Vinodhini, Davaselvam and Helena.*

### LETTER TO GOVERNING BOARD

Dear Dr. Karan Singh, dear members of the Governing Board,  
Greetings from Auroville!

We hope that this email finds you well. Today is November 15, and we are aware that it is the deadline which was given to select the new Land Board.

We are happy to inform you that an announcement regarding the new Land Board members has been sent to the Auroville News & Notes for publication. It should be published in the upcoming News & Notes by Saturday, November 22. After publication to inform the Residents of Auroville, we shall officially notify the Governing Board.

Please find below the above mentioned announcement:

With sincere regards,  
The Working Committee

### ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE NEWS & NOTES

*Dear Community members,*

*This is to inform you that the following seven members have been selected to serve in the new Land Board and have accepted to do so.*

*For the five following names, feedback has been received and processed jointly by the Selection Committee and the Auroville Council in the presence of the Residents' Assembly Service. The answers to the feedback were published on AuroNet (November 1st) and the five names were presented in a General Meeting on (November 3rd):*

- *Alain Grandcolas*
- *Jothi Prasad*
- *Divya Kapoor*

- *Sandeep Dabrol*
- *Gerard Marechal*

*For the following two names, feedback has been received (last day was Thursday, November 13) and is being processed jointly by the Selection Committee and the Auroville Council.*

- *Suhasini Ayer*
- *Kanniappan*

*Pending agreement, these two members will join the other five members to constitute the Land Board and start their work.*

*Sincerely, The Selection Committee for the Land Board, the Auroville Council and the Working Committee*

## Entry Service new membership

Dear Community,

We are happy to announce that Viktoria AVAKIAN (Vika) staying at WeDK Prarthna, after having spent 2 months with the Entry Service team is welcomed to be a full time member at the Entry Service.

This is for community's information.

Feedback to be sent to [avcoffice@auroville.org.in](mailto:avcoffice@auroville.org.in) until 6th December.

Thank you, *AV Council*

## New Land Board

Dear community members,

We are happy to announce the new Land Board, consisting of Alain Grandcolas, Jothi Prasad Rajan, Divya Kapoor, Sandeep Dabrol, Gerard Marechal, Suhasini Ayer and Kanniappan.

Feedback on the last 2 names were processed on 17th of November by the AV Council and Selection Committee, and responses to the individual feedback sent.

The new Land Board will start working very soon; the Council will keep the community posted on timelines, strategies etc. on a regular basis.

We thank you all for the participation and co-operation to help complete this task successfully.

A letter was sent to the Governing Board with the proposed names on Saturday 15th of November. Please find it below for information.

Sincerely,  
*Auroville Council*

## ID CARDS are READY - Phase 3

Last pick-up day Fri 28th Nov.2014

Please come and collect your ID card at the Auroville Foundation and for some please remember to bring your pending ID proof. You have to come in person since you need to sign your card before we can laminate it at the same time.

There are still some cards from phase 1 & 2 that need picking up!

Timings: 10:30 - 12:30 pm, Monday through Friday

2:00 - 04:00 pm, Mon - Wed - Fri

Phone: 2622-222 (Aurora)

Auroville Foundation

## Trip to Pondy on 24th of November and 5th of December - Darshan Days

There will be a bus to Pondy on 24<sup>th</sup> of November and 5<sup>th</sup> of December, Darshan Days, starting from Matrimandir at 9 am following the usual route and coming back to Auroville at noon.

Susmita

## Houses available in Serenity Project

The Serenity Project is in the final stage of selecting the contractor and the work will begin in January 2015. Serenity is located near Maitreya and Arati in the residential zone.

1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments are available for booking.

Please contact one of us in the project team for further information: Joseba - [joseba@auroville.org.in](mailto:joseba@auroville.org.in) - 94 865 36 502 / Min - [min@auroville.org.in](mailto:min@auroville.org.in) - 94 867 50 671 / Sonali - [sonali@auroville.org.in](mailto:sonali@auroville.org.in) - 94 432 63 394

## Welcome to the Water on Lilaloka land, Self-Learning and Resource Center for the Child!



To get water on Lilaloka land has been a long and challenging adventure! But finally after 7 months of building with water tanks provided by Pour Tous Water, here it is, the precious and indispensable Water Connection, that we need so much not only for building but also for our

magical garden. Many thanks to Pour Tous Water team, to Auroville Water Service especially to Lucas and Toby, to l'Avenir d'Auroville and to our neighbors in Existence community.

Since months, Rajan, our caretaker and active member of Lilaloka is taking care in creating a nursery at his house in preparation for the magical garden of Lilaloka. Time has come to move this baby garden to his mother land, to bring the magic of flowers and trees on Lilaloka land and attract our dear friends the Fairies!

On the longer term, the water element will take an important place in Lilaloka project: water is so much an element of joy and spontaneous learning through play! "Playing with water is not only fun, but useful to young children; it nourishes the body and the nerves and has a deep calming effect on children" affirms Partho in his book "Integral Education".

So, right from the phase 1, the inner garden will offer the beauty of a natural pond surrounded by plants, and we hope whenever possible (according to the funds raised), to also offer a small pool for Sensory Exploration, Relaxation in water, Watsu with children etc.

We happily welcome the water element on Lilaloka land!

Update about fundraising: we still need 8.65 Lakhs of Rupees (10,810 Euros / 13,310 Dollars) to complete the raw structure of Lilaloka building. Our donation account: 252023, or online donation: <http://www.auroville.com/donations/>

Merci! [lilaloka@auroville.org.in](mailto:lilaloka@auroville.org.in)

## Energy Saving Lights and Fans with AVES & PTDC

Auroville Electrical Service (AVES) & Pour-Tous Distribution Centre (PTDC) has a stock of efficient light fixtures from Havells such as LED 5W and 10W and 28W T5 tube lights. You could replace your old light fixtures (Tungsten filament, incandescent, halogen or CFL lamps) with LED lamps, for better energy savings.

CFL bulb to LED: up to 50% energy savings

Tungsten Filament bulb to LED: up to 91% energy savings

Tungsten Halogen bulb to LED: up to 82% energy savings

T12 tube light to T5: up to 35% energy savings

T8 tube light to T5 tube light: up to 30% energy savings

You also have the option of replacing your standard ceiling fans with Super efficient fans at a purchase price of Rs. 3,420/-. Replacing your old 75W Ceiling fans to Super efficient fans will give you up to 76% energy savings.

For purchase options and information, please contact: Ph: 0413 2622 132, 0413-2622 264 / E-mail ID: [aves@auroville.org.in](mailto:aves@auroville.org.in)

## Free services offered by Pour Tous Water

Emergency - Repair & Maintenance

Hello everybody,

Pour Tous Water now offers all Auroville's residents, communities, services, and commercial-units alike its Services, Labor & Equipment for Free. **Only materials purchased will be charged for with an additional 10 % service charge**

Free services offered:

1/ Bore well pump checking, repair and maintenance

2/ Water tank cleaning and maintenance:

3/ Exterior & interior Emergency plumbing, repair and maintenance

4/ Sludge & Septic tank maintenance

5/ Water supply by tank of 2500 & 5000 liters

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

Reminder

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

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

We do encourage contributions, for those that can afford it, to PTWater Collection #240023 which will be contributed back to the City Services Budget.

