

# News & Notes

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# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

As yet with the great world she had no link;  
In a small circle of young eager hearts,  
Her spirit's early reign and human school,  
Her apprenticeship she made to life and death,  
Content in her little garden of the gods  
As blossoms a flower in an unvisited place.  
Earth nursed, unconscious still, the inhabiting flame,  
Yet something deeply stirred and dimly knew;  
There was a movement and a passionate call,  
A rainbow dream, a hope of golden change;  
Some secret wing of expectation beat,  
A growing sense of something new and rare  
And beautiful stole across the heart of Time.  
Then a faint whisper of her touched the soil,  
Breathed like a hidden need the soul divines;  
The eye of the great world discovered her,  
A wonder lifted up its bardic voice.  
A key to a Light still kept in being's care,  
The sun-word of an ancient mystery's sense,  
Her name ran murmuring on the lips of men  
Exalted and sweet like an inspired verse  
Struck from the epic lyre of rumour's winds  
Or sung like a chanted thought by the poet Fame.  
But like a sacred symbol's was that cult.  
Admired, unsought, intangible to the grasp

Her beauty and flaming strength were seen afar  
Like lightning playing with the fallen day,  
A glory unapproachably divine.  
There came to join her heart no heart's approach,  
No transient earthly love assailed her calm,  
No hero passion had the strength to seize;  
No eyes demanded her replying eyes.  
A Power within her awed the imperfect flesh;  
The self-protecting genius in our clay  
Divined the goddess in the woman's shape  
And drew back from a touch beyond its kind,  
The earth-nature bound in the sense-life's narrow make.  
The hearts of men are amorous of clay-kin  
And bear not spirits lone and high who bring  
Fire-intimations from the deathless planes  
Too vast for souls not born to mate with heaven.  
Whoever is too great must lonely live,  
Adored he walks in mighty solitude;  
Vain is his labour to create his kins,  
His only comrade is the Strength within.  
Thus was it for a while with Savitri,  
All worshipped marvellingly, none dared to claim.  
Her mind sat high pouring its golden beams,  
Her heart was a crowded temple of delight.  
A single lamp lit in perfection's house,  
A bright pure image in a priestless shrine,  
Alone amid surrounding crowds she dwelt,  
Apart in herself until her hour of fate.

SAVITRI, Book IV, Canto II: The Growth of the Flame

SRI AUROBINDO

*The  
Ponder  
Corner*

...the destiny which binds our physical being, binds in so long or in so far as a greater law does not intervene.

Action belongs to the physical part of us, it is the physical outcome of our being; but behind of our surface is a freer Life- power, a freer Mind-power which has another energy and can create another destiny and bring it in to modify the primary plan, and when the soul and self emerges, when we become consciously spiritual beings, that change can cancel or wholly remodel the graph of our physical fate. Karma, then, or at least any mechanical law of Karma, cannot be accepted as the sole determinant of circumstances and the whole machinery of rebirth and of our future evolution."

*The Life Divine - BK Two Part Two  
Chapter XXII: Rebirth and Other Worlds; Karma, the Soul and Immortality.*

## Forest Group Meeting Minutes

5 Dec 2014 Siddharta Forest

Present: Dave, Julia, Jessamijn, Dominik, Ananda, Jan, Diego, Kannyappan, Shivaraj, V.Boobalan, P. Elumalai, Rik, Hans, Cristo, Yuval, Kumar, Sathya, Christoph

**Green Group-** the Green Group needs recognition from the Farm Group and Forest Group members so that it can function more effectively. Cristo will send the existing mandate to all Forest Group members for reading. Suggestions for amendments can be returned to Cristo by mail. Once the mandate is approved, it will be presented to the concerning sub group of AV Council. If needed, the sub group will rework the document and needs to get this approved again by Forest and Farm Group after which it can be sent for RA ratification.

**Silence-** Kumar and Sathya would like to improve the workshop building in Silence on the road side-which is stewarded by Hans-to use it for livelihood generating activities. The building has been neglected and recently vandalised. To come to a clearer understanding, this will be taken to TDC; Cristo will be the TDC contact person for Kumar, Sathya and Hans.

**Siddharta Forest-**Boobalan asks support from the FG for meeting with the Edyanchavadi Panchayat/village elders for getting the cooperation to fence Siddharta Forest. He will organise the meeting and inform the group on time and location. The Forest Group recognised the need for support and urgency to act and expressed appreciation for Boobalans perseverance.

**Maintenance-** Two maintenances have been provided by HRT. Since the two to whom FG would like to allocate the maintenances to are not present at the meeting, the allocation is pending.

**Participation-** Due to the relatively low attendance of Forest Group meetings it was discussed how the foresters could be motivated to show up more often. Putting pressure on to the people was not seen as a good way. Fact is that to have efficient meetings where things can be organized and issues can be solved, it is important that at least one person of each forest is attending the monthly meetings as regularly as possible.

**Miracle-** Ananda presents drawings for the extension of his house with two rooms for his children. Forest Group approves the extension.

**Success -** Rik presents drawings for the building of his house on the spot of his current capsule. Forest Group approves his building application.

**Varuna-** Cristo has received an invitation from Michael Bonke for the Forest Group to dialogue about hybrid energy systems and linking the Green Belt to the grid. The Forest Group welcomes the Varuna team/representatives to the next FG meeting so that all can attend and participate.

**Green Belt Planning-**David Stein and his wife Achva Bentziger Stein return to Auroville beginning of January to work on a Regional Master Plan for the Green Belt of Auroville and the surrounding villages. They are known to all for their work on the Green Belt Development Plan they prepared a couple of years ago. At that time several Green Workers had participated in this work with enthusiasm and the same will be contacted to complete the work in the coming year. All are welcome to participate in this endeavour.

**Thank you** Boobalan for a delicious catering at this meeting!

Next Forest Group meeting is in Aurodam, 2 January 2015, 15.00h. A happy New Year to all!

## Working Committee

Dear Aurovilians,

We are happy to inform you that on December 15th, the members of the new Working Committee have started the work.

We have been informed by the parting Working Committee that over 400 issues are waiting for our attention. We intend to attend to each topic any upcoming month. If there are any topics which you feel need urgent attention, please send us an email.

Our schedule is as mentioned below.

Please find below our reply to five 'protocol' questions:

Q 1. What is your policy on one of you being present at all RA meetings?

Reply: we intend to have at least 3 members of the team present in all general meetings as well as in meetings of the Resident's Assembly

Q 2: When you make an announcement which carries all your names or is signed as a generic 'Working Committee', will it mean that all of you have approved the announcement?

Reply: we have agreed that, except in special cases, each note and letter will be signed by one of us on behalf of the Working Committee, on the condition that the majority of the members present have approved the draft. We intend to reach consensus but in absence of it, we agreed that 7 members are present, the majority is 5. If 6 members are present, the majority is 4. If 5 or 4 members are present, the majority is 3. If only three members are present, no decisions will be taken. However, the members present can deal with routine issues such as attestations of a person being alive or being a resident of Auroville etc...

Q 3: Will you be publishing your meeting minutes every week in a community forum, like AVnet? Or not? If not, where can community members access your minutes?

Reply: We will only keep notes of decisions taken in meetings. These notes are not accessible to the public. We will publish a report of our work once every month. We shall try to be present on Avnet when appropriate or necessary, in connection with particular topics or events. However for all official communication please write to [workingcom@auroville.org](mailto:workingcom@auroville.org) or meet one of our available members in the office and/or, come to the RA or GM meeting.

Q 4: What framework and process are you putting in place for complaints? Please explain how it will discourage slander and false accusations.

Reply: There is no intention to put any 'rules' or 'framework' in place to deal with complaints. Doing so would not by itself discourage slander and false accusations. Complaints will be dealt with by the Council or Working Committee or jointly, and where issues can be resolved through mediation, will be referred to Koodam. Those who feel that their complaint has not been properly processed are requested to inform us.

Q 5: Will the Working Committee have a three-month apprentice programme as proposed by Chandresh?

Reply: It has been proposed that the WC and AVC host an event inviting youth and young adults. At the moment, at least 50% of the new WC feel apprentices themselves, so it is too early to put in place a program like this. This issue is to be further discussed as soon as there is time and preparation to do so.

In general, please understand that we are just at the start of our mandate, getting familiar with a great amount of tasks and responsibilities. Please give us the time to get acquainted with them and to settle at least the most burning priorities.

We are carrying with us the recommendations of the 3-day selection process, we are aware of the expectations of the community, we are already fully immersed in our job, and wish

to solve pending issues at the soonest, so that we can also be propoitive in our actions.

We are also happy to inform the community that we received a report from Frederick about the visit he made to New Delhi as invitee of Mr. Srinivasamurthy from 9-12 December. Frederick reported:

1. About the meeting of an Auroville delegation consisting of GB member Ms. Ameeta Mehra, IAC member Dr. Vishaka Desai, under-secretary Mr. Srinivasmurthy and himself to the Honorable HRD Minister Ms. Smriti Zubin Irani, in which the Minister was invited to visit Auroville.
2. About the meeting of the delegation together with Hemant with the Chairman, Dr. Karan Singh. In this meeting the Chairman was briefed about the meeting with the Minister. The Chairman expressed that he was pleased that Auroville has a Working Committee and that the Land Board is in place. He expressed concern about the functioning of the TDC. He is looking forward to the 'Retreat' planned for February which has been envisaged by the Vision Task Force and will be organized by the Campus Initiative with Mr. Aromar Ravi as main coordinator. During the Retreat the participants will reflect on topics such as Organisation, Unending Education and Economics.
3. About the meeting of the delegation and Hemant with joint-secretary Shri. Rakesh Ranjan of the HRD Ministry, who is in charge with Unesco affairs and is an ex-officio member of the Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation. The project Humanscape for 500 volunteers was discussed.
4. About the meeting with joint-secretary Mr. Joginder Triparthi (Financial Advisor, HRD Ministry and ex-officio Board member of the Auroville Foundation. Topics discussed were the possibilities of enhancing the annual GOI grant for Auroville, and the Government giving a special endowment for a corpus fund for the 50th Anniversary Celebration in three years.
5. About his meeting with the joint-secretary sports Sri Onkar Kedia and Sri Iyengar to discuss the various provisions under which Auroville could be eligible for funds for sports were outlined:

Angela, Carel, Elisa, Eric, Mandakini, Manohar, Ranjith-Kumar.

Working Committee meeting days, members presence in the office and their phone numbers:

Days	Morning:9:00am-12:30pm	Afternoon:2:00pm-5:00pm
Monday	Open hour- Angela	WC meeting- 3:00pm-6:00pm
Tuesday	Open hour- Carel	Open hour- Manohar
Wednesday	WC meeting at 10:30am Meeting with the Secretary- 11:00am-12:30pm	Open hour- Mandakini
Thursday	Open hour- Ranjith	Open hour- Mandakini
Friday	WC meeting- 9:00am- 11:00am Meeting with AVC- 11:00am-12:30pm	Open hour- Ranjith
Saturday	Open hour- Ranjith	

1. Angela 9443653885, 2622305
2. Carel 9443262298, 2622208
3. Eric 9488483479, 2623136
4. Elisa 9843567780
5. Manohar 9486416179, 2622272
6. Mandakini 9786808481, 2622327
7. Ranjithkumar 9486366842

The Working Committee

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Message about TAN

Dear Trustees and Executives,  
According to a letter received from the Office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, we have to compile a list "of all the units/trusts having different TAN Numbers under single PAN of Auroville Foundation early."  
Kindly furnish this information to [abcoffice@auroville.org.in](mailto:abcoffice@auroville.org.in) with cc to [foundation@aurovillefoundation.org.in](mailto:foundation@aurovillefoundation.org.in) at the earliest otherwise we will not get the TDS Refund.  
For ABC, Ananda - Coordinator

### From the Entry Service - N&N no- 579 dated 27.12.2014

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

AUROVILIANS:

Anatoliy STAROZHUK (Russian) - Staying at Newlands, working as a forester in New Lands.

