

News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

It came clearly (Sri Aurobindo was there), and with the absolutely clear picture of what death is.... Now I can't repeat it.

In reality, to put it practically (but that's no longer the thing), what people call "death" is when the instrument of expression - the instrument of connection with the milieu, of expression - has deteriorated to the point where it can no longer be used, and so there comes a moment when the consciousness... abandons it. Probably for all sorts of reasons (there must be different reasons in each case), but the consciousness abandons it because it can no longer be used.

But yesterday it came well; now it's nothing. It was lived. Lived, and so clear, so concrete, so obvious, it was, "But human beings know nothing, nothing, nothing at all!..." Only now it sounds like a platitude.

(silence)

The vision was so clear (not vision: lived, the experience), it was so clear that it contained in itself the purpose of the creation. You could see the work of the consciousness to permeate the inconscient and make it progressively more capable of manifesting the consciousness (*gesture like a flower rising out of the earth*), with growing complications, but the complications are the result of the inability of the inconscient - of inconscient matter - which adds *one device to another* in the hope of reconstructing the supreme Possibility. Then, through all those complications, and as the substance becomes increasingly permeated with consciousness, the need for "devices" will diminish, and we will be able to return to the higher Simplicity.

But all that was lived, seen - seen, and so clear!

(silence)

And in each "life," as people call it, that is to say, the use of a portion of matter organized in what we call a body, how that use aims at the greatest possibility of manifestation (reception and manifestation) of the consciousness.

Naturally, this can be done because even in the inconscient, at its very bottom, there is consciousness; but that's philosophy. Yesterday, it was the perfectly concrete and material experience of it all.

And individualization is part of the process; it's a necessity of the process, because it permits a more minute and direct action.

And when Matter is supple enough to be transformed under the action of the consciousness - a CONSTANT transformation - then this need to abandon here something that has become useless, or is in impossible conditions, will no longer exist. That is how it will be possible, for the requirements of the transformation, to have at will a continuity, at least, of existence for a form which was transitional.

But yesterday, the impression was that it [death] is now only an old habit, no longer a necessity. It's only because... First, because the body is still unconscious enough to (how should I put it?), not to "desire," because that's not the word, but to feel the need of complete rest, that is, inertia. When that is abolished, there is no disorganization that cannot be mended, or at any rate (the field of accidents hasn't been studied, but let's say in the normal course of things) no wear and tear, no deterioration, no disharmony that cannot be mended by the action of the consciousness.

It's only this residue (a considerable one), this residue of inconscient that asks for rest (*gesture of dissolution*). What it calls rest is the state of inertia. That is to say, the refusal to manifest the consciousness. It's no more than that.

(To be continued)

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 21 October 1967

MOTHER

*The
Ponder
Corner*

*There is nothing small in God's eyes;
let there be nothing small in thine.*

Sri Aurobindo
Ref. Gems from Sri Aurobindo, First series, p.10

Report of the Working Committee

Main topics dealt with in the period 15-12-2014 - 31-12-2014.

Suicide of Ms. Loan

We are extremely sad that a guest, Ms. Kimberly Loan, an Australian national, committed suicide and her body has been found on 28.12.2014. The Working Committee has been in interaction with her husband, the police, the Australian consulate, PIMS, the RRO and the press, as one newspaper on-line article was illustrated with a distasteful template picture which was removed at our request. The body was buried at Adventure on 30.12.2014. In this regard we received a communication from an Aurovilian asking for a community reflection on how this could have happened and what can be done to possibly prevent such incidents.

NESS

Jointly with the Auroville Council, the Working Committee is looking into the ongoing troubles at NESS. It appears that neither the board of trustees nor the support group have been functioning over the last two years. We have requested accounting documents and are waiting for them to be delivered. The matter is ongoing.

Conflict resolution policy

We received a visit from Elvira who reported on the mediation work of Koodam as well as Koodam's plans to prepare an Auroville conflict resolution policy jointly with the Council and Working Committee, for approval by the RA, which would include mediation, arbitration and appeal against decisions of working groups. The Working Committee is happy to collaborate. Koodam would like to make a presentation on this issue to the GB and IAC during their meetings in March.

Kottakarai conflict

The working Committee is trying to resolve the Kottakarai conflict with the help of a resource team consisting of Meenakshi, Jürgen.P, Gillian, Danny, Prasad (Land Board) and Cristo (TDC). A first meeting has taken place.

Sludge management

Sludge disposal at Baraka has been objected to by people who own neighboring plots. The matter is being looked into together with the TDC. A suitable location at Annapurna Farm was found but the distance is an issue. A subgroup of the Council and Working Committee is looking at various possibilities.

VIP reception

The Working Committee has been extremely active in receiving VIPs and their relations, at the rate of one to two each day. We have proposed to the Matrimandir Access Group that they take full responsibility for the reception of dignitaries. At present, request for VIP visits arrive at the Working Committee or at the Auroville Foundation office which then need to interact with the Access Group. We await the response of the Access Group.