Info:

1 / A voluntary Aurovillian, Shankar (Shankar was a teacher in Isaiambalam School) is helping us to bring to the Users' home the "Bill" or more exactly the "Materials cost + 10 % service charge bill".

2 / Concerning the Sludge & De-sludge issue, PTW participate in the meeting organized by the new Water Consolidation Task Force as AVC resource group (contact Danny - Swedam )

Contact PTW in Abri at: 262 2899 - Mobile: 9843 644 308 - email: [ptw@auroville.org.in](mailto:ptw@auroville.org.in)

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

## Reviving the use of lime in Auroville

For thousands of years lime has been the main binding agent in stone constructions. Lime is a "breathing" material, it absorbs humidity when the environment is humid, and releases its humidity when the surrounding air is dry. Lime is alkaline; fungus does not like to grow on it. It cleans the air and even absorbs carbon dioxide. Because of lower burning temperatures during manufacturing and less transport because of its availability in the region, lime is much more ecological and sustainable than cement. Only little or no water is needed for curing, so it conserves a lot of water compared to cement. When lime is given its time to set, it competes with cement in strength. The strength of lime is increasing over the years, and will last for centuries, while cement has an average lifetime of 70 to 100 years.

In the early days lime was used frequently in Auroville. The longer setting time, the elaborate preparation of the mortar, and sometimes bad results because of unprofessional practises, made it that nowadays mainly cement is being used.

By centralising the production of lime mortar, the use of lime will become more accessible for builders, architects and individuals in Auroville. In the last few years Comfort Design has been using lime according to the local tradition, based on the knowledge of Intach, Puducherry. Comfort Design can provide ready-made lime mortar and plaster, with the intention to revive the use of lime in Auroville, on a professional level.

For more information contact, Sigi 2622938  
([sigikllr@yahoo.com](mailto:sigikllr@yahoo.com)), Manjini 9443459231  
([manjini1978@gmail.com](mailto:manjini1978@gmail.com)), or René 2622738  
([rene@auroville.org.in](mailto:rene@auroville.org.in)).

*René on behalf of Comfort Design*

## Auroville Herbarium V

The purpose of the herbarium: a store of reference material; a means of identification; an arbiter of correct names; a comprehensive data-bank

### A means of identification

To identify the collected plant specimens the following floras are used in AURO:

The Flora of the Tamil Nadu Carnatic, K.M. Matthew  
The Flora of the Palni Hills, K.M. Matthew  
A Revised Handbook to the Flora of Ceylon, M.D. Dassanayake, ed.  
Flora of Andaman-Nicobar Islands, Botanical Survey of India  
Flora of Great Nicobar Island, Botanical Survey of India  
Flora of the Presidency of Madras, J.S. Gamble  
The Flora of the Gulf of Mannar, Botanical Survey of India  
Flora of Karnataka, Cecil J. Saldanha

Most of the identification work is done by N. Balachandran, long-time botanist in Shakti.

For cross-checking and further identification we received the much valued help of some well-known Indian botanists:

- The late Father K.M. Matthew, Rapinath Herbarium, Tiruchi; has been consulting our Herbarium on and off for the compiling of his new regional Flora of the Coromandel Coast (not published). He identified some of our "difficult" collections and donated 245 specimens to the AURO Herbarium.

- Dr. K. Ravikumar, Foundation for Revitalisation of Local Health Traditions, Bangalore came regularly to help in the identification of doubtful species. He donated 32 species, all of them from the north of India.

- Dr. P. Ravichandran, lecturer in the plant biology and biotechnology division of the M.S. University; has been working on our collection of grasses.

- Dr. T. Chakrabarty, Botanical Survey of India, Pune who worked on our Andaman collections and identified among them 5 species new to science.

Also many specimens were sent to other herbaria for identification and/or confirmation.

A: Harvard University Herbaria, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA

AAU: University of Aarhus, Aarhus, Denmark

CANB: Australian National Herbarium, Canberra, A.C.T., Australia

K: Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, Kew, England

*To be continued - Walter*

## Where is the Farmers market gone?

You may be wondering what happened to the "farmers market", the market held at 15-day intervals several Saturdays from late August to early October. Well, it is quite simple: it's not that the experience was bad, on the contrary, many of you came and we loved the exchanges we've had. But we realized that organizing this market under the rain was difficult for you as well as for us, and we chose to suspend it until completion of the monsoon. Please forgive us for having been silent about this...

Now, two good news:

- The first is that we are determined to revive the market as soon as possible, at least from January
- The second is that in the meantime we study the possibility of having, on a regular basis, in a sheltered place, at least one table to meet the farmers and get produces of Auroville farms. We will keep you posted!

*The Localicious team*

(see [www.facebook.com/localicious.auroville](http://www.facebook.com/localicious.auroville))

## POSTINGS

### Garbage Dumping

As the garbage dumping ground has been closed by a court-order, more illegal dumping of garbage along the road-side is being witnessed. Kindly record the date and place, kind of garbage, marks to identify the culprit like vehicle plate-nr., kind of vehicle etc. and send it to: [frederick@auroville.org.in](mailto:frederick@auroville.org.in). This will be forwarded by our lawyer to the Green Tribunal. Thank you, *Frederick*

### Warning to Young Women in AV

I have been harassed, followed and chased at high speed on my bike by a young Tamil man, asking for directions to CSR. This has happened to another girl that I know of as well. Please watch out for him and do not respond to him. The best description of him that I can give is: young Tamil man, black

bike, thin mustache, western clothing style, asks girls for directions to CSR. *Aurotejas*

### Evergreen horses flea market

Hello everyone, we (Evergreen Horses) are going to have a flea market/fundraiser on the 14th of December. So if you have anything lying around or want to give we will gladly pick it up, just Call Sara-9489145177 or Maya-9786951591 - Thank you, *Evergreen horses team*

### Journey to Shanti Niketan

Who wants to enjoy a journey to Shanti Niketan with us? Join us on our trip from November, 26th to December, 6th. Call or text 9442192906 or 9626561256. Looking forward to hearing from you!! *Ulrike Burghardt*

## AVAILABLE

### Book: "La quête de la cité idéale, exploration aux sources de l'Utopie"

We are pleased to announce the release of the booklet: "La quête de la cité idéale, exploration aux sources de l'Utopie"  
A talk by Jean-Claude Paris on November 14, 2006.

Available at: Auroville Press (Visitors Centre) and Auro-Traductions (Town-hall).  
*The French Pavilion*

### Garden's help

For anyone who needs help with their gardens, we at the Botanical Gardens are now in a position to help you. Over the years we have built up a team that has experience and we have the infrastructure and machinery that they can work with on all sorts of jobs - large or small. Give Adhi a call on 9443 958 930 and he will arrange to come over and organise the work.