Snehaprava ROUT (Indian from Orissa) - Staying at Udavi, working as an assistant at the Pre-crèche and as a Librarian at Udavi school.

Surendra ROUT (Indian from Orissa) - Staying at Udavi, working as a teacher at Udavi school.

Chaitanya BAETENS (Belgian) - Staying at Centre Field, working as a carpenter at the New Dawn Carpentry.

CHILD OF AN AUROVILIAN:

Snehankita ROUT (Indian from Orissa) - born on 16/05/2004, studying at Udavi school.

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

CONFIRMATION OF RETURNING AUROVILIANS:

Anne Surya Ormeloh (German)

CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER STATUS:

Santosh JADHAV (Indian from MH)

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

Alain SCHWAB (French)  
Ganesh (Ganesh bala) BALASUBRAMANIAN (Indian from Chennai)

Swati Madhav JALNAPURKAR (American with an OCI)

Balu KUPPUSAMY (Indian from Edayanchavadi)

Enrica CERCHI (Italian)

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ONLY REOPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON MONDAY 5TH OF JANUARY 2015 (not on the 3rd of January, which had been mistakenly been announced)!

The Entry Service is looking for new committed members NOW!!!!!!

Two of the core group members are finishing their term of service in February, and the team needs to be completed with people willing to be full time committed members. A proper relay is essential for the fluidity of this service. We are happy to take the time to answer any of your questions or doubts, and we are happy to share on our work experience with anybody interested in or considering joining.

Ideally, you need to have prior experience of office work or of conducting interviews. Communication skills as well as human relations skills. Fluency in English and ability to type up minutes and undertaking e-mail follow up are also desired, as are good listening skills and an ability to give clear information on the entry process at the desk and during interviews.

**INFORMATION ON JOINING AUROVILLE**

Our office is open to general public on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 to 12 am and Thursday afternoon from 2 to 3 pm on appointment regarding B-Forms and Recommendation letters.

Please note that the last week of each month we are closed to the public. We use this time for studies, field visits and internal office work.

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

**O B I T U A R Y**

**Prema**



This is to inform the community that our dear friend and sister Prema (Adelina Intanno) of Auromode, proceeded to higher spaces in the afternoon of 17 December at 3 pm in her home at Auromodele, in the presence of her partner André, Jacqueline and Louis C. She had been bravely fighting a terminal ailment during the last two years, and was 68 years old.

We will all remember Prema as a high spirited, strong willed and devoted Aurovilian who, from the moment she arrived from Argentina in 1979, started working toward the creation of 'Auromode', which would eventually become one of Auroville's major commercial units and with which her name for ever will be associated. On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> a silent commemoration was held for her at the Matrimandir's Banyan tree.

Prema's body remained for viewing in Auroshilpam's temporary Farewell House till Monday 22 December when the remains were buried in Adventure's funeral grounds at 4 pm in the afternoon with a great many of her friends, colleagues and former employees attending.

*Farewell, Prema, and thank you for all your energies, generosity and dedication to Mother's Auroville.*

Our love and strength go out to André and their 17-year old daughter Pavithra, and other close friends.  
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**Auroville remembers...**

At the change of year we remember those of our family who have gone before us and left their bodies in 2014... Warm and deeply felt memories go out to our comrades on the path Jagran, Toshi, Rakesh, Jean-Marc, Khannan, Ajit, Poongavanam and Prema, - and to highly esteemed Kireetbhai and June Maher, Madeleine Gosselin, Laurel and Joachim; Veenapani Chowla, Haimanot, Tarit Chowdhury, Loulou Reboul, and Wolfgang Dopp.

*Till we meet again...!*

JAY MA

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

**One-week cycle rally**

Dear Community,  
We would like to inform you about a one-week cycle rally for Environmental Awareness that will take place from the 28<sup>th</sup> of December 2014 - 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2015, from here to Sadura Giri, Madurai. The beauty of the trip is that it will start on the

World's Soil Day, and that it has been organized by/for students below 18 years old from schools from the Auroville bio-region. We are proud to share that this is the 16th trip that has taken place over the last 10 years. In the next years we hope to include Auroville schools as well.

If you happen to be on the road during these days, we hope you will recognize our rally and encourage our students on this exciting event!

This event is organized by the Rally Team: Sathyamoorthy (Environmental Education Teacher, Botanical Garden), Muthukumar (Botanical Garden), Sivaoli (SAIIR - Transport service), Umaramanan (Pitchandikulam Forest). For any further information please contact: Sathyamoorthy 9943484458, Sivaoli 9442033370.

Warmly,  
*The Rally Team*

## 10 Years after...

### AVTAS - AUROVILLE TSUNAMI ALARM SERVICE

Welcome from AVTAS, Auroville's Tsunami Alarm Service, a service with no budget, no maintenances, no employees, ..., only me, Raphael (Srima) and a few lost area coordinators with nothing much to do. Thank God!

It's been 10 years since I ran from the waters, from the approaching seas, from the trauma that stuck with me for years (and still lingers in the back of my head and my heart). 10 years of doubt if I really wanted to continue living next to the sea. Yes, everybody said 'Ah, tsunamis only occur every ... years, you don't worry'. But what do they know? Unless you have JUST escaped from one, unless you have seen your life, your place, your belongings, your peace of mind, your fragile security being destroyed in a matter of seconds, you do not understand, you do not have a position, you do not have a right, to judge what is appropriate, what is reasonable, what is needed to react in a sane way. You do not!

At this point I like to draw your attention, your compassion, and your humble feelings to the hundreds, to the thousands, to actually the 7,997 people in Tamil Nadu, to the 12,405 Indians, to the worldwide 227,898 souls who lost their lives on that dreadful day. And to the lakhs of family members and friends who lost their relatives, their beloved and who still suffer and moan 10 years after.

Another dramatic tsunami occurred in Japan along with a nuclear tragedy, as well as a number of Cyclones and Hurricanes. But here in our region not too much damage has been done to people's bodies, but more to their lives, in terms of houses, livelihood and environmental damage.

We - me and my coordinators - will continue to 'bay watch' despite the laughter of the 'inland' people who do not know what they joke about, who do not know what drama they did not have to face on that day 10 years ago.

By the way: we do not really 'bay watch' as some might wonder. We are registered with a server in Germany who sends in case of a tsunami thread SMS alarms. We just make sure we have our cell phones next to us 24/7 and our list of phone numbers handy.

*Raphael/Srima and the AVTAS crew*

## Neelanjani Auroville Visual Artist Center

Drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, calligraphy, etching, graphics, and installations

Dear Community,

We would like to share this historical background of our existence in order to be transparent to all those who are interested in the Visual arts.

In July of 2012 the executives of the Visitors Center requested from the FAMC 8 Lakhs to complete their original plan of having an art gallery on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the new wing of the VC. They were refused. FAMC said they were already over extended and that they thought Bharat Nivas had much underutilized space. On July 30 Bharat Nivas responded that

they kept the right to decide what activities were included in their compound.

At this point Auroville artists were asked to take over the responsibility of building the gallery, which to some of us seemed right for if the artists were not willing to get behind such a venture it would probably turn out to be another boutique selling arts and crafts. We have been an unstable alliance of people who attend one meeting or two, have strong opinions and then are not seen again until they are asked to participate in a show.

In order to raise money for the building of the gallery we wrote a proposal with the help of the architect, Suhasini, and are sending it out to possible donors. We had one serious offer. However, the terms and conditions of the donation were beyond our ability as we were not in a position to hire an engineer required to meet the demands of the donor. The lesson from this is that we must keep close track of the proposals that we send out and that we must have some funds that we can use at our own discretion.

In 2013 we were given a space on the ground floor of the VC for three months to make into a gallery and exhibit Auroville Artists. 26 artists participated. Our intention was to keep the gallery open 6 days a week but we did not have enough support from the artists, so sitting the gallery fell on just a few.

As we were located on the path of the visitors going to see the Matrimandir we had hundreds of people coming through. The majority of them had no interest in the paintings but they were interested and bought the ceramic sculptures. The paintings that sold were by artists who had never shown their paintings before.

If the visitors were interested they went away with a new understanding of art, and the Aurovilians who visited said: "I never knew there were so many artists in Auroville and how wonderfully diverse they are".

Continued next week...

*The Neelanjani Team: Audrey, Emanuele, Elaine, and Coco*

## Results of an Auronet pulse question

Now and again (this is the 7<sup>th</sup> time) we publish results of a question put on Auronet, under the header 'Pulse Question', to take the pulse of the community regarding a certain topic. The Pulse question topic this time: **Private cars in Auroville**. The choice of answers was simply between "yes" and "no".

The question was 'Do you agree with the following statement: "It is urgent to do something about the growing trend of private car ownership in Auroville."'

Total no. of responses as of 17th December 2014: 130

Breakdown:

Yes: 77% (100 votes)

No: 23% (30 votes)

Background for the question was the following article on Auronet: [Private cars of Auroville](#)

Two extracts from the 25 comments:

"I don't own a car and don't want one (...) and agree that our roads are not suited for all-car traffic, but it's the attitude [of interference in personal choices] that worries me the most."

"Cars are ok for the elderly (80+?) and the disabled and for transport. I would not like one for free. It's hard to find in Pondy a parking place even for the bikes. Cars are slow and use too much space which is the most important point for Auroville. You have to provide huge parking places at every public place."

The link to the Pulse question:

<http://www.auroville.org.in/node/44444>

*Submitted by Auronet team*

## Let's bring beauty to Ecoservice

I am Alex and I am volunteering at EcoService for the next three months...When I went to EcoService my first impression was that it lacks something that is almost everywhere in Auroville...BEAUTY.

That is due to a simple false belief: What we think as waste and treat without care, is in fact a useful resource and can be treated with love! So instead of a "waste without care" policy, we propose the "love for resources" revolution.

What does this revolution imply?

- Let's treat those resources like offerings (before sending them to EcoService, washing them and honoring them as a gift to a friend, because the ladies employed to segregate the "resources" have to hand-sort everything .

- Let's improve the places where we stock these offerings as if it were a temple (keep your bins clean and segregated, clearly label them, put nice art, flowers, etc...)

- let's bring more beauty to EcoService's facilities ( so if you have any extra flower plants, banana trees, white paint, art, or anything you can think of that might do so, or have some funds to help us with this please contact us:

Email: [Ecoservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:Ecoservice@auroville.org.in)

phone: Jayamoorthi 9047015812

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ecoservice/1541837466070115?ref=hl>

To learn about other specific ideas of improvement see our Facebook page.