Auroville retreat

A meeting took place together with GB member Ms. Ameeta Mehra (by skype), GB member Ms. Aster Patel, under-secretary Mr. Srinivasamurthy, members of the Vision Task Force appointed by the Governing Board, members of the Auroville Campus Initiative and others on the planned retreat. A letter of Dr. Karan Singh and a document has since been posted in the *News and Notes*.

Unity Fund executives

By Standing Order no 1/2009, the Governing Board on 16-09-2009 reconstituted the Auroville Unity Fund and its Executive Committee. The Order specifies the function of the Unity Fund and states that the Executive Committee shall consist of five members recommended by the Working Committee who hold office for a period of 2 years. On the same date, it appointed

the five executives: Divya, Rathinam, Michael Tait, Otto and Lyle.

The Comptroller Auditor General of India (CAG), in its audit observation on the accounts of the Auroville Foundation over the financial year 2012-2013, observed that after the expiry of these two years, (e.g. on 16-09-2011) the executives had not been reappointed.

This matter was taken up by the previous Working Committee in November this year inviting comments and proposals from the Auroville residents. Five comments were received. The majority of these comments raised the question of how long an individual can serve in the Unity Fund as executive. The Auroville Council expressed its feeling that a community process should be conducted to receive and process feedback regarding eligibility criteria for members of working groups, how many terms an individual can serve and how to process feedback concerning nominated members.

No names have been proposed of Aurovilians to replace one or more executives. The executives communicated that they are willing to continue in office.

This Working Committee is of the opinion that (1) the anomaly of the Unity Fund executives lacking formal authority needs to be addressed immediately in view of the CAG observations; (2) the Unity Fund executives need to be qualified people; (3) the process as proposed by the Council will take quite some time, also as many events are planned in the coming months. For this reason the Working Committee has decided to propose to the Governing Board that, ex post-facto, the Board issues an order reappointing the present executives for two more consecutive terms of two years, e.g. from 16-09-2011, the date their term of office expired, till 16-09-2015, and that it decides that the acts performed by the executives from 16-09-2011 till the date of the order in discharging their responsibilities as executives shall be deemed to have been performed as if they were regularly appointed by the Governing Board.

This will safeguard the interest of the community and give the Auroville Council and the community the required time to look into the matters the Council proposed.

Former LRM and LCC executives

The CAG, in the same audit, also observed that the term of office of the executives of LRM and LCC had expired and that they had not been reappointed. The Working Committee has requested the Governing Board to issue an office order that, ex-post facto, from the date the term of office of the Executives expired, till the date the Land Board was constituted, the acts performed by the Executives during the course of discharging their responsibilities as Executives, shall be deemed to have been performed as if they were regularly appointed by the Governing Board; and that from the date the Land Board was constituted, the LRM and LCC will cease to exist.

Land Board

The Working Committee has met with the executives of the Land Board and discussed, amongst others, the following issues:

1. Land Board mandate. This is a matter of the Auroville Council. The Working Committee will submit its views to the Council which will present the mandate for approval to the residents.
2. Land Board Office Order. The under-secretary has informed the Working Committee that the Auroville Foundation wishes to discontinue the system of office orders for working groups and that the Land Board executives are to be appointed by the Working Committee in accordance with the community approved mandate.
3. Pending court cases. The Land Board and Working Committee are studying how best to deal with the ongoing court cases.

Request by Vanur Panchayat union Councilor

A request was received from Vanur Panchayat union Councilor Mr. P. Gowri Sivakumar for permission and Auroville cooperation to do a survey and convert into a tar road the existing sand road which runs from Moratandi to Pattanur. The views of Sadhana Forest executives and the TDC have been requested. In accordance with their recommendations, the Working Committee has informed the Councilor that Auroville does not wish this conversion to happen as an alternative tarred road already exists taking care of the local traffic.

Auroville Festival in Chennai

The Working Committee received a copy of a letter of the Festival organizers to the GB and IAC, detailing the progress of the work. The Festival organizers have published the provisional schedule of events in the News and Notes.

Meeting with Feedback Review Committee

The Working Committee met with members of the Temporary Feedback Review Committee who shared some of their observations and submitted a list of pending issues regarding 'non-negotiables' to be taken up by the Working Committee.

Visa issues

An Aurovilian with American nationality has not been allowed to re-enter India, even though he had come with a one-year Entry Visa issued by the Indian High Commission in Kandy, Sri Lanka. It appears that the Indian authorities insist that Entry Visa be issued in the country of origin of the individual.

The Working Committee,

Angela, Carel, Elisa, Eric, Mandakini, Manohar, Ranjith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Because of Pongal, the next News will be delivered only on Monday the 19th of January.
The News soft copy will be posted as usual on Thursday the 15th of January.