*Paul Blanchflower*

## LOOKING FOR ...

### Child cycle

Looking for a 9/11 years old child cycle. Any condition, as long as it has 2 wheels and a saddle. Nominal price or free. Please contact Patrick, M.Ang.: 2623 072

### Give-away materials

Aikiyam School 4th Grade children are doing a project on 'Transportation of India'. They are looking for any working materials (Toys, Posters, Puzzles, toy vehicles, etc...). If you have any give away materials, please call our office: 0413-2622358 or mail us: [shankar@auroville.org.in](mailto:shankar@auroville.org.in). Thanks, *Shankar*

### Work

Ettiyan from Kottakarai urgently needs work- He can dig holes, garden or do any other manual labor- He is known to several Aurovilians after years of working here. Please call him for employment- Cell 7639-474-578 - Thanks, *Renu*

### Tailoring machines:

To provide some job opportunities for the village people, Kulappalayam Cultural Centre is looking for old or used

tailoring machines which you wish to give away, please call *Selva*:9843195290 E-mail: [kulaiculturalcentre@auroville.org.in](mailto:kulaiculturalcentre@auroville.org.in).

### Food safe

Does anybody have a small food-safe to give away or to sell? Contact: *Samata*, My landline is not working (or the phone) in case somebody tried to call me regarding this announcement in last week *News and Notes*. Please call 9443797601 or send a mail to [samata@auroville.org.in](mailto:samata@auroville.org.in)

### Work

Hello, my name is Geo (Aurovilian), I would like to get the message out that I am looking for a halftime or fulltime job as soon as possible. I have created my own label 'Aurowear' and have been working in the organic garment sector for the past 4 years now.

I have the following skills to offer: basic knowledge of Excel, Exporting products (packing, shipping, tax etc..), Marketing, In house quality control, Knowledge of the garment industry in India from A to Z, Bookkeeping, German, English and basic Tamil.

Best regards. *Geo*. Contact:

[g\\_connections@hotmail.de](mailto:g_connections@hotmail.de). Mobil:7639628018

## LOST & FOUND

Raincoat (found): Did you forget your raincoat at the State Bank of India?-Please call *Renu* at 262-2261 to identify-

Library book from the Freestore (lost): If you have picked up the book "Lexikon der Forscher und Erfinder von R. Frey" in the Freestore kindly return it to the library to which it still belongs. Thanks.

White teddy bear (lost): In the morning of November 19<sup>th</sup>, between Saylam and Auromode. Kindly return it to its home where it is really loved. Call or text 9442192906 or 9626561256 or hand it over at PTDC.

## THANK YOU

### New Era Secondary School girls' Basket ball team

Dear Friends,

We are happy to announce that the New Era Secondary School girls' Basketball team took part in the Pondicherry state championship for the woman's basketball tournament that was held on 16th -17th Sunday 2014 November.

We would like to thank you so much for your supporting and encouraging as well as the Dehashakti sports complex teachers, Auroville Sports Resource Center Mr. G.Jothi and NESS physical educational team.

Thank you --*NESS -Physical Educational Team*

## APPEAL

### Update Varagu cleaner and the bigger picture

Maybe you remember our little note about the need of a gravity separator, two weeks back; a machine which can clean different grains, including Varagu, through the difference in specific gravity.

The good news is: we got a beginning for the purchase of this costly piece of equipment. Three Aurovilians donated an amount of Rs15,650. This is beautiful, and for us very heart-warming; it gives the feeling of trust and togetherness, which is very important to us. Thanks a lot!!

So far so good, but we have just started and still have a long way to go because the machine will cost more than 5 lakhs. We appeal again to those people who believe we should put our energy behind real self-sustainability. This machine will help give Auroville's granary a future. The granary is situated at Annapurna and stores all grains which have been grown inside Auroville and some in our bioregion (the latter approx. 4,000kg last year). Since all grains need processing and cleaning, Annapurna Farm has set up the facilities to handle the grains and this gravity separator is needed to be able to continue this service.

Grains are our basic food which is more and more under the control of global agro businesses like Monsanto and co. If we do not take real steps here in Auroville towards basic self-reliability and sustainability we will eat more and more food items which are going through the hands of people who only want to make more and more profit instead of providing a basic healthy nutrition.

We are convinced this machine is a must to move on and here is where we stand.

- Continue the appeal to the community for financial assistance (account #: 251874)

- We have applied with PCG for a grant

- We are looking into crowd funding, but need some help there how to go about this

- Considering asking Financial Service for a loan, which we then have to earn back by putting a surcharge on the grains used by the community (22,000 kg of various grains were processed and cleaned in 2013-14 at Annapurna)

- Searching for more avenues to find resources

Any feedback or creative suggestions/ideas are welcome, after all this is about our daily food, and we should look together into this issue as it is part of the question where to put our common resources.

*Tomas - Annapurna Farm, Angelika - Solar Kitchen*

## ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

### House sitting 1

Ancolie, young Aurovilian, is looking for housing from the beginning of January, 2015 onwards. It doesn't have to be big, nor shiny, nor made in marble! Preferably simple and close to nature. I am convinced, really entirely convinced, that there must be some place somewhere! Please contact me via cell phone- 8940566769 or via email - [eilocna@gmail.com](mailto:eilocna@gmail.com). *Ancolie*

### House sitting 2

Hello! Looking for housesitting for long or short term, are a serious worker precise and reliable (Newcommer) also available to wait 2 or 3 months [roberto@auroville.org.in](mailto:roberto@auroville.org.in). *Roberto*

## TAXI SHARING

November 25th: Leaving Auroville (Aspiration G.H.) around 7 am for Chennai airport. Whoever wants to share a taxi please contact Fernando +91 78 688 25 953. Thank you

November 25th: leaving 25th Nov from Auroville, (Maduca) to Chennai airport by 9pm. Do you like to share ? Send sms 8098900471 greetings *Manuela*

November 29th: Taxi to share: Rod is arriving at Chennai Airport at 1.45 am. November 29. Please email me at [kirtihemsell@yahoo.com](mailto:kirtihemsell@yahoo.com) or call me at 2622393 (evening), if you need a ride to or from the airport. Thanks, *Kirti*.

November 29th: Leaving Auroville around 6 pm for Chennai airport. Who want to share contact *Symeon* 2622987. Thank you

December 2nd: Hi, I'm leaving Auroville on December 2 at 12 pm for Chennai Airport. Whoever would like to share the taxi with me please get in touch with *Monica* - 09820468775. Thank you.

December 2nd: Anyone interested to share a taxi that day, please contact Rosa preferable by email. A friend planes to arrive to Chennai Airport around 1.00 pm, he comes alone, so it is possible to share in both ways. [rosa@auroville.org.in](mailto:rosa@auroville.org.in) or by phone between 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm at 2623885. *Rosa*

December 10th: On Wednesday 10 December I come back to Auroville. My flight (KU 343) is landing at Chennai Airport at 4.35 am. If somebody is interested on sharing my taxi, please, send an e-mail to: [depaolis.paola@gmail.com](mailto:depaolis.paola@gmail.com). *Paola*

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

### ACI is growing

The Auroville Campus Initiative (ACI) is expanding its team and is seeking for an enthusiastic and creative individual in the area of communication and information management.

If this matches your profile and you have good English language, computer, and organizational skills and are also an independent worker who would like to be part of an energetic team passionate about adult education in Auroville then drop us a line.