*Alex and the EcoService team*

## Suggested Holidays List for the Year 2015

Dear Friends,

From the following list of paid holidays you could choose a minimum of 10 DAYS in a year to suit your workers/Unit/Community. But please note that the National Holidays\* are mandatory and see that they are included in the choice. Apart from this 10 days holidays we are recommending to give yearly 6 days leave (with pay) to the workers as casual leave for social and health reasons.

### SUGGESTED HOLIDAYS LIST FOR THE YEAR 2015

Sl.No.	Month	Date	Day	Holiday
1	January	1 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday	New year
2		15 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Pongal
3		16 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Pongal (Mattu Pongal)
4		17 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Pongal (Karinaal) (optional)
5		26 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Republic day*
6	March	4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Masi Magam (optional)
7	April	14 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Tamil New year
8	May	1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	May day*
9	August		Saturday	Independence day*
10	September		Thursday	Ganesh Pooja/Vinayagar Chathurthi
11	October	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday	Gandhi Jayanthi*
12		21 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday	Saraswathy/Ayudha Pooja
13	November	10 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Deepavali
14	December	25 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Christmas (optional)

We recommend that the workers who are not covered by the Government Provident Fund Scheme better become a member of SEWA's Retirement fund Scheme. The pamphlets on features and rules and regulations of the schemes are available at SEWA office.

For Annual wage increment for our workers SEWA suggests that up to the wages of Rs.250/= per day 10% increment and above Rs.251/= per day 8% increment. The employers are requested to bear in mind the high inflation rate and do the necessary changes.

We also recommend that the worker be insured against accidents. SEWA provides assistance in getting accident insurance for our workers.

Above are only our suggestions according to the prevailing conditions & norms. We are open to your suggestions & feed back.

For further details or enquiries please visit our office in Ilaignarkal School Campus, Saaram Community, Auroville. Or call 262 2709.

Email: [sewa@auroville.org.in](mailto:sewa@auroville.org.in)

Our Office Hours: Monday to Friday - 9.00 am to 1.00 pm / Friday - 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm / Saturday & Sunday - Holidays

Wishing you all a "Happy Christmas & Prosperous New Year - 2015"

*Meenakshi, Nolly, Klara, Saravanan and the SEWA Team*

## POSTINGS

### 15th anniversary at the Botanical gardens



To celebrate our 15th anniversary, the people working at the Botanical gardens would like to share with you moments of beauty that have manifested over the past years at the gardens. We have

created a Diary for the year 2015, if you would like to purchase one please come to the gardens, or email us at [botanical@auroville.org.in](mailto:botanical@auroville.org.in)

### In need of "Resource Persons"

Dear community members,  
We are working on a few mandates; policies etc. and need help from the community to make it happen. If you have the time, the willingness and a form of expertise, please propose yourself as a "Resource Person" to [avcoffice@auroville.org.in](mailto:avcoffice@auroville.org.in).  
The current topics are:  
- Housing Service/ Board mandate, policy  
- Entry Service mandate, policy  
- Friends/ Partners of Auroville policy  
- Security Policy as a follow up to Police Patrolling budget extension  
- Accessibility of information, sharing and confidentiality  
- Unity Fund executives - term of office

Thank you for your participation!  
Sincerely, *Auroville Council*

### I wonder

I wonder if we could try once more to have these Banyan benches at the Matrimandir rectified? Imagine: if we could have sat in one wide circle during the gathering for Prema last Sunday, what a strong energy field that could have created! Whereas now we were sitting in that bizarre zigzag formation that is nowhere conducive to a sense of togetherness, let alone unity - *Mauna*

### Marathon Market at Visitors Centre

Once again it is planned to have an Auroville 'market' sited opposite the main entrance to the Visitors Centre, on the 7th

and 8th of February.- The timings are 4.30 - 7.30 pm on Sat Feb 7th and 8.00 - 10.00 am on Sunday Feb 8th.

This announcement is an invitation to Aurovilian units interested in having a stall at the Marathon - comprising one or more local marriage-hall-style metal-topped tables with chair(s). Please contact us so we can start planning for the occasion. There may be a small charge for each stall to cover table hire+admin costs, but this will be determined nearer the time.

Due to numerous outside requests it has become necessary to define the purpose of this market which is to give the many visitors attending on that day the opportunity to see - and buy - a wide variety of Auroville designed and made products, plus various Auroville snacks and food items, at the same time taking the opportunity to give a boost to the AV economy. A small market coordination team has emerged for outside participation which may be considered when offered on a pro-bono basis and/or when related to the Marathon Event- the team reserves the right to refuse items or individuals who are not connected with Auroville.

Please contact us at Prisma (ph.262-2296 / E-mail: [prisma@auroville.org.in](mailto:prisma@auroville.org.in)) before the end of the first week in January if you are interested.

### Ready to sing

Dear friends, my artistic side is calling out to me again, after years of neglect! If there are a group of musicians or a band who could use a singer and an amateur keyboardist, please get in touch with me :) I'm open to singing in different genres and languages. Thanks, G. ([sattvig@gmail.com](mailto:sattvig@gmail.com), 0840 799 7970)

## AVAILABLE

### One night at Formule1 Hotel Airport Roissy Paris

One room for three people (one double bed and one single bed) at the Formule 1 Hotel, Roissy Airport Paris, for the night of the 29th of December 2014. If interested please contact: [sylas@auroville.org.in](mailto:sylas@auroville.org.in) or 2622987.

### A mattress for Thai / yoga massage

A mattress for Thai/yoga massage, new and made of cotton and silk, with a bag for carrying around - My email: [lcollao@gmail.com](mailto:lcollao@gmail.com), mobile 7639588336. *Lorena*

### Matrimandir Book

Le Centre d'Art des Citadines informs you that the MATRIMANDIR BOOK can be bought in Citadines - first floor - from eleven to three o' clock. Rs 2500 for Aurovilians

## LOOKING FOR ...

### Call for unused musical instruments

Body: We're in preparation for a larger exhibition on Indian musical instruments. In case you have unused or old instruments, this is a chance to offer them for a good cause. We would come to pick them up, repair them and possibly make them available. Please contact Abhishek: 09988990100 | [gargology@gmail.com](mailto:gargology@gmail.com)

### Full time employment

For house work in the Auromodele area. Preference will be given to ladies with some English understanding & prior house work experience in an Auroville home. Applicants who are able to ride a two-wheeler (moped / scooter), please contact *Anand* 9944904845 to make an interview appointment.

### Gather to play!!

We are going to soon start traditional Indian games at Bharat Nivas every Sunday, for all. We need Aurovilian instructors for all games, preferably not more than 16 years of age. You can choose from the following, a game of your choice and be its instructor.

Kite Flying / Marbles / Daayam / Lagori, Pitthu / Hop Scotch / Elastic / Broken Bangles / 7 Stones / Kho / Kabadi / Gilli Danda / Palanguri / Carrom Board / Chess / Playing Cards. Interested enthusiasts, that feel ready to take the role of game instructors, please write to Riju at: [kalai@auroville.org.in](mailto:kalai@auroville.org.in)

### Second hand office furniture

I am looking for office chairs, desks and a cupboard and am able to make a contribution. Please contact me on [min@auroville.org.in](mailto:min@auroville.org.in) or 94 867 50 671.

### White or bright paint

Ecoservice is refreshing his look to welcome more people who want to learn about us! If you have any left over, white or bright color paint, please let us know, it will be much appreciated! Thanks! Email: [ecoservice@auroville.org](mailto:ecoservice@auroville.org) 8940557907

### Work

Meena, resident of Ediyanchavadi is looking for work for 6 afternoons a week. She is a dependable, regular and organized

with her work. Her spoken English is very good and will do house work, looking after small children and do basic cooking. She is presently employed 4 mornings a week and needs further employment to meet her family expenses, you can contact her directly on her cell - 0 9751 25 7077 or thru her son - 0 9626 48 0220 - Her present employers are Martin Scherfler (surrender) and Lucas (grace) and they will provide recommendations if required.

### French teacher wanted

I'm looking for an experienced teacher of French (early intermediate level) between now and mid-March 2015. Please call *Quentin* (mother tongue English) on 9597945687.

### German teacher

Hartmut is looking for a German teacher in Auroville or Pondicherry who prepares Indian IT-students for work and study in Germany. Phone 8940229406 or Email: vonlieres@gmx.de

### Toilet paper rolls for recycling

Wellpaper looking for toilet paper rolls for recycling. If you have any available for a minimum quantity, please call us (0413 - 2622219). We'll come & collect it or If you like please drop it at Svedam Well Cafe or Kottakarai Wellpaper Unit. Thanks, *Wellpaper Team*.

### Recycled Tetra Pack Sheets

I would like to buy some RUFF material; this is recycled tetra pack sheets 4x8 feet. I found a manufacturer in Mumbai. If you are also interested or know another manufacturer nearby please contact me. [boji@auroville.org.in](mailto:boji@auroville.org.in) *Bogi*

### Electric Piano

I am looking to buy or borrow an electric piano with a Midi out and weighted keys. Please contact me at 9486972147. Thanks, *Aurason*

## LOST & FOUND

Kid's chappals (found): A kid has left her Chappals, violet colours with flowers design in front, at Unity Pavilion on the celebration of the welcoming of new WC & AVC members on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>. If it is yours then pass by anytime from 9 am-5 pm to collect them.

ID AADHAR Card (Lost): If found please call *Arun* at: 08122309861 / or hand it over to the Town Hall Reception. Thanks.

## THANK YOU

### From the Evergreen horse team

We would like to thank everyone who participated & came to the evergreen horse's fundraiser! Thanks to everybody's help we will now be able to start the 2nd phase of our tack room/food store room building. So a big thank you & merry Christmas from the Evergreen horse team!

### Accessible Auroville Book Lunch "Just...follow me" - 21<sup>st</sup> December 2014

We warmly thank the Sticing de Zaiier who has supported the realization of the booklet. Warm thanks to Charu for his cartoons and the graphic designer Giulio.

Thanks to all the people who have made this possible. Thanks to Unity Pavilion for hosting us, Tanto for having offered us pizza, Valeria for her delicate and wonderful Ikebana. Thanks to Carla, Swaha, Marlenka and Rolf who delighted us with their joyful songs and music. Thanks to Auroville Radio, Giorgio for his photos and Manohar for his video. Thanks to everybody who came for listening and sharing, making the moment more unique.

With Gratitude,  
*Susmita for Accessible Auroville Team*  
[\[accessibleauroville@auroville.org.in\]](mailto:[accessibleauroville@auroville.org.in])

## A P P E A L

### Peace Bell for the International Zone of Auroville (Donation appeal)

*If you want peace upon earth, first establish peace in your heart.  
If you want union in the world, first unify the different parts of your being.  
The Mother*

«Peace is but a single word, when echoed by many it becomes a rallying cry for harmony in this world we all share».

International Zone of Auroville - a place to explore and reveal the essential unity that exists behind the diversity of nations and cultures, a place of profound research into human unity and peace.

A consciously tuned plate Bell - an orchestra of deep tones and overtones perfectly fused into one sound, a symbol of our shared aspiration for Peace. The Bell of human height and weight with a deep and long resonating voice is offered by the internationally acknowledged Russian bell-master Alexander Zhikharev, whose instruments are well-known and appreciated in Auroville.

It can manifest through our joint efforts.