We are looking forward to hearing from you (Maintenance can be provided)

Your ACI team - *Lalit, Michael H, Min* - Contact us at: [edu@auroville.org.in](mailto:edu@auroville.org.in)

## HEALTH

### Glaucoma Camp at the Aravind Vision Centre

There will be a Glaucoma Camp at the Aravind Vision Centre, located at the Auroville Health Centre, on Friday 21 November, from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Reminder: Dr Geeta Auropremi, Ayurvedic doctor from the Ashram, provides weekly consultations at AVHC on all Mondays

from 10 am to 12 noon. Charges vary as per the time taken (Health Fund does not cover the cost of Ayurvedic medicines).

### Integral health & healing with Dr. Geeta Auropremi

Saturday 29 November - from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (24 hour advance registration required)

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.*

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

### Integral Health

*Classical homeopathy hypnotherapy midwifery child care coaching*

Sigrid is back and starts practicing on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. Nora returns beginning of December, Lisa in January, both learned immensely at an intense training at Sankarans "Academy for advanced homeopathy, Mumbai. Gabriele, a very experienced homeopath from Mexico comes for an internship with Sigrid, and will be available for consultations in English and Spanish from Nov 26<sup>th</sup> onwards as well.

PC remedies for Diabetes, High Bloodpressure and Trauma have shown very effective, good results keep coming in. We have 84 PC remedies for Trauma, infectious diseases and chronic diseases. Welcome to enquire, pick up background information and start treatment.

"Harmony and Samata" are homeopathic remedies carrying the energies of Mother and SriAurobindo. The remedies can be obtained free of cost in different potencies, and can be picked

up in C 200 and 1M potency any time in the remedy box of Integral Health. For all purposes please email to [harmonysamata@gmail.com](mailto:harmonysamata@gmail.com)

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

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

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

Manuela is offering professional midwifery, consultation of women's health and hypnotherapy.

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

Consultations are generally held in English, French and German, with Sigrid in Tamil as well, and Manuela speaks Dutch and Italian, Vani French and English, Gabriele Spanish and English

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

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

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More information is available on our website [http://www.auroville.org/health/integral\\_health.htm](http://www.auroville.org/health/integral_health.htm)

## S P O R T S

### AV marathon 2015 Registration is Now Open

Dear Runners in Auroville,

The Auroville Marathon 2015 will be held on February 8, 2015. The online registrations are now open - <http://marathon.auroville.com>.

Paper form registration will be available from SaraCon, home of AV marathon, from November 25 onwards.

The registration will close on December 31, 2014. Please do register if you plan to run in the event.

Enjoy,

*Chandresh for AV marathon team.*

### Tennis Tournament

In connection with a Sports- Festival for girls and women in January, we hope to organise a tennis-tournament for minors, juniors and adults in the Advanced and Medium player category.

All those interested to assist and to play kindly meet on Sunday, the 30th of Nov. at 10 am in Certitude.

If you would like to contribute towards the repair of the courts and the running of this event, pl donate to: 103224 (Certitude Sports Repair)

Thanks, *Frederick*

## E A T I N G O U T

### Café Le Morgan .. Something new?

Come and try the Pancakes (sweet and salty - crêpes et galettes) made by a real Pancake Master from Brittany.

Every day at the Morgan Café from 9 am to 5 pm. You can also take some away that you will fill at home for dinner.

Le Morgan cafe keeps offering you nice breakfasts (idlis, dosai, vadai, samosas, omelettes...) and veg and non-veg food for lunch, as ever.

*Morgan café team*

# Notes

## Invitations

"The founders of Auroville invite Monsieur Bernard Delambre to participate in the ceremony which will dedicate Auroville as the city of universal culture on Wednesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1968 at 10-30 am. Narajata, General Secretary" (in Bernard Delambre' book "Trois vies... Itineraire d'un Aurovillien", Paris, 2011, p.320) - Bernard received this invitation in Paris (Nov. 1967). In the same year the first community of Auroville (Promise) was created before the city inauguration. Then Bernard started his way from Paris to Auroville on the 15<sup>th</sup> Aug. (Sri Aurobindo's birthday) 1969 with the "caravan" of cars (17 people). They arrived in Auroville on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Oct 1969 after 6 thousand kilometers.

I read Bernard's book with great interest. He wrote that the first name of Aspiration community was "Gold Road" but the Mother changed the name. According to Bernard, Aspiration ("Gold Road") was created in a desert with only one huge tree, a tamarind that was in the middle of the settlement. Now this tree is gone but many other kinds of trees grow in Aspiration.

Dimitri von Mohrenshildt in the Sri Aurobindo Ashram told me in 1991 about the invitation which he received in 1958. Eleonore Montgomeri was the leader of the Integral Yoga Society in the United States. She said to Dimitri: "If you want to visit the Ashram, send a letter to the Mother with your photo-portrait". He did so and received the invitation. Dimitri with Eleonore arrived in the Ashram but the Mother was constantly busy and he could not meet her. At last Eleonore informed the Mother: "Dimitri tomorrow will return to the United States". The Mother looked at him. "I never forgot her eyes!" - "But what did you see in them?" - "There are no such words in the human languages; you can say approximately maybe the Objective Love".

Dimitri wanted to ask her: "What will be better for me: to live in the Ashram or to return to America?" He didn't ask but the Mother answered: "The power is everywhere, in any place you can move to the perfection". Dimitri returned to the States but visited the Ashram again and again. He lived permanently in the Ashram from 1976.

Boris

## 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

### GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK (2014) AT AUROVILLE

We are UNLTD TAMIL NADU, a social entrepreneurship incubator. We are organizing a host of activities as part of the Global Entrepreneurship Week observed from the 17th to the 23rd of November. Reaching out to as many individuals as possible and providing them a forum to be a part of a dynamic change-making process in society, is one of the main objectives of activities held during the Week. An Information Desk would be set up at Auroville to facilitate this process. To obtain information about this, please feel free to call Revathi on 9047520702 on Friday between 9am - 12pm.

All are welcome to be an active part of the change in society they would like to see.

You could also visit our website [www.unltdtamilnadu.org](http://www.unltdtamilnadu.org) to learn more about us. Or log onto our Facebook Page <http://www.facebook.com/UnLtdTamilNadu> to participate in our discussions during the Week.

## KONOHANA FAMILY

Konohana Family is a well-established spiritual community of about 80 members that is located at the foot of Mt. Fuji in Japan. The name "Konohana" comes from the goddess of Mt. Fuji. Four members of the Konohana Family are visiting Auroville for the first time from 20th to 27th of November in order to establish meaningful connection between Auroville and Konohana family. A few Aurovilians have been guests of the Konohana Family in Japan who welcome this initiative.

All are invited to a presentation by the Konohana Family that provides an overview of their community, organizational structure, economy, food production and processing, self-sufficiency, and their spiritual practice.

When: 23rd of November from 4 pm.  
Where: Pitanga hall, Samasti.

All are welcomed.  
Hosted by: Bindu, Tomoko B and Prasad.

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## THE CITADINES ART CENTRE

Is pleased to announce the upcoming release of an illustrated book on the construction of:

MATRIMANDIR  
1972 - 2008

With photos from Dominique Darr

It is a French-English bilingual edition of more than 200 pages and 220 color and black & white photos.  
The book will be presented at Citadines.  
Date to be announced.

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## EVOLUTIONARY CAFE

We would like to invite you to join us again in our interactive collective exploration. Every second week we are exploring different 'evolutionary' paradigms, to see how they might be able to help us shed light on some of Auroville's challenges from novel perspectives - hoping of course in the process that they might suggest some interesting new solutions.

Each evening starts with a short inspiring video or talk, after which we use the 'World Cafe' model to divide into smaller groups and reflect on its potential relevance to Auroville through focussing on a given question. So in a fun relaxing atmosphere over tea and biscuits, we hope to nurture a new appreciation of both the challenges and the joys of living in Auroville.

Next week we will be showing a video from Otto Scharmer on the topic of U-Theory (PS: for those who would like copies of this or any of the previous videos, please feel free to bring a memory stick!)

Place: Unity Pavilion  
Time: Tea and biscuits from 6.45pm then the film at 7.00 pm, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of November  
Hosts: David (*Luminosity*) and Ulli (*Auroshilpam*)

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## LIVELY UP YOUR EARTH ECO MUSIC FESTIVAL 2015 KICK OFF

Lively Up Your Earth is coming back in February 2015 for its 5th edition. Solitude Farm organizes the LUYE Eco Music Festival and needs you to prepare this event. Everybody is welcomed the Wednesday and Thursday morning to prepare the festival.

- Come at 8:30 am and stay with us the whole morning then you will enjoy Solitude Farm's products around a free thali.
  - Come and share with the farmers who help the land to give us their best.
  - Come and seed your diversity to prepare this unique event.

The Kick off will be held on Wednesday the 26th of November 2014.

<http://www.facebook.com/livelyupyourearth/>/<http://www.luye.in/>/<http://www.auroville.org/contents/2897>/<http://www.facebook.com/solitudefarm>

Be part of a team who merges earth and arts towards our Human unity. [x.maysonnave@auroville.org.in](mailto:x.maysonnave@auroville.org.in)  
[krishnamckenzie@auroville.org.in](mailto:krishnamckenzie@auroville.org.in)

Xavier on behalf of Solitude

## EXHIBITIONS

### EXHIBITION OF ART WORKS BY FUTURE SCHOOL STUDENTS

From Sat Nov 22nd to Dec 6th



The works created over the past few years defy classification: neither high art nor low art, good or bad art. It is neither about the process nor about the finished product. But it is work that the students had a lot of fun in making. Unpretentious, maybe a bit self-conscious, undeniable nevertheless. Some chose to explore a form while others played with colour and yet a few drew from their life experiences.

An exhibition worth visiting at best to enjoy the works and at worst to show your support.  
Please enjoy without judgment.

## TALK AND OPEN EXPLORATION

Sat 29 Nov. 10.30 - 12 am, SAIER Conference Room

## Decentralization and Humanity's Future - its impact on spirituality, society and commerce

"The growth of the internet and mobile devices has transformed the way societies organize themselves, how commerce is conducted and is shaping humanity much more rapidly than ever before (The Jumping Jesus Phenomenon). This talk will look at human history across 2 millennia and examine forces that caused the big shift from decentralization to centralization and the current forces shaping the new wave towards decentralization. We will look into interesting examples such as Bitcoin (in commerce), Open Spirituality movements, sharing economy and how humanity is being modelled by peer 2 peer technologies, processes and culture"

**Bio**

"Karthik has consulted for leading technology firms and advised the boards and senior management of start-up companies, venture capital and private equity firms.

He has spoken in leading technology and finance conferences in Asia and Europe. His current focus is on understanding humanity's shift from centralization to distributed autonomous communities. He is the Indian ambassador for the world's largest think tank on peer 2 peer alternatives - The P2P-Foundation - and regularly consults for leading banks and management consulting firms.

Karthik recently submitted his PhD to the university of Oslo and holds an MBA from the Norwegian business school and Fudan University (Norway and China), an MS in Computer Science from the Royal institute of Technology (Sweden).

He spends a majority of his free time in understanding the works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother and strives to link it to the day to day realities of the 21st century.

He can be reached at - [karthix@gmail.com](mailto:karthix@gmail.com)

## CULTURAL EVENTS

**A Divine Offering of Indian Classical Dance**

Unity Pavilion

Saturday, November 29th

8:30 pm

**The Forum-Three Theatre Group**

FORUM-THREE THEATRE group from Bangalore will be in Auroville, offering a musical play based on Bertolt Brecht's "Schweyk in the Second World War".

**Date:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Venue:** Sri Aurobindo Auditorium,

**Time:** 7.30 pm

**Language:** English.

**Lead cast:** Sihi Kahi Chandru as Schweyk, Madhusree Baral as Mrs. Kopecka. Vijay Sharma as Baloun, Koushik Roy as Hitler.

Original music score: Sudipto Das

Choreography: Sachin Kumar

Production control: Sangeeta Ghoshal

Directed by Ranjon Ghoshal

The Forum-Three Theatre Group operates out of Bangalore, pushing the city's theatre scape towards new boundaries in production values, content and inclusive community spirit. From Beckett to Badal Sircar, from Girish Karnad to Arun Mukherjee, they have been continuously widening their repertoire.

The latest production is fashioned as a war musical based on "Schweyk in the Second World War" by Bertolt Brecht who has been immensely important in shaping contemporary theatre across the globe.

"The plot is very relevant to our times. With a big war knocking at the door, the play renews its relevance every now and then. And doing Brecht is such a pleasure. His concept of Epic Theatre and idea of 'alienation' will keep the audience at the edge of their seats" says director Ranjon Goshal.



## The New Wave Korean Music Group *Noreum Machi* premieres in South India

Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm  
Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas, Auroville

Combining spectacular percussion, haunting shamanistic chants, agile movement, enchanting dances and virtuoso performances, *Noreum Machi*, the award-winning and much acclaimed *Korean new wave music group*, will premiere in Auroville.

Presented by the Korean Pavilion  
in collaboration with the Consulate General of Korea

### CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

#### AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY - MINI-WORKSHOP ON CONNECTEDNESS

This small workshop is open to everyone who is interested and already acquainted with ATB or similar work, and who would like to spend a few hours in their week-end to enjoy and appreciate moments of deepened and expanded awareness. The main theme will be connectedness (within oneself, with others and with the surroundings) and it will be explored through activities involving breath, sound, space and movement.

The workshop is going to take place in Transition School in the ATB hall on:

**Saturday 6th December, afternoon from 3 to 6.30 pm**

If you would like to participate please contact *Francesco* at 9626895370 or at [Sghilli@hotmail.it](mailto:Sghilli@hotmail.it).

#### WELL BEING (PRANAYAMA) WORKSHOP OF 3 SESSIONS

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

28<sup>th</sup> November (Friday), 29<sup>th</sup> November (Saturday) & 30<sup>th</sup> November (Sunday)

*"It is in good health that the way to transformation is found"*  
*The Mother*

This workshop introduces you to:

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

#### **Intended outcome**

*You will gain confidence to practice on your own. By practicing for about thirty minutes per day, you enjoy a new level of wellbeing.*

This workshop is open to all. No registration is required. To make the workshop beneficial to all, you are requested to:

1. Please be at the venue by 6:45 am on the first day and at 6:50 on the other days.
2. Please note that the session on the last day would be ending at 8:20 am.
3. Please note that the sessions would be held as scheduled even if it rains.
4. Please have your breakfast only after the Pranayama sessions.