For donations inside Auroville: FS 251862 "Peace Bell" account. For donations from outside Auroville: Peace Bell project, Auroville Unity Fund. For the details kindly email to Vera at vera.auroville@gmail.com

*Vera*

## ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

### House sitting1

I'm Charles, nine years Aurovilian, looking for a house-sitting. I'm quiet, responsible and reliable; a good housekeeper. In charge of maintenance at Verite for 2+ years. Now with Blue Light. References available. Funds available for expenses and small repairs. Current house-sitting ends 5 January. Contact: [c.bluelight@auroville.org.in](mailto:c.bluelight@auroville.org.in), 262 2500 (office hours, best), 99434 66057 (bad reception). Thanks in anticipation, *Charles*

### House sitting2

Friendly artistic family of 5 seeking loving 3 bedroom house in or near Auroville for February and March . Please contact *Daniel* at 809-816-3002. Or email to [dan3330249@gmail.com](mailto:dan3330249@gmail.com). Com. Blessings, and thank you!!

## TAXI SHARING

December 26th: Taxi sharing from Auroville to Chennai airport, leaving at 1pm on the 26th of December from Purity Guest House, I'm willing to leave earlier. If you are interested pls contact *Bel* at [ibeljimenez@gmail.com](mailto:ibeljimenez@gmail.com) - Thanks

December 29<sup>th</sup>: A taxi will be leaving Auroville on 29th of Dec @ 11pm to pick my friends from Chennai Airport @ 3.30 am on the following day. The vehicle can be shared one way - that is from Auroville to Chennai. Please call Rama Narayana on his mobile 9487061185." Thanks. *Rama Narayana*

December 31st: I am looking to share a taxi from Auroville to Chennai on the 31st of December. I do not mind leaving at any time before 11 am on the day. If anyone's interested, please contact *Devaja*; 09913929099, [devajashah@gmail.com](mailto:devajashah@gmail.com)

January 7th: Taxi Sharing to Chennai on 7th of January. I am going by taxi to Chennai airport (domestic), leaving Auroville at 1 am on the morning of the 7th of January, to

catch a flight to Bombay, coming back on the same day. Taxi leaving the airport at 8.30 pm to come back to Auroville. I will keep the taxi waiting in Chennai. If you want to share, please call me (2623407) or mail me ([lele@auroville.org.in](mailto:lele@auroville.org.in))

January 7th: Adam will arrive at Chennai airport at 3.50 pm. Please contact [adam.rogerson@virgin.net](mailto:adam.rogerson@virgin.net) or [Heidi@auroville.org.in](mailto:Heidi@auroville.org.in)

January 8th: I am Ahana and I will arrive at Chennai airport at 9.30 am. If you are interested in sharing a taxi to Auroville, please send me a message: [ahana010@gmail.com](mailto:ahana010@gmail.com)

## HEALTH

### Crisis Intervention

AV Health Services reminds the Community that Christian is still volunteering his services (until 1 March, 2015) for anyone needing crisis intervention. He offers coaching and counselling for those encountering difficulties in everyday life matters such as job, partnership, family and inter human relationships. And for anyone just needing to talk, *anonymously*. Call 763 949 3183. *From your AVHS team*

### Naturapath Bach flowers and Pranotherapist at Arka

Anita is a qualified naturapath, specialized in back flowers (framer system)  
She is a pranotherapist and offers her knowledge in this field.  
Please contact her at: 8940552549

## AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Listeners and volunteers the Auroville Radio is always looking for people who are passionate in communication and would like to share skills or learn audio production. We also welcome people who have capacities in web-site creation as we would like to merge the Radio site with the Auroville TV site.

People are welcome to join us for short or long periods of time.

Regarding ACUR and the sound barrier matter, we are waiting for a conclusion, the noise makes the radio work quite difficult and the matter is still pending since 10 months. Volunteer Lionel finished collecting the data and created the criteria for a population sampling for surveys. This information along with the interview explaining his

work will be shared next week on our website, the criteria can be used by any groups.

Next Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Off the Cuff will focus on the 10th anniversary of the Tsunami; pls join us in person or by phone from 10.30-10.45 am to share your memories of that event.

Our Fund raising efforts will start again in the coming weeks as we are missing a third of the yearly budget.

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

**Organic Fun at the Youth Centre (Kids & Youth 20/12/2014)**

This event is organized to collect the needed funds to run the Youth Centre in Auroville. Guests & Aurovilians like it -[English, 37 Minutes]

**Brighu's Music of Guitar (Performing Arts 19/12/2014)**

Brighu Sahni on classical guitar at Pitanga traveling through "tunings" supported with his life philosophy. -[English, 56 Minutes]

**Off the Cuff- Andrea, Renu, Wazo (Performing Arts 19/12/2014)**

This week the trio cover the Inutshuk, organization (as usual), Christmas and stress related illness and costs. -[English, 19 Minutes]

**Farewell Prema, Accessibility** (News from Auroville 18/12/2014)

Featuring Susmita, inviting us to a booklet launch on Sunday 21st at Unity Pavilion - Just Follow Me -[English, 17 Minutes]

**Selections by Gangalakshmi-19** (Integral Yoga 17/12/2014)

A weekly readings by Gangalakshmi (in French) from selected works by or on the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. -[French, 18 Minutes]

**Introduction of new WC members** (Governance 17/12/2014)

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

The new members introduce themselves to the community. As an outcome of the three-day selection process. -[English, 22 Minutes]

**Lionel's impressions of Auroville** (Governance 15/12/2014)

Lionel (a social anthropologist) visiting from Belgium shares his impressions of Auroville structures and democracy. -[French, 34 Minutes]

**Music, New Humanity** (News from Auroville 15/12/2014)

Joyful General Meeting today at 4.30pm at Unity Pavilion to meet new Working Committee and 2 new members of AVC. - [English, 13 Minutes]

## S P O R T S

### Av Ultimate

Dear Community,

In collaboration with Pudhiyadhor, an educational NGO in Chennai, Auroville will be hosting an Ultimate Frisbee Youth Camp in Dehashakti from the 26th-30th of December. It will be a 5-day intensive Ultimate Frisbee, art, dance and personal development camp whose aim is to bridge the gaps created by poverty, gender, caste, colour and language.

The main purpose of conducting this camp in Auroville is because Auroville itself is a much wider experiment that also aims at "Bridging the Gaps". We hope Auroville can instill some of its ideals and the camp give us some insights.

There will be 120 kids and 35 youth coaches from different states and backgrounds in India.

This will offer a great exposure for the Auroville kids to be able to meet other Indian children and learn about their lives and for children from across India to be exposed to Auroville.

It will also be a good way of building friendships and awareness of a wider India.

Thank you to all those who have helped.

*Av Ultimate :)*

### Tennis Tournament 2015

This is to remind anyone interested in playing single or/and doubles to register by any means below.

Online:

[https://auroville.formstack.com/forms/tennis\\_tournament](https://auroville.formstack.com/forms/tennis_tournament)

By email to: [Frederick@auroville.org.in](mailto:Frederick@auroville.org.in)

By listing your name at Certitude / New Creation counter before 31st of December.

Lots will be drawn on 1<sup>st</sup> of January 10 am in Certitude by kids for the three categories: Under 12/Medium/Advanced  
*Frederick*

## T R A V E L

### Latest News from the Travel Shop - Inside India

Please be informed that the Travel Shop has shifted to the Inside India office, in Auroshilpam.

We have received special summer offers from most International Airlines to many destinations. These offers are valid until July 2015. Though, it's still a couple of months away before many start thinking about their summer plans, we feel that this would be a good time to plan your dates and make appropriate arrangement. There are only limited number of seats available on these offers. By the middle of February many of these limited seats will be taken. Please be informed that one should be sure of their travel dates as special fares are not flexible to date changes.

Kuwait Airways have promotional offers to Europe and USA.

Oman Airways have promotional offers to Frankfurt, Paris, London, Milan and Zurich.

Srilankan Airlines have promotional offers to Frankfurt, Paris, London and Rome.

Etiihad Airways have special offers to their destinations on sharing basis with Jet airways and Air Berlin.

Emirates, Qatar Airways and Air India have special offers to all their destinations.

Go Air have promotional offers for their destinations.

We recommend the following minimum check-in time:

Domestic - 2 hour prior to departure / International - 3 hours prior to departure.

Please ensure that you have all the required travel documents for your entire journey i.e., valid passport & necessary visas and that you have had the recommended inoculations for your destination(s). Please check with us in advance if flight schedules have changed.

Insurance: We strongly recommend that you avail of a Travel Insurance.

Tel: 2622078, 2622604, 2623030, [travelshop@auroville.org.in](mailto:travelshop@auroville.org.in), [domestic@inside-india.com](mailto:domestic@inside-india.com), [doulat@inside-india.com](mailto:doulat@inside-india.com)

## G R E E N M A T T E R S



### Green Column Review 2014

There was a lot to report on green and environmental events in this turbulent past

year in the bi-weekly Green Column. Learning about the state of our planet, its environment, people, flora and fauna,

searching beyond the headlines for reliable and relevant information, it's hard to make sense of it all, and to try and find ways in which we can mitigate some of the degradation, suffering and turmoil the planet finds itself in.

We have reported on the following issues:

*Water supply & saving; World Water Day; Waste of water & the Monsoon* (after four consecutive failed monsoons, this

year's rainfall has reached the annual average of 1300 mm); *The Pondicherry waste dump* and its legal implications; *Plastic waste* and how to reduce it;

*Safety of food on our plates; Monsanto, GM crops, Seed freedom; Chemical mango ripening practices: Auroville eggs; Auroville's Local Food movement & vegetable gardens* promoted by Solitude.

We highlighted some *Bright Inventions*, wrote about *India's Biodiversity; The UN summits on Climate Change* in Lima and in Paris to come; the challenges of *Climate Change; Sustainability*; the WWF report on *Vanishing Wildlife; Earth Day* and *The Urgency to Slow Down*.

It is encouraging to see that people around the world are standing up, are much more vocal and take action in the face of the planet's dire state. Social media and organisations like Greenpeace, Avaaz, 350.org and many others, report calamities and losses but also the victories gained for the Earth. Signature campaigns offer ways to actively help by registering one's protest to hold off destructive mining practices, tar sand and oil explorations, and countless other projects that endanger our fragile environment. Global marches against climate change are forcing governments and large corporations to listen and recognise that they are leading the planet on a collision course.

Some corporations, churches, even Oxford University have pledged to divest from fossil fuels, withdrawing their large investments in oil and coal, and to promote alternative energies on a grand scale.

In Auroville, the effort continues to protect the lands and save the Greenbelt from further encroachment. As our small green haven gets more and more hemmed in by an expanding Pondicherry and growing villages, industries, sand mining, and swamped by tourism, we try to make sense, in our daily moving around, of mushrooming housing estates (on 'farmland!') and the multiplying small businesses along our roads, with the noise, pollution and traffic congestion that accompany them...

In this fourth year of the Green Column, we have endeavoured to bring updates on the environment in Auroville, the bioregion and the planet, and explored green, sustainable choices for day-to-day life. We've organised informative displays on climate change, the UN Summit and Earth Day, promoted the Farmers Market (don't miss it, now every Saturday at the Youth Centre!), the Localicious - Local Food - movement, and are once again organising the Sunday walks to Farms and Forests.

*These weekly Farm & Forest Walks usually start after Pongal in mid-January and continue till the end of April. Open and free for all (including volunteers, guests and visitors), they are fun occasions for spending time in nature, discovering more of Auroville, learning, socialising and networking. You will be guided by one of the stewards either on a morning or afternoon walk. Look out for the logo and green posters appearing soon on the main noticeboards, and announcements in the N&N with timings and directions.*

*We wish our readers a green and peaceful 2015, a year where the many challenges and tasks facing us can be approached in creative, constructive ways for the good of the whole planet.*  
*Lisbeth, Bridget, Jasmin*  
*avgreencenter@auroville.org.in*

*The Green Column appears bi-weekly in the N&N as an initiative of the Green Center. We invite you all to share with the community your green news, concerns, initiatives, and sustainable choices & tips for everyday life. The column is also published on AVNet.*

*We are still working on a dedicated space on the intranet where all the Green Columns can be accessed chronologically and by subject, and hope in the coming year to compile and publish a Green Column booklet.*



## The Gregorian Savitri - An Impression

Note: On December 18, Heather Lee and Dr. Kim Cunio from Australia recited at Savitri Bhavan selected passages from Sri Aurobindo's epic poem Savitri in, to quote from their announcement, "traditional Gregorian modes as well as later modes of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris and those of the acclaimed mystic composer Hildegard of Bingen (1098 - 1179)."

It was an exceptional experience to hear them recite - a mystical singing, I would say. Below, a poetic rendition of my impression.

The psychic airwaves  
The music of voice from new lands,  
A different sound of Savitri  
A different experience of the epic  
The Gregorian Savitri  
Heather and Kim, the two singers  
The two lovers of the master's labour  
Takes you to the ether of words  
Brings you the comfort of consciousness  
The Gregorian Savitri  
The software of hardware  
The core of Christian civilization  
The Western tune  
The Eastern Veda

The Gregorian Savitri  
The opening of the morning sky  
The gorgeous blossoming of a bud  
The graceful flow of a mighty river  
The tranquil surge of a mountain stream  
The Gregorian Savitri  
The ancient aspiration  
A modern Seer  
A future vision  
The Sweetness behind past, present and future  
The Gregorian Savitri

*Aryadeep ((24.12.14)*

PS: Heather Lee and Dr. Kin Cunio are going to recite again on Friday 26 December at Bharat Nivas at 7.30 p.m. Do not miss it. They are cherishing "a long term project to chant the entire text" of Savitri in this way.

*More about the singers (from the announcement): Heather Lee has Australia's finest voice and has performed at the Whitehouse, the Olympic Games, the United Nations and many festivals, singing everything from opera to early music. Dr. Kim Cunio is a leading composer, researcher and performer of sacred music and has been commissioned to set many of the world's spiritual treasures to music including the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Khalili collection of Islamic art and the Louvre's collection of Egyptian antiquities. Website: [www.kimcunio.com](http://www.kimcunio.com)*

## Clarification Concerning Inuksuk

The International Zone Coordination Team would like to respond to the letter that appeared in last week's N&N from the Board of AVI Canada opposing any movement of Inuksuk. We welcome this feedback even though it is based on a misunderstanding because there is no proposal from us or from TDC (who is the authority to do this) about moving Inuksuk. Certainly, moving the Inuksuk to make way for a symbolic focal point of the European area was never proposed as asserted in the letter, and never would have been agreed.

The misunderstanding may have arisen because the Canadian Pavilion is planned for the area of the International Zone which is under the stewardship of the Darkali Community. Many people are aware that there is an overall plan for the International Zone approved by L'Avenir as well as the International Zone Group from some years ago. In this plan the area designated for the American Continent is positioned in Darkali. As a result of this plan, the then USA Pavilion was also designated for Darkali creating a controversy that could only be later resolved by creating International House as a project of the US Pavilion Group and the Pavilion to be located in Darkali...

We would like to thank the Board of AVI Canada for clarifying that the Inuksuk is not the Canadian Pavilion and is meant for the Zone as a whole with a universal symbolism for indigenous people.

The present International Zone Coordination Team is working with L'Avenir to come up with a 5 year development plan, and the preliminary planning is being done. This work is at an early stage; with the IZ team working on a draft proposal for L'Avenir, which could be the basis for ongoing planning work. This new plan will take into account input from various sources, including Pavilion Groups and AVI Groups. Two well attended meetings have already taken place where all the Pavilion Groups were invited to participate and give their feedback. The work on the present proposal includes consultation with all interested parties and the incorporation of recent studies of the ground realities and environmental parameters. Sub-groups are presently working on this proposal.

We are happy to report to the Board of AVI Canada that much more has happened in the International Zone in the last forty years than just the Inuksuk and International House you have mentioned. There has been the establishment and expansion of the Visitors' Centre, Savitri Bhavan, and Unity Pavilion. Two large developments are underway with the Auroville Language Laboratory and the Tamil Heritage Centre. Construction and renovation is almost never ending at Bharat Nivas. However, this is no defense of the past but an opportunity to now express our wish to accelerate development and activities. New permanent housing will soon begin supported by the new infrastructural developments of water and electricity, Temporary housing as well as one temporary industrial unit has also been recently introduced. Africa House is starting to take shape and innovations like the Sankalpa Art Project and the Hungarian Caravan are beginning.

We would therefore like to reassure AVI Canada and the Auroville Community that anyone who has any issue is most welcome to come and discuss it with us directly. Anyone who would like to contribute to this work is also more than welcome. For any further clarification, please contact the IZ Coordination Team at [izcoordination@auroville.org.in](mailto:izcoordination@auroville.org.in)

*IZ Coordination Team*

## Message of L'avenir about the Inuksuk

*The following e-mail has been sent by L'avenir d'Auroville on Dec.18, 2014 to the following persons and groups: Renu, Monique P, Mita Radhakrishnan, B, Christian Feuillette, Vani, Auroville International Zone Team, Jyoti Naoki Eri, International Zone coordination group, Fif, ElaineCatherine, Martin Littlewood*

Dear all,

It has been brought to our attention that an exchange of mail is happening in relation to the relocation of the Inukshuk sculpture. In this regard we would like to clarify that TDC/L'avenir is not informed of any proposal to relocate of the Inukshuk sculpture. It is only L'avenir that has the mandate to approve construction of building or their relocation.

For the time being this topic is not in the agenda of L'avenir and no party has formally approached L'avenir with such proposal

Thanks, TDC / L'avenir Planning team

# For your calendar



## AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri - read by Mother - to Sunil's music

Every THURSDAY at sunset - from 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, i-pads, cell phones, etc. Dear Guests, please carry your guest cards with you and note that access is only for the Amphitheater, from 5.15 pm.

Please be seated by 5.25 pm, no late entry. Thank you.

*Amphitheatre Team*



## SILENT MEDITATION FOR AUROVILLE

Let's meet as usual under the Banyan tree Matrimandir,

**Every Thursday 5 to 5.30 pm.** We will concentrate on this phrase:

*"Please Mother, help us to open ourselves to the Divine Consciousness, thank you"*

Then you can listen to Mother recite Savitri at the amphitheater, at 5.30 pm.

Thank you for being together

## INVITATIONS



### Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

*invites you to  
A Prayer for Peace*

Lighting of Lamps followed by a Meditation  
*At the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture  
December 31, 2014 at 7 pm*

## ATB PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER

Saturday 3rd January - Transition School, ATB Hall. 11.00 am to 12.30 pm.

This is a kind invitation to all those parents who would like to come and participate with their children above 11 years old; and to all those kids from 11 years old onwards who would love to have an ATB session with their parents!

Exploring in a playful and safe space the different aspects of your Being. Open for surprises. Leaving behind what we know from each other and re-discovering ourselves again in this present moment.

And ready to have fun and go deeper in our connections.

Please if you are interested gently let me know in advance at [rosa@auroville.org.in](mailto:rosa@auroville.org.in)

## New Year party at Well Cafe Wednesday 31/12/14

6.30 pm - 8.00 pm- Dinner World food

8 pm - 9 pm: The movie:- "Covelong point"

In a journey of hope and friendship, "Covelong Point" is a story of sea and surf, with the colorful and incredible background of South East India.

9 pm - Midnight:-Dance-World music

Happy New Year

*Well team at SVE DAME (near CSR)*

## New Year Celebration at New Colors

(New Colors is an educational and creative learning center, situated in a peaceful, friendly environment in Edayanchavady village. Our main service is to provide a free after-school-support program for the village children)

We welcome everyone for the "New Year Celebration" at New Colors.

Together we will be lighting candles with the children, and making a bonfire.

During the whole event there will be live music of Shiva Vathiyam or Kailaya Vathiyam

(On this auspicious day we pray to Lord Shiva for a Wonderful New Year - 2015)

Date: 1/1/2015 - Time: 6:00 pm

Contact: [newcolors2002@gmail.com](mailto:newcolors2002@gmail.com) / Cell No: 95855 13279 and 9865 444472

Way to New Colors: Visitors Centre - Edayanchavady Village temple - turn right-500 Meters (before Agni) - New Colors sign board (on your left) - turn right / Certitude- Edayanchavady Village temple- go straight- 500 Meters (before Agni) - New Colors sign board (on your left) - turn right.

Reminder: Pongal festival in New Colors is on 17/01/2015 at 2:00 pm.

## Gallery Square Circle, Kala Kendra - Bharat Nivas

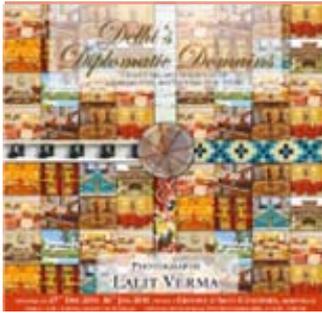
Invites all of you to visit our resident artist Reiko Shimizu, a Japanese artist from Kolkata,

From 16th of December, 2014 to 15th of January, 2015

<http://www.reikoshimizu.org/>

Do find time to visit her and interact.

## EXHIBITIONS



### Delhi's Diplomatic Domains

Chancelleries and Residences of Chanakyapuri and Imperial New Delhi

Photographs By *Lalit Verma*

Opening on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2014, at 4.30 - 7.00 pm  
Centre D'art Citadines, Auroville  
During: 27 Dec. 2014 to 16 Jan.2015  
Daily: 2.30 - 5.30 PM (except Sundays)

### 'Through Kolam Eyes' an Exhibition by Grace

At Pitanga Cultural Centre opening January 3rd with an inauguration at 6.30pm and light refreshments followed by 30 minute dance performance. The exhibition runs until January 25th .

Paintings, collages and installation of archetypal Kolam patterns that narrate and weave together stories of their origin, meaning and intention.

Kolam is practiced by the Tamil women in South India as a long forgotten Syllabus, still alive, it now is considered a Ephemeral art form made up of powdered dot and lines that are poured skilfully with the finger's intelligence into a visual or non-verbal Language that has the ability to speak in symbols. These Kolam forms and shapes are Universal and accessible to all humankind regardless of religion, culture, tradition and race. Therefore the Kolam has a tremendous potential to enact as a learning tool. We find within the Kolam a treasure house filled with Riddles, Numbers, Sacred-Geometry, Mandalas, Yantra's, Tessellations, Fractals, Mantras, Sound Patterns, Science, Animal and Plant DNA structures and so on...

## TALKS , SEMINARS



### EXPLORATION ON CONSCIOUSNESS

Who am I?