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

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

#### GREEN PAPAYA AND LEMON GRASS SOUP

A little soup for starters...

Green Papaya is an underused and super healthy vegetable that is almost free and is available in abundance.

Raw green papayas contains essential nutrients and minerals like potassium, magnesium, and vitamins like A, C, B and E. Green unripe papayas are rich in enzymes; papain and chymopapain which are very good for the stomach. Green papayas benefit the health in many ways. For example, green papayas aid digestion, converts proteins into essential amino acids, cleanse the colon, fight nausea and constipation to name a few. Moreover, green papayas are also good for women as it protects the urinary tract from infections. Here are some of the health benefits of the unripe green papayas.

We invite you to a workshop at Solitude Organic Farm cafe to learn how to use this wonderfully nutritious vegetable.

During these two sessions Sara, our amazing cook will teach you how to make green Papaya and lemon grass soup. This is a delicious and healthy soup and could easily become a regular on our Auroville menus.

**11 am on Saturday 22nd of November and 11 am on Saturday 29th of November**

See you there! Love *Krishna*

#### WORKSHOP IN KERALA

Is anyone interested in studying about *Science of Natural Hygiene (SNH)*?

There is one workshop for 8 days in Kottayam, Kerala, from 8th of Dec-16th.

Basic principle of *SNH* is that "Human is fruitarian". Mr. Kurian has learned about *SNH* from C.R.R Varma and Swaminathan who were from the disciple of late Sri. Acharya Laxman Sharmaji who was the father of the Life Nature Theory in India. He is also well known as a teacher of spiritual farming, which only uses local cow stool, not any agrochemicals.

The course is free and you will get a certificate at the end of it.

Please contact Minori for the details, by the 30th of Nov.: [minoriogawa1124@gmail.com](mailto:minoriogawa1124@gmail.com) / 07867998956. Thanks.

*Minori*

#### INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

**Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother**

**26th November (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: 'Practice - the Sunlit Path'

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

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

Led by Ashesh Joshi. Contact: 9489147202, 2622922

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

All are welcome

For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops:

please visit [www.integralyoga-auroville.com](http://www.integralyoga-auroville.com)

### NIRAMAYA AYURVEDIC MASSAGE COURSE WITH DR. SANKAR

Monday 5 - 10 December 2014 (6 days)

Timings: 9.00 am - 12.00 pm & 2.00 - 4.00 pm (30 hours in total)

Bookings: Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

Dr. Sankar developed this unique "Niramaya" Ayurvedic therapeutic massage technique, using the traditional concepts of Ayurvedic massage and marma (vital points) therapy in combination with modern anatomy and physiology.

A practical hands-on approach is used to learn this innovative massage, which rejuvenates the client and, at the same time, takes care of the well-being of the therapist. You will also learn to control your breathing before, during and after the massage, to protect yourself from negative energies, and to become a receptive channel for transferring positive healing energies to your client. In addition, you will be introduced to the basic principles of Ayurveda as well as anatomy, physiology, yoga, meditation, and breathing.

Hailing from a traditional Ayurvedic doctors family, Dr. Sankar is a gifted 5th-generation doctor, who has been teaching in Asia and Europe. He also heads "Ayurtoday", an Ayurvedic therapy centre in Guruvayur, Kerala.

No knowledge or previous experience is required to attend. Certificate is given upon completion of the course.

### BIODECODAGE

For guidance (in French and English) to re-establish the original Well-Being of the body through 'Biodecodage' everybody is welcome.

By appointment: 948 90 35 457 *Nadia (Citadyn) - Submitted by Frederick (Citadyn)*

### TUNING TO HARMONY WORKSHOP AT CRIPA

Contemplation of sound brings the mind to the Source of Sound, which is Silence. Meditation on harmony, unity, inner peace with the Russian Singing Bells. Experience of collective tuning and being together in sound with the help of the special resonance of the plate Bells.

Led by *Vera Lipen*

Time: 24th of November, Monday, 5.00 to 6.30 pm. Venue: CRIPA (Kalabhum)

No registration required. Contribution requested from guests.

### LEELA THE GAME OF THE SELF-KNOWLEDGE

Come discover the game of your life. The karmic dice will help you to understand your evolutionary path and will guide you to your divine being. With this universal tool, 3000 years old, you will play your role on the large board of dharma.

Finally a game where everyone is winner!

Every Sunday, 9.30 am, at Svedame, Butterfly Barn (Please park outside of the community) - Bring a small object that represents yourself and a notebook.

In English, German, Spanish, Russian and français - Contact *Véronique J.* for information: 948 85 12 678

### THAI MASSAGE

I offer Traditional Thai massage, with or without stretching, and Ayurvedic massage Abhyanga. 1 to 1:30.

At your home (if you can't move) or at my local in Aurodam. For more information: *Christine P.* 9489805493

### LOCALLY GROWN VEGETABLES - SESSION 8

ELEPHANT YAM ERISERI WITH PEPPER - JEERA Rice

The last session (7th) was on preparing Brinjal chutney (thovaiyal) and Bottle Gourd dhal (sorrakai/lauki kootu).

The eighth session will be held on 29th November 2014 (Saturday) at 10.30 am, at Life Education Centre, opposite Isaiambalam School.

This will focus on the preparation of both Elephant Yam Eriseri and Pepper Jeera Rice.

Eriseri is a traditional Kerala dish using yam with the good flavour of pepper and coconut.

Elephant yam, also known as senai kizhangu in Tamil, is also referred to as the elephant foot yam, as it looks like an elephant's foot. Elephant yams have a unique nutritional profile and offer a number of significant health benefits. This makes it a very potent food source when it comes to nutrition. The fiber content in it is naturally high and therefore, it is usually considered a slimming food, as it promotes weight loss and reduces the levels of cholesterol in the body. The consumption of elephant foot yam is good for women, as it increases the oestrogen levels in their body, thereby, helping them to maintain their hormonal balance. Since yams are high in Vitamin B6, it can provide relief from pre-menstrual syndrome (PMS). High intakes of vitamin B6 have also been shown to reduce the risk of heart disease. It is loaded with potassium, magnesium and phosphorus, as well as with trace minerals like selenium, zinc and copper.

The Pepper Jeera Rice, is a flavoured rice prepared using pepper and cumin seeds as the main spices.

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

These bi-monthly sessions are offered by Buvanasundari.

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 29th of November, where we will see, learn, do, eat and ask questions!

*Life Education Centre team*

### CIRCLE OF WOMEN

The need for reconnecting on a deep level with women has constantly grown in me for the last months, and I would like to set a weekly/bi-monthly meeting where women could share freely in a sisterhood spirit.

I invite all women interested to contact me to set up a time and place! *Isis* 9442952914 / [isisrouxpages@gmail.com](mailto:isisrouxpages@gmail.com)

## SCHEDULES

### VIJAN EMILIO LAMPIS - A NEW THERAPIST AT ARKA

Shiastu: Releases the tension from the body and mind.

Moka bustion: Reduces fat and tension from the belly, it is good for constipation and diarrhea.

E.Mail contact: [devanavyo@yahoo.it](mailto:devanavyo@yahoo.it) / Cell phone: 9787390182

## HEALING THROUGH BREATHING - RESPIRATION WORKSHOP

Nov 25th, 26th and 27th- 9.30 am - 12.30 pm with Marie Noelle

Breathing regulates subtle energies such as prana as well as functioning on the level of gas exchanges, it is known as the royal way to relaxation as it consciously directs the sympathetic nervous system. Controlling respiration is a main tool used to release and go beyond the limits of blockages at the physical, emotional and mental levels. Stress causes disease, developing and controlling the breath gives one an excellent tool to help recover and prolong health, it also opens the body to consciousness and the steps on the way to the «Here and Now»

This workshop is open to all ages and individual attention is given as each one has different issues, .Marie Noelle is a French doctor MBBS and practitioner of Yoga, Pranayama, Vipassana and Chi Kong

## PSYCHOSYNTHESIS WORKSHOP - AN INTEGRAL MAP FOR TRANSFORMATION

Nov 28th and Nov 30th with Ulli

Details: Drawing on eastern and western psychology, Psychosynthesis provides a map and experiential tool box towards the integration of all aspects and energies into a harmonious and powerful whole, helping to reveal and disidentify from the underlying beliefs which run our basic

operating system. This workshop gives you a short introduction and chance to practice the first steps.

Part 1: Friday Nov 28th, 9 am-6 pm, "Who is at home?" You will explore ways to connect to the centre of your conscious field, from where love, will and space emerge. Psychosynthesis sees the will as a constructive, guiding force towards the realisation of the SELF

Part 2: Sunday Nov 30th, 9 am-6 pm, "Journey to the Centre" the discovery, integration and transformation of the many inner voices (sub personalities)

Facilitated by: Ulli (Ulrich Roeper) a trained guide in Psychosynthesis and integral gestalt. Psychosynthesis was created by Roberto Assagioli (1888-1974)

Workshop Registration at Pitanga, Samasti, Auroville, tel: 0413 2622403 or email: [pitanga@auroville.org.in](mailto:pitanga@auroville.org.in)

## CLASSES IN HATHA YOGA AT VÉRITÉ

For Beginners Mondays and Fridays 5 to 6:30 pm.

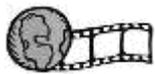
For non- beginners: Wed 5 to 6:30 pm and Sat 6:45 - 8.15 am.

My long years of studying yoga with Monica at Mysore, my experience as a teacher in Caledonia, my knowledge of the body as a registered nurse to allow me to teach all age groups and help everyone to progress whatever their difficulties. My approach includes yoga breathing and body awareness.

The work of the Integral Yoga also includes the body and Asanas to help us to purify it.

For more information Christine P: 9489805493

## FILMS



### The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, November 28th, Friday at

7pm

#### SACRED RIVERS: THE GANGES

2014 - 59 minutes. Produced by the BBC

Simon Reeve follows the sacred waters of the Ganges from source to sea, exploring how India's economy has affected its religious culture. Along the way he meets westerners in Rishikesh seeking spiritual enlightenment, takes a holy dip in the fast-flowing waters at Haridwar and discovers how the river is being severely polluted in Kanpur. While there, Simon hears allegations that holy cows are secretly being slaughtered to fuel a booming leather trade. Finally, at Sagar Island in the Indian Ocean, Simon wonders how long India's age-old sacred river can survive its economic boom.

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)

## AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 24th of November 2014, at 6:30 pm

"MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI - Book 12: EPILOGUE - THE RETURN TO EARTH"

Savitri speaks: "Awakened to the meaning of my heart / That to feel love and oneness is to live/ And this the magic of our golden change, / Is all the truth I know or seek, O sage."

A film by Manohar with Huta's paintings illustrating passages from Savitri read by The Mother and accompanied by her own

organ music. Duration: 27min. We supply photocopies from the "Savitri" texts read by the Mother, so that the texts can be followed while watching the film.

## THE FRENCH PAVILION

Presents

"L'urgence de ralentir"



A French documentary by Philippe Borrel  
Arte France 2014, 1h24'

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> November  
2014 Cinema Paradiso at 5 pm.

"Suicidal and unconscious race", according to Edgar Morin, the financial and technological acceleration, disconnected from man, leads our system towards ecological, economic and social disasters. Everywhere in the world, citizens refuse the constraints of urgency in order to give meaning to time. In Europe, the United States, Latin America or India, Philippe Borrel went to search for individual and collective initiatives offering alternatives based on different paradigms. In Rajasthan, the Barefoot College founded by Bunker Roy recruits women of rural areas to train them in solar engineering; the cities of Romans-sur-Isère and Bristol set up a local currency to resist the all-powerful banks...

## VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

27th Thursday November 8 pm

DAWN OF THE PLANET OF THE APES (2014)

Genre: Action/ Drama/ Sci-Fi/ Dur:1.53min/ Language:

English/ Subtitle: English / Rated: PG13

Dir: [Matt Reeves](#)/Cast:[Gary Oldman](#), [Keri Russell](#), [Andy Serkis](#)

Storyline: Ten years after a pandemic disease, apes who have survived it are drawn into battle with a group of human survivors.

28th Friday November 8 pm

ENDERS GAME (2013)

Genre: Sci-Fi/ Action/ Dur: 1.53min/ Language: English/  
Subtitle: English/ Rated:PG13  
Director: [Gavin Hood](#)/Cast: [Harrison Ford](#), [Asa Butterfield](#),  
[Hailee Steinfeld](#)

Storyline: Young Ender Wiggin is recruited by the International Military to lead the fight against the Formics, a genocidal alien race which nearly annihilated the human race in a previous invasion.



## Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film programme 24 November 2014 to 30 November 2014

**Long-Movie Series:** *This is the second week, we bring you a series that is composed of a long-movie that is divided into six episodes; sort of like a miniseries - of which we have screened three episodes last week and the remaining now. Plus this week too there is one stand-alone film by the same director. We will look forward to your reflections/comments.*

**Long-Movie Series - Monday 24 November, 8.00 pm**  
**TOP OF THE LAKE - EPISODE 4**

New Zealand, 2013, Dir. Jane Campion w/ Elisabeth Moss, Thomas M. Wright, Peter Mullan, and others, Thriller-Drama-Mystery, English w/ English subtitles, 4 of 6 episodes : 60mins, Rated: PG.

Set against a vast, varied terrain - moody, pure and remote, Twelve-year-old Tui Mitcham, daughter of the local drug lord, is pulled from the freezing waters of an alpine lake in New Zealand. She is discovered to be pregnant and won't say who the father is. Then she disappears. Robin Griffin is the straight-talking detective experienced in child protection, who is called in to investigate. But as Robin becomes more and more obsessed with the search for Tui, she begins to realize that finding the girl is tantamount to finding herself - a self she has kept well-hidden.