Ancient spiritual truths seen and explored in modern day language

A presentation on the nondual perspective by:  
Paul Smit (The Netherlands)

Wednesday 7th of January at Cinema Paradiso,  
MMC auditorium - Town Hall.  
From 4 to 6 pm

A presentation where science and spiritual truths as presented in the Vedas are seamlessly woven together in a light and humorous way. Philosopher and comedian Paul Smit is as a speaker in great demand for big corporate companies in Europe. His thesis in university was on the evolution of human consciousness, and he has written several books on philosophy and non-duality. [www.a-dvaita.com](http://www.a-dvaita.com)



### PITCHANDIKULAM FOREST - HERBAL TEAM

#### Health Management in Winter

*With Ayurveda and the Use of Local Herbs*

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2015 (10 to 12:30 and 14:30 to 16:00)

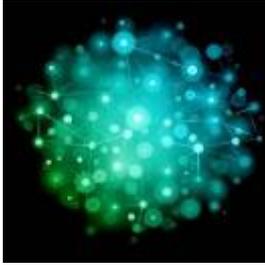
Body condition during winter

Daily and seasonal routines preventing ailments

Local plants and vegetables naturally supporting health in winter

Various herbal preparations: decoctions, oils,...

For information and registration, please call or SMS  
Bérengere (Bee) on 9489505691



## THE FRENCH PAVILION, THE CIRHU AND THE UNITY PAVILION

Present a talk in English

### «Pioneering Humanity: from the I to the We»

Given by Jean-François Noubel.

Saturday 27th December at 5 pm,  
Cinema Paradiso, Town Hall

## insight seminars

presents

### HIGHLIGHTS OF TAMIL NADU

An Introduction to the cultural and spiritual aspects of

Chidambaram/ Thanjavur/ Thiruvannamalai/ Mahabalipuram

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2015, Friday Presented by: Ela

Time: 3 pm

Venue: Insight Seminar room, ground floor,  
Inside India building, Auroshilpam (opposite CSR, behind Auromode)

No registration required, free of charge.

Organized by Inside India

insight@auroville.org.in / [www.aurovilleseminars.com](http://www.aurovilleseminars.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/avinsideindia>

## insight seminars

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### 'Interactive Sessions on Auroville'

Introduction to the Vision and Concept of Auroville

29<sup>th</sup> December 2014 Monday presented by Manoj

Education in Auroville

30<sup>th</sup> December 2014 Tuesday presented by Deepti

Auroville Economy and Organization

31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 Wednesday presented by Joster

Matri Mandir

2nd January 2015 Friday presented by 'B'

Time: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. including question and answer session.

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

\*The presentations are free of charge. Anyone may walk in.

Organized by Inside India

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<https://www.facebook.com/avinsideindia>

## CULTURAL EVENTS



### Violin Solo Recital by Ladislav Brozman

Sunday, December 28th at 5.30 pm in Pitanga

Violin Program

Johann Sebastian Bach - Sonata for violin in G-minor - BWV 1001

Eugène Ysaÿe - Sonata for violin in G-minor - Op. 27 Nr. 1

Johann Sebastian Bach - Sonata for violin in D-minor - BWV 1004

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## Ko Kona Lam Dance Performance

Saturday, Jan 3rd at 7.30pm in Pitanga Cultural Centre

A 30 min performance by Grace to inaugurate her exhibition "through Kollam eyes",  
Light refreshments served at 6.30 pm and doors close at 7:30 pm sharp for the performance!

Ko- aspiration from/for something long forgotten...

Kona- Angular, triangular, hill/mountain top, as highest peak...

Lam- descent into earths matter also the sound of our Muladhara/root chakra...

The three sounds Ko, Kona and Lam weave together with Music, Dance and animated projections of Kolam, stories of the archetypal Woman through time.

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## Sitar and Harmonium Concert

Sujoy Basu plays the sitar in his unique way, which is a blend of the renowned gharanas of his trainings and he has created his very own personal style.

He will be joined by Suwendu Banerjee on Harmonium and Arindam Chakravarty on Tabla.

Sujoy Basu and Arindam Chakravarty have played for us in Aug, 2013.

Date 27th Dec, Saturday at Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, 8 pm

All are warmly welcome-

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## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

### PHYSICAL THEATRE CLASS SERIES

Jan and Feb, Tuesdays 2-4 at CRIPA

In this series we'll explore how to embody words, story and imagery through our body. For performers or non-performers, we will draw elements of physical theatre from Grotowski, corporeal mime, clown and others to play, learn and express ourselves. Through this series we will learn and explore ideas and techniques that can be used either to work with pre-existing scripts or help you in creating your own! For more info and to sign up, please call or email Kaeridwyn at 7639225831 or [dwyndle@gmail.com](mailto:dwyndle@gmail.com)"

### COMMUNITY BUILDING WORKSHOP.

Starting Thursday 1st of January at 5 o'clock till 7 o'clock in the evening at Nilatangham,

This workshop will go on for 2 more full days: Friday and Saturday

Community Building is a group process that leads to deeper, more authentic communication. It is based on the principles identified by Dr. M. Scott Peck in his books (The different drum). Experiential in its nature, Community Building is an adventure in human interaction based on a set of guidelines and principles. Participants are gently guided through a process that shows how to look beyond the cultural, political and religious differences that prevent us from embracing our common humanity.

More: <http://fce-community.org>

This workshop is facilitated by Sabine Bartscherer, who guided about 100 groups/communities through the process, (see: [www.netzwerk-gemeinschaftsbildung.com](http://www.netzwerk-gemeinschaftsbildung.com))

Registration: [ambre@auroville.org.in](mailto:ambre@auroville.org.in)

This workshop is embracing all of you wishing to experiment, especially Aurovilians and Newcomers, and is on a donation basis

### AQUAGYM CLASS

Aquagym Class with Elisa restarted every Thursday from 4 to 5 pm at La Piscine New Creation.

Enjoy exercise in the water with music!

Thanking you, *Elisa*

### INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

31st December (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: 'The Synthesis of Yoga'

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)

### MANDALA - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

How to express the potential and the entirety of our personality

After the exhibition in Kalakendra, Carla sello will make a workshop in Arka on Friday and Saturday 2nd & 3rd of January 2015 at 9:30 am to 6:00 pm.

The Mandala is a remarkable fusion of creativity and Meditation that facilitates the exploration of our inner selves with different art techniques. A group experience which, through the movement of the body( expressive circular movement accompanied by music, as inspired by the Rio Abierto System, Argentina) coloring mandalas and playing games together allowing us to enter in deep contact with ourselves in a joyful and fun way, discovering the connection between the past and future.

Arka healing center,Auroville, TN 605101, INDIA - For booking contact (0413) 2623799 / [arka@auroville.org.in](mailto:arka@auroville.org.in)

## WELLPAPER WORKSHOP 31/12 WEDNESDAY

Skills Handicraft Arts Recycle Education

You are invited for a 3 hour introductory workshop to create art and products from waste (mainly recycled newspaper).

### Bowls Coiling introductory workshop

The WELL Women will introduce how to create beautiful bowls, containers or accessories made of flattened and coiled newspaper sticks. Most likely you will end up with more than one item.

The workshops are instructed by WELL women from the villages around Auroville. These women are very well practiced. These women have teaching experience in and out of AV.

Contribution: Rs.500 for guests. All the workshops has a minimum of 6 participants registered

The workshop will take place every Wednesday between 9:30 to 12:30

Wellpaper is conducting also art workshops which are still not scheduled. Please email us for further information

If you would like to join us please email us to: [wellpaper@auroville.org.in](mailto:wellpaper@auroville.org.in) or call 0413-2622219.

*Wellpaper team*

## VERITE

**CLASSES - drop in** - all classes are open to everybody!

With Philippe & Sabine, [www.niamaste.com](http://www.niamaste.com)

International Nia Training Faculty, licensed Black Belt Nia Teachers, Dance Movement Meditation Teacher; are teaching and moving people since 11 years worldwide in Workshops, Retreats, Trainings, Congresses, Hospitals and Festivals.

**Nia - Holistic Dance & Movement Fusion Class**

Mondays & Fridays: 5.15-6.15 pm, Verite Hall

Wednesdays: 6-7 pm, New Creation Dance Studio

Saturday: 5-6 pm, New Creation Dance Studio

Done barefoot to diverse and inspiring music, Nia is a beautiful transformational movement practice that teaches you to be more joyful, expressive and alive in your body. Nia is holistic, engaging your body, mind, emotions and spirit. Nia draws from dance arts, martial arts and healing arts to create purposeful movement that will help you grow and heal.

**Pilates Bodymotion**

Mondays & Fridays: 4-5 pm, Verite Hall

Saturdays: 7.15-8.15 am, Verite

Pilates Bodymotion is a modern body mind training which is improving your movement quality and health. Following a flow of different healing exercises with variations, repetitions and combinations, the class gives you the time to sense, correct, your posture; train and heal safely. The concept of the power house helps you to train our body, relax your mind and gain a natural postural alignment. The seven principles of the practice are: breathing, centering, alignment, shoulder girdle movement, relaxation, width and length of movement, joint articulation.

**Soul Motion™ Odyssey Class**

Tuesdays: 5.00-6.30 pm, Verite Hall

Odyssey: An extended adventurous voyage or trip; the Hero's journey. I-AM-ONE-WITH-ALL-ONE

Soul Motion Odyssey is a facilitated dance inquiry with minimal verbal facilitation into presence and awareness of myself and each other on and off the dance floor. You are introduced to the four Soul Motion Movement Landscapes: Dance Intimate, Communion, Community, and Infinite. You will also be introduced to the Platforms of Pause Presence, Orbit Orientation, and Echo Inspiration. In this dance excursion you will gain experience and confidence in seeing/sensing with a 360 degree orientation.

**Soul Motion™: Mindful Movement Class**

**The Dance Alone, Together**

Thursdays: 9.00-10.00 am, Verite Hall

Bringing one's complete, non-judgmental attention to the present experience on a moment-to-moment basis. Soul Motion Mindful Movement is a dance inquiry into presence and awareness of oneself on and off the dance floor. Moving in the landscape of Dance Intimate you gain experience and confidence in seeing and sensing the inspiration that is everywhere present. In the 360 degree field, within and without. The atmosphere is contemplative conscious dancing, the facilitation is minimal, and the dance is solo.

No classes on Christmas (Dec 24 & 25) and New Year (Dec 31 & Jan 1)

## HULA HOOPING WORKSHOP

With Amanda from the USA

Come and enjoy a multi-level workshop exploring hula hoop fitness, dance, and play! Please wear yoga type clothes.

**January 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday**

Ages 6-14: 9:30-11:30 am/ Adult: 12:30-3:30 pm at Eluciole circus - Miracle Community

Space is limited, so please make prior reservations.

Contact Amanda at [Amo72@wildcats.unh.edu](mailto:Amo72@wildcats.unh.edu) / *Kalou*: 9787332791

## YOGIC PERMACULTURE WORKSHOPS

Nath Yoga - Introduction and History

2-3-4 January 2015, 7 - 11 am

Venue: Sunspace at Windarra near Ganesh Bakery

Permaculture in India is as ancient as the vedas, it was known by the name panchvatika or 5 level plantations. Forest plants do not naturally carry the kind of calories we need, panchvatika is the technology of non-violently persuading the forest to produce crop we can eat, and its principles are similar to permaculture with one added focus, the farmer. In Yogic Permaculture (Panchvatika) the nath yogis have incorporated yogic techniques for the farmers so that they could be in tune with and focused on the rhythms of nature and the bio-rhythms of the planet. Understanding subtle life force energetic rhythms through yoga, the farmer is able to induce the right timing and rhythm on his permaculture farm.

In the Yogic Permaculture course Ashwin Mohan will teach 44 important yoga practices that will clear the mind and focus it on natural rhythms for the purpose of permaculture.

*Ashwin Mohan is an ordained Nath Yogi and holder of the 312 techniques of the Nath Yoga Parampara. He is also a renowned activist; his non-profit Na Boli Trust is working to end sexual violence in India by inducing a culture of respect and valour. Once upon a time a entrepreneur and business consultant he took sanyas and dedicated his life to empowering social causes by rejuvenating living environments for a harmonious human and nature interaction.*

Get your hands dirty with Permaculture

5-6-7 January 2015, 7 - 11 am

Venue: different Farms and Community spaces

- Introduction and history of Permaculture
- Interactive game sessions
- Ethics and Principles of Permaculture
- Hand's-On-Gardening
- Site visits
- Energized by "Heal the Soil Team"

Evening Music/Film/Documentary

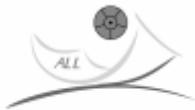
2-3-4-5-6-7 January 2015, 7 pm

Venue: Farms and Community spaces around Auroville

- Inspiring Films and Activities with the group
- Invite your friends and family

Info and bookings: Ashwin Mohan: +91-9886006839. Seed: +91-9489692272. Looking forward to dig and hug with Yogic Permaculture!

## NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB



### NEW SCHEDULE OF CLASSES -29th of December 2014

#### New French and German Classes at the Lab

We are happy to welcome two teachers of French: Alice and Evelyn, both from France.

Alice will teach French for all levels on Tuesdays and Fridays from 3.30 to 4.30pm for the months of January and February. Classes will be fun with theatre, games and singing songs. She speaks English and Spanish.

Evelyn, from AVI France will offer classes over Jan and Feb and part of March, for all levels on Tuesdays and Wednesdays mornings as well as early afternoons on both days. 1-2:30 might work for Aurovillians, so contact us for timings.

We are also very happy to welcome Erika, who is an experienced German Teacher, coming to Auroville with the intention of becoming a Newcomer. Erika has taught German for 42 years!

She will offer the A1 Certification course for German. The requirements for the first level are 60 hours. Classes will be for 2 hours, 3 days a week, for 10 weeks. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 4-6 pm. The course will start on Jan 5th, Monday and go till March 12th. Those who want to take the A1 certification exam in Chennai could subsequently do so. Others can simply take advantage of a structured class to get the basics right and really make progress...The class is also a Refresher course for those who have picked up a bit of German along the way. There will be some grammar but the emphasis will be on communication skills. More enjoyable - There will be conversation, games, and you will already start writing and acting out dialogues from the 4th session.

Usual Lab contributions will apply but the set of books textbook and workbook will need to be bought separately.

The Language Lab is open Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Location: Shakti Community, next to the Pyramids, on Last School Campus / Phone: 2623 661, 9585207962 Email [all@auroville.org.in](mailto:all@auroville.org.in)

## QUIET HEALING CENTER: COURSES & WORKSHOPS

### Qigong Workshop with Irene Reintjens

Dates: Monday 5 - Wednesday 7 January 2015 (3 days)

Timings: 9.00 AM - 4.00 PM (15 hours)

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

Qigong is the ancient art of maintaining and restoring health based on Traditional Chinese Medicine and Taoist wisdom. This workshop offers both theory and practice in Qigong exercises, which regulate breath, body and mind. It teaches how to unblock and balance the flow of Qi and to recognize the yin-yang polarity in human beings and nature.

You will also learn ways to balance this subtle energy in food, work, life, relationships etc. and to build up your psycho-physical immune system, inner tranquility and strength. Irene has been teaching Qigong worldwide for over 20 years. Having received her training in China and Italy from Chinese medical doctors, she is an experienced energy healer and certified instructor of Medical Qigong.

### Somatic Movement with Maggie

Dates: Thursday 8 - Friday 9 January 2015 (2 days)

Timings: 9.30 AM - 4.30 PM (10 hours)

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

A 2-day neuro-muscular re-education (mind-body training) workshop in the tradition of Thomas Hanna.

Somatics is a system of slow mindful movements and a gentle, easy and effective way to help manage chronic and acute pain. Other benefits include more ease in the body, better posture

and deep relaxation. You will learn a daily practice in order to maintain better flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance resulting in a decrease of aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging.

The workshop is open to all as anyone can benefit from less stress and more ease and comfort in body and mind.

Facilitated by Maggie, a qualified professional trained at the International Institute of Somatic Movement Education, UK.

### Watsu Introduction with Bogi

Dates: Thursday 8 - Friday 9 January 2015 (2 mornings)

Timings: 8.30 AM - 12.30 PM (8 hours)

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

Many consider Watsu the most profound development in bodywork in our time. The holding that working in water necessitates brings the receiver to a new level of connection and trust. This, combined with the therapeutic benefits of warm water and greater freedom of movement, creates a therapeutic modality that affects every level of our being.

Learn to give and receive some simple yet profound movements in warm water. Using the water as support, you will learn to float, massage, stretch, cradle and hold someone in tune with the breath. Watsu Introduction offers an excellent exposure to the world of Watsu and is an ideal precursor for the Watsu & Liquid Flow Basic course. No previous experience required!

### Tantsu Yoga Introduction with Bogi

Dates: Thursday 8 - Friday 9 January 2015 (2 afternoons)

Timings: 1.30 PM - 5.30 PM (8 hours)

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

Tantsu Yoga has grown out of Watsu, a bodywork modality developed in the 1980's by Harold Dull that involves floating and stretching people in warm water. In Tantsu, the unconditional holding of Watsu is brought back onto land.

In this excellent intro into the world of Tantsu Yoga, you will stretch and move your partner in rhythm with the breath, engaging your whole core, both body and heart center. Rather than a fixed sequence, you will learn how to explore the potential in each position and move in ways that keeps each interaction new. No previous experience required!

### Water & Dance with Dariya & Daniel

Dates: Saturday 10 - Sunday 11 January 2015 (2 days)

Timings: 9.00 AM - 6.30 PM (15 hours)

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

A 2-day workshop for lovers of movement, dance and flow. We will playfully explore and express ourselves on our own, with partners and in group, on land and in water. From self-connection to allowing movements to unfold -- no one deciding where to go, while opening doors for non-verbal communication and sharing.

Connecting on land with our deeper longings, we give the body permission to find its own ways of expression and possibly contact others. Warm water with its sense of weightlessness and fluidity invites us to let go and experiment with our own organic, flowing way of moving. Water & Dance gives 15 hours of credit for registration as a supplemental class with Watsu India. No previous experience required!

### Vedic Healing Course with Omkar

Dates: Saturday 10 - Sunday 11 January 2015 (2 days)

Timings: 10.30 AM - 5.30 PM (12 hours)

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

This course teaches the ancient art of Vedic Healing through *Prana Vidya* or the *Knowledge of Prana*, the universal life force that permeates all creation. *Prana Vidya* offers the knowledge of gaining, restoring and uplifting *Prana* in our body. It also explains how to transfer this life force to other people, who are sick or in an imbalanced state.

*Prana Vidya* was already used in Vedic times; its concepts are described in the Vedas, and works with the *pranic* body. It is simple to learn, invites all types of lifestyle, does not have any negative side-effects, can cure a wide range of mental and physical issues, improves character, memory power, and thought processes, purifies our inner being and uplifts our spiritual life. While learning, its healing power can already be experienced. Omkar, founder of "Pranava Peetam Trust", has been teaching Prana Vidya in India and abroad to everyone, who is eager to learn this ancient Vedic healing method.

## VERITE PROGRAM

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

### PERCEPTIBLE BREATH with Veronika

*Detailed Programme: Monday to Friday Dec 29 to Jan 2 (by advance registration)*

*Morning: 9 am to 12 noon (Monday to Friday)*

*Afternoon: 3 - 4 pm on (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)*

The Mother referred in "The Agenda" to the meaning of the physical body for the transformation and emphasized that it must become more permeable and perceiving. In balance between devotion and awareness, we will learn basic abilities such as:

#### • Focusing • Perceiving • Breathing

*"We let our breath come. We let it go and wait, until it comes back naturally."* -Ilse Middendorf

*VERONIKA is a professional teacher, trainer and qualified breathing therapist with extensive experience. She is a founder and 12 years executive director of the Ilse Middendorf Institute for Breath Therapy and Teaching (Berlin). See: [www.transformationandbreath.com](http://www.transformationandbreath.com)*

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

*Wednesday 31 December - from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (24 hour advanced 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 YTTTC 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.*

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

*Friday 2 January - from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (24 hour advanced 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.

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### LIFE COACHING: HOW TO LEAD A MORE FULFILLED, JOYFUL AND INTUITIVE LIFE

With Julie

Saturday, 3 January from 9 am to 12.30 pm

Julie will facilitate individual and group exercises to help you find answers to how to live life to its full potential. You'll come away feeling refreshed and energized to live your life fully.

*JULIE combines her extensive coaching, yoga and business consulting experience to help clients find a balance between thought and action, between being mindful and practical. She specializes in relationship and career coaching.*

### MANAGING YOUR ENERGY FOR SUCCESS IN EVERYDAY LIFE - with Neeta

Saturday, 3 January from 9 am to 4.45 pm

In this program, you will learn the fundamentals in managing your energy for every day success:

-Techniques in grounding your energy

-The function of your auric field

-Techniques to cleaning and protecting your auric field

*Neeta Maharaj is an intuitive, energy healer, and past life regression therapist. Her work is a combination of modern psychological techniques, which work in parallel with traditional psychic work. She is a licensed minister and certified practitioner through the Dolphin Star Mystery School in Mt. Shasta, California.*



## PITANGA NEWS

### CLASSES

*COURS DE HATHA YOGA ET YOGA NIDRA reprise avec Sylvie a partir de Jan 5th - Lundi et Vendredi 10.15am - 11.45am, et Yoga*

*Nidra Mardi 4pm - 5.30pm, en français à Pitanga et YOGA NIDRA- Mardi 4pm -5.30pm*

### WORKSHOPS

#### - DEEP LISTENING AND SOUND MEDICINE WORKSHOP

*With Silvia Nakkach and Vox Mundi Ensemble Jan. 4th, 3.30 pm-6.30 pm*

This workshop explores the use of music to clear and open energetic channels and as a gateway to restore vitality, lessen stress, and stimulate a feeling of community and joy. Through guided contemplative practices and chanting, participants share an original repertoire of ancient seed-sounds and medicine melodies to apply in shamanic journeys, psychotherapy, and performance. We will experience the emotional magic that comes from singing the icaros of the Peruvian Amazon, and chants of indigenous traditions of India, Tibet, Brazil, and beyond. This cross-cultural workshop is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in exploring self-healing through deep listening and creativity.