**Long-Movie Series - Tuesday 25 November, 8:00 pm**  
**TOP OF THE LAKE - EPISODE 5**

New Zealand, 2013, Dir. Jane Campion w/ Elisabeth Moss, Thomas M. Wright, Peter Mullan, and others, Thriller-Drama-Mystery, English w/ English subtitles, 5 of 6 episodes : 60mins, Rated: PG. *Synopsis - same as above*

**Long-Movie Series - Wednesday 26 November, 8.00 pm**  
**TOP OF THE LAKE - EPISODE 6**

New Zealand, 2013, Dir. Jane Campion w/ Elisabeth Moss, Thomas M. Wright, Peter Mullan, and others, Thriller-Drama-Mystery, English w/ English subtitles, 6 of 6 episodes : 60mins, Rated: PG.

*Synopsis - same as above*

**Long-Movie Series - Thursday 27 November, 8.00 pm**  
**THE PIANO**

New Zealand, 1993, Dir. Jane Campion w/ Holly Hunter, Harvey Keitel, 121 mins, Drama-Music-Romance, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

It is the mid-nineteenth century. Ada is a mute who has a young daughter, Flora. In an arranged marriage she leaves her native Scotland accompanied by her daughter and her beloved piano. Life in the rugged forests of New Zealand's North Island is not all she may have imagined and nor is her relationship with her new husband Stewart. She suffers torment and loss when Stewart sells her piano to a neighbour, George. Ada learns from George that she may earn back her piano by giving him piano lessons, but only with certain other conditions attached. At first Ada despises George but slowly their relationship is

transformed and this propels them into a dire situation.

**International - Saturday 29 November, 8:00 pm**  
**BOYHOOD (GROWING UP)**

USA, 2014, Writer-Dir. Richard Linklater w/ Ellar Coltrane, Patricia Arquette, Ethan Hawke, and others, Drama, 165mins, English-Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

From the director of the famous *Sunset Series* w/ Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy comes this riveting film that is shot over 12yrs with the same cast. This is a ground breaking effort to depict the story of growing up as seen through the eyes of a child named Mason, who in reality grows up on screen before our eyes. The film charts the rocky terrain of childhood like no other film has before. Snapshots of adolescence from road trips and family dinners to birthdays and graduations and all the moments in between become transcendent. Set to a soundtrack spanning the years from Coldplay's Yellow to Arcade Fire's Deep Blue. It is both a nostalgic time capsule of the recent past and an ode to growing up and parenting. *A must see!*

**Children's Film - Sunday 30 November, 4:30 pm**  
**HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA**

USA, 2012, Dir. Genndy Tartakovsky w/ Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Andy Samberg, and others, 91mins, Animation-Comedy-Family, English, Rated: G

Dracula, who operates a high-end resort away from the human world, goes into overprotective mode when a boy discovers the resort and falls for the count's teen-aged daughter.

**Fritz Lang Film Festival @ CINECLUB**  
**Ciné-Club - Sunday 30 November, 8:00 pm**

• **CLOAK AND DAGGER**

USA, 1946, Dir. Fritz Lang w/ Gary Cooper, Robert Alda, and others 106mins, Romance-Adventure, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

Professor Jesper is a nuclear scientist who is sent on an espionage assignment into Switzerland to discover and report back what progress the Nazis have made in developing an atomic bomb. It's World War II and the race is on to blow each other up. He is told that respected scientist Katarin Lodor is to be his point of contact but his assignment turns into a rescue mission on meeting her. When this fails, he switches his focus to Italy where he links up with the Italian Underground movement in order to rescue Giovanni Polda, another super-brain scientist.

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

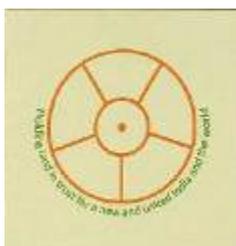
*Kindly do not bring food, drinks, snacks, munchies or your pets into the auditorium.*

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

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

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# Lands for Auroville Unified

Auroville Centre for Urban Research, Administrative Area,  
Auroville - 605 101, Tamil Nadu, India

Auroville, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Dear Friends,

One way to understand human existence and the relevance of Auroville is the image of a flowing river. Just as a mighty river flows through myriad lands to ultimately reach the great ocean, the life of humanity flows through myriad stages of evolution, destined to reach the great ocean of Truth, the Supramental creation. And Auroville is meant to guide, to inspire, to hasten this great flow for humanity. If we accept this view, then it is easy to understand that contributing to Auroville is to contribute to the human journey and its evolution towards this marvellous destiny!

The significant day of 24<sup>th</sup> November is known as a Victory or Siddhi Day in Sri Aurobindo's yoga for the Earth, which opened the path to the Supramental descent. This occasion offers us an opportunity to renew our commitment and celebrate our collaboration. One way to do this is to join, or join again, the **Acres for Auroville** action – a dynamic collaboration between **Lands for Auroville Unified-LFAU & Auroville International** for securing the City of Dawn's territorial integrity.

The first occasion, which also marked A4A's inauguration, was on August 15<sup>th</sup> when this vital action got off to an excellent beginning. So far, A4A has received donations **for acquiring three plots** of different sizes which are in various stages of finalization. If this positive path continues, our first acquisition should be **officially registered as part of Auroville** by the time you read this letter!

So, this message and the accompanying flier are to remind you that, if your circumstances permit, November is an appropriate time to express your solidarity.

If you wish to contribute towards this action for the harmonious and beautiful development of Auroville, you can donate through [www.auroville.com/donations/](http://www.auroville.com/donations/) (using the "Acres for Auroville" button), by check or bank transfer via the Auroville Unity Fund specifying "Acres for Auroville" (information on [www.colaap.org](http://www.colaap.org)) or through the Auroville International center in your country [www.auroville-international.org](http://www.auroville-international.org)

Already-registered donors can use their confidential codes to follow the progress of the campaign by logging in to [www.colaap.org/letmein-admin/](http://www.colaap.org/letmein-admin/)

With confidence in Auroville's bright future,

Aryadeep

Mandakini

for the ACRES FOR AUROVILLE team

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# Acres for Auroville

24 November 2014 – Solidarity with the Vision of Auroville



Sri Aurobindo statue, UNESCO's Garden of Peace

*"Sri Aurobindo is at the origin of the Auroville project. His vision continues to inspire the world and to teach it.*

*This statue is in recognition of the immense spiritual work by the great sage Sri Aurobindo for humanity."*

Irina Bokova, UNESCO  
Director General, the 21 st October 2014  
inaugural ceremony

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, Sri Aurobindo's birthday, Lands for Auroville Unified and Auroville International joined together and launched the **Acres for Auroville** land campaign. Its goal is to secure urgently needed plots of land still missing from the City of Dawn.

*"Auroville, as it exists today, is the most precious gift that the earth possesses. It has momentous possibilities."* said Kireet Joshi, (1931-2014) former Chairman of the Auroville Foundation. Acquiring this land is our act of gratitude in return for the inspiration, the vision, and the opportunity which Sri Aurobindo and The Mother have given us. It's our collective gift in honor of Auroville's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**A4A's first-phase target is the Matrimandir Area & the International Zone.** The acquired land will protect the consecrated atmosphere of the Matrimandir and help assure the harmonious upcoming development of the International Zone with its dedication to peace and human unity.

**We invite all of Auroville's friends and wellwishers, sincere admirers and devotees of Sri Aurobindo & The Mother, all those who believe in humanity's future – to join us!**

**Together let's build a beautiful gift for Auroville's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration!**

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