*Grammy award winner, Silvia Nakkach, MA, MMT, is a composer and pioneer in the field of sound and consciousness. She devoted to the studies of raga singing with the late maestro Ali Akbar Khan for more than 30 years. She is in the faculty of the California Institute of Integral Studies where she created the premier Sound, Voice, and Music Healing Certificate held in an academic institution. She is the founder/director of the Vox Mundi School of the Voice, and she is the author of Free Your Voice (Sounds True, 2012. [www.voxmundiproject.com](http://www.voxmundiproject.com)*

#### - ANATOMY THROUGH SOMATIC MOVEMENT

*With Francesco, Sunday, Dec 28th, 9am - 4.30pm (especially for yoga practitioners), see last weeks news or auronet for details.*

*- MANDALA - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE with Carla. Friday and Saturday, Dec 26 and 27th, 9.30am - 6.00pm*

### THERAPIES at PITANGA

Veronica Stansby offers the following treatments by appointment at Pitanga: Natural Medicine (Certified German Heilpraktiker), Herbal medicine, Cupping, Diet, Nutrition, Detox, Energy Balancing, Cranio Sacral Therapy (Franklin Sills) and Psychotherapy (Maura Sills, Angwin St. Just), (Trauma Therapy, Hypnosis).

*Pitanga is closed for Thursday December 25th and Thursday January 1st*

## NEW CREATION DANCE STUDIO SCHEDULE

### MONDAY:

5-6pm: Pilates basic (Savitri)

6-7pm: Zumba (Sathish)

### TUESDAY:

7.30-8.30am: Pilates intermediate (Savitri)

5-6pm: Aerobics beginners/intermediate (Bobby)

6-8pm: Hip Hop for kids (Sathish)

### WEDNESDAY:

7-8.30am: Ballet (Marianna)

3-6pm: Ballet school students (Marianna)

6-7pm: Nia Dance (Philippe/Sabine)

7-8.30pm: Hip Hop for kids (Sathish)

### THURSDAY:

5-6pm: Fitness with weights (Bobby)

6-7pm: Zumba (Sathish)

7-8.30pm: Salsa (Raja)

### FRIDAY:

7-8.30am: Ballet (Marianna)

5-6pm: Aerobics (Bobby)

6-7.30pm: Cappoeira (Jeremy)

### SATURDAY:

7.30-8.30am: Pilates basic (Savitri)

8.30-10am: Gymnastics for school students (Terra)

3-5pm: Hip Hop for kids (Sathish)

5-6pm: Nia Dance (Philippe/Sabine)

7-8pm: West Coast swing (Kaya)

## FILMS



### CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY 2nd JANUARY - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)  
"WADJDA"

*Director:* Haifaa al-Mansour, Saudi Arabia & Germany, 2012

*Stars:* Waad Mohammed, Reem Abdullah, Abdulrahman al-Guhani

*Synopsis:* Wadjda is a 10-year-old girl living in a suburb of Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia. Although she lives in a conservative world, Wadjda is fun loving, entrepreneurial and always pushing the boundaries of what she can get away with. After a fight with Abdullah, a neighborhood boy she shouldn't be playing with, Wadjda sees a beautiful green bicycle for sale. She wants the bicycle desperately so that she can beat Abdullah in a race. But Wadjda's mother won't allow it, fearing repercussions from a society that sees bicycles as dangerous to a girl's virtue. So Wadjda decides to try and raise the money herself... "Wadjda" is the first feature film ever made in Saudi Arabia; it is written and directed by a woman. It did receive a lot of awards including one for the young actress.

*Original version in Arabic with English Subtitles - Duration: 1h.38'*



## The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, January 2nd, Friday at 7 pm

### COWSPIRACY: THE SUSTAINABILITY SECRET

2014 - 85 min. Directed by Kip Andersen & Keegan Kuhn

The World's largest environmental organizations are failing to address the single most destructive force facing the planet today. Follow the shocking, yet humorous, journey of an aspiring environmentalist, as he daringly seeks to find the real solution to the most pressing environmental issues and true path to sustainability.

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 SADHANAFORST: 21:30

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

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

## VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

1st January Thursday

WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
(No Show)

2nd January Friday 8 pm

MEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN (2014)

Genre: Comedy / Drama / Dur.: 1.49 min / Rated: Above18 / Language: English / Subtitle: English

Cast: [Kaitlyn Dever](#), [Rosemarie DeWitt](#), [Ansel Elgort](#) - Dir: [Jason Reitman](#)

Storyline: A group of high school teenagers and their parents attempt to navigate the many ways the Internet has changed their relationships, their communication, their self-image, and their love lives.

## AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> of December 2014 at 6:30 pm.

"MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI - Book 1: THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS, Canto 1: THE SYMBOL DAWN"

"It was the hour before the Gods awake. / Across the path of the divine Event / The huge foreboding mind of Night, alone / In her unlit temple of eternity, / Lay stretched immobile upon Silence' marge. / ... A fathomless zero occupied the world. "

A film by Manohar of Huta's paintings illustrating passages from Savitri read by The Mother and accompanied on her own organ music. We supply photocopies from the "Savitri" texts read by the Mother, so that the texts could be followed when watching the film. Duration: 46min.



## Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film programme 29 December 2014 to 4 January 2015

About the Foodie Film Series: *The remaining film of the series, Estomago, scheduled on Saturday, 28 December 2014 is a wonderful film. However, it is about 'eating or be eaten', i.e. a bit Hannibal Lectur-ish towards the end.*

Indian - Monday 29 December, 8.00 pm:

- JAL (WATER)

India, 2013, Dir. Girish Malik w/Tannishtha Chatterjee, Saidah Jules, Purab Kohli, and others, Drama, 126mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

In this story, young man Bakka is gifted with a special ability, the ability to find water in the desert. Bakka tries to solve the drought problems in his village, but faces unforeseen

circumstances when he tries to help a female ornithologist from Russia save flamingos. With the backdrop of water scarcity, the film tells a complex and intriguing story of love, relationships, enmity, deceit and circumstances that bring about the dark side of humans. It is a high-octane drama with a shocking climax. Shot on an epic scale, the film is a visual treat and has managed to capture Rann of Kutch like never before. *Also never before, did an Indian film, in the history of Indian cinema receive an Oscar nomination (2015) as one of the five final nominees in the 'Mainstream Best Picture' category (not Best Foreign Film) - this one did!* Please note: there is an issue with its subtitle. If it cannot be solved we will schedule another new and wonderful film!

Italian - Tuesday 30 December, 8:00 pm:

- VIAGGIO SOLA (A Five Star Life)

Italy, 2013, Dir. Maria Sole Tognazzi w/ Margherita Buy, Stefano Accorsi, Lesley Manville, and others, Comedy, 85mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

Forty-something years old Irene had a dream job that made her life easy: she was a luxury hotel inspector and her work got carried out in a wonderful ever-renewed setting. But does a dream job necessarily mean a dream life? Irene tried not to ask herself the question too openly. Yes she was single but she had managed to remain on good terms with Andrea, her former companion. Things could have gone on that way hadn't one day Irene met Kate...

Season's Greetings! - Wednesday 31 December, 8.00 pm:

- HOLIDAY (NO FILM SCHEDULED)

Happy New Year! - Thursday 1 January, 8.00 pm:

- HOLIDAY (NO FILM SCHEDULED)

International - Saturday 3 January, 8:00 pm:

- LA DANZA DE LA REALIDAD (The Dance of Reality)

Chile-France, 2013, Writer-Director. Alejandro Jodorowsky w/ Brontis Jodorowsky, Pamela Flores, Jeremias, and others, Biography-Drama-Fantasy, 130mins, Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

The director, Alejandro Jodorowsky was born in 1929 in Tocopilla, a coastal town on the edge of the Chilean desert where this film was shot. It was there that Jodorowsky underwent an unhappy and alienated childhood as part of an

uprooted family. Blending his personal history with metaphor, mythology and poetry, the film reflects Jodorowsky's philosophy that reality is not objective but rather a "dance" created by our own imaginations. *An off-beat film presenting an interesting interpretation*

Children's Film - Sunday 4 January, 4:30 pm:

- CASTLE IN THE SKY

Japan, 1986, Dir. Hayao Miyazaki w/ Anna Paquin, James Van Der Beek, and others, 124mins, Animation-Action-Adventure, English, Rated: G

A young boy and a girl with a magic crystal must race against pirates and foreign agents in a search for a legendary floating castle.

Jim Jarmusch Film Festival @ CINECLUB

Ciné-Club - Sunday 4 January, 8:00 pm:

- GHOST DOG: THE WAY OF THE SAMURAI

USA, 1999, Dir. J Jarmusch w/Forest Whitaker, Henry Silva, and others, Drama, 116mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

Ghost Dog lives above the world, alongside a flock of birds, in a homemade shack on the roof of an abandoned building. Guided by the words of an ancient samurai text, Ghost Dog is a professional killer able to dissolve into the night and move through the city unnoticed. When Ghost Dog's code is dangerously betrayed by the dysfunctional mafia family that occasionally employs him, he reacts strictly in accord with the way of the Samurai.

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

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

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

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at [mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in).

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

## ACT NEW TIME TABLE

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

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

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

### SHOPPING TRIP

Tuesday

8:50 AM from Vérité

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

### AFTERNOON TRIP

Monday

2:50 PM from Vérité

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

Wednesday and Friday

4:30 PM from Vérité

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

**Please Note:** In case the ACT bus is not available as per the time table please be on the lookout for a replacement by Auroville Jeep or Van, we will ensure that a small white and orange sign is visible on the replacement vehicle. All trips are paying trips and ACT welcomes your contribution everyday on every trip. ACT maintains its voluntary contribution policy aligned with Auroville's utopia, ideals and aims. At present it is YOUR contribution ALONE which keeps the service afloat. Travel passes are available from Financial Service (Town Hall & Aspiration) and Guest Service (above the Solar Kitchen). For more information contact ACT (0413) - 2622962 or [act@auroville.org.in](mailto:act@auroville.org.in)

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

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

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***"This wonderful world of delight waiting at our gates for our call, to come down upon earth."***

*The Mother 1961.*

### ***New Year at the Matrimandir***

#### **On 31.12.2014**

- **From 4.30 to 9 pm**, the Inner Chamber will remain open for Aurovilians and New Comers for their concentration on the last day of the Year.
- **From 5.30 to 8 pm**, the Banyan Tree will be lit with candles to welcome the New Year. All are to maintain complete silence under the Banyan Tree and in the Garden of Unity. Auroville guests are requested to carry their Aurocards with them.
- **From 11 pm to 12.15 am**: The Inner Chamber will remain open for the midnight meditation for Aurovilians and Newcomers only. All are requested to be seated in the Inner Chamber by 11.45 pm.

*Visitors' hour for concentration in the Matrimandir as usual in the morning between 9 and 11.30 am as per their respective bookings.*

#### **On 1.1.2015**

- **At 6 am**, Aurovilians and Newcomers are invited to gather silently under the Banyan Tree for a concentration for the New Year. Let it be symbolic of our collective aspiration for the manifestation of the true Auroville. Entrance by the Office Gate from 5.45 am.
- **From 5.15 to 6.15 pm**, Russian Singing Bells in the Amphitheatre. Auroville guests are requested to carry their Aurocards with them. Entrance by the Office Gate from 5 pm.

*Visitors' hour for concentration in the Matrimandir as usual in the morning between 9 and 11.30 am as per their respective bookings.*

***Bonne Annee and Happy New Year to All!***