Editors

Regarding feedback

Dear community members,

We would like to make this announcement regarding feedback. As you might be aware, a lot of our internal processes rely on feedback from the community. Recently, we went through an organized round of feedback, given and received, for the 3-day selection process. The Entry Service is also a team that publishes names regularly for feedback.

While the possibility of feedback helps us grow and progress towards our ideal, we must not forget that feedback, especially negative one, should be given only if there is a sense of responsibility behind it. Only a personal experience should be the source for negative feedback; if it is only hearsay or an opinion you have formed on someone without a "concrete" base, it would be recommended not to spread allegations and/or rumors. An opinion can also be expressed while clearly stating that there is no direct experience behind it.

It does so happen that the feedback receivers often face the consequence of irresponsible feedback, but the feedback-givers often "walk away" without any consequence for their irresponsible actions/words.

How to change this? How can we re-root ourselves in our vision for the collective Good and move away from personal preferences and opinions?

We are inviting a community reflection & introspection upon this topic; we are hoping for a general shift of this growing and alarming trend and base our values once again on sincerity.

Any comments on this topic can be mailed to: avcoffice@auroville.org.in.

Sincerely yours,
Auroville Council

Update on Auroville Retreat in March 2015

Dear Community members,

A - OPEN HOUR

The Retreat Organising Team would like to invite all of you to an OPEN HOUR meeting

When: Monday 12th January 2015, 4.30 pm till 6.00 pm /

Where: Unity Pavilion

Topic: to reflect about what is planned and to be creative on what else can be initiated.

B - Walk our Talk towards the Dream

The Retreat Organising Team has already initiated some activities.

Based on the understanding, that we Humans are more than only our intellect, we would like to offer different ways to participate during the preparation time:

- From the mind by having a talk about Auroville
- From the body by having a walk through Auroville
- From the intuition part of our beings by having a dive into Auroville

Let us find creative ways to stretch out to the higher knowledge

B1. Resource Group: talk about Auroville

Resource Groups will meet for the next 4 weeks (each on another weekday) as a research team to sort out the materials and source for ideas on how to bridge Auroville's vision with the ground realities.

"Core Resource Groups" for the 5 main themes are formed and they are starting next week in full swing:

- Organisation (governance) on Monday
- Land and Town Planning & Development on Tuesday
- Population Growth on Wednesday
- Education on Thursday
- Economy on Friday

This core group members cannot do the work load alone - the help of every concerned Aurovilian is needed. You can sign up as a "Support Resource Group" and participate via email by informing the RAS in person or reply to the call, which will be send out via AuroNet and the new RAS mail system.

B2. Vital Group: walk through Auroville

We are organising for the next 4 weeks every Saturday afternoon a 3-hour (by Bicycle) to get in physical touch with what we have built up:

- A visit of some Housing project in the Residential Zone / Farms
- A visit to our units in the Industrial Zone
- A visit in the International Zone
- A visit to schools in our Cultural Zone

The first walk will happen on Saturday 16th of January and Aromar Revi will join us...

Meeting point is on the Solar Kitchen Roof - La Terrace at 3 pm - Just come

B3. Intuit Group: dive into Auroville

You are invited to come together on 4 Sunday afternoons for a 3-hour session focusing on the last four virtues/ attributes concern towards humanity as given from the Mother: Goodness, Generosity, Equality and Peace.

The idea is to merge our personal insights into a collective formulated sentence.

The first dive will happen on Sunday 17th of January and Aromar Revi will join us.

Meeting point is the Unity Pavilion at 3 pm - Just come

C. Open letter received today from Aromar

Please find an extract already hereunder - The full version is published on Auronet

" India is now changing at a pace much faster than Auroville. Far from being the aspirational fulcrum of transformation, we risk becoming irrelevant to the forces that are shaping the external world. To change this, we need to reaffirm our collective commitment to the integration between the inner and outer work.

For now, we have 37 months to take the next giant step in this remarkable adventure. As I've shared with some of you before in person, there is a clear imperative for us, to stand together to present a full and adequate offering to the Mother and Sri Aurobindo on the 50th anniversary of Auroville's creation in 2018.

The invitation to create the March 2015 retreat has come from a strong inner movement. This has been picked up in a spirit of truth and humility and reflected back at us by the Foundation chair, the Governing Board, the International Advisory Council and many concerned Aurovilians.

A small group of volunteers will work with me over the next eight weeks, to create the conditions for a rich and open questioning before and during the Retreat: where we are today, what we can build on from the past, and how we can transcend older movements that have lived out their time. No voice is too soft to be heard, no question is too difficult or impolite to place on the table, no wound too personal or deep to be offered for healing.

Through this process we hope to draw upon many perspectives, responses and solutions to the challenges - which we have access to individually and within particular groups and communities but not as yet with the collective.

This is not only about talking and meeting in closed spaces. It's also about teaching and cleaning, painting and singing, walking and doing, keeping the services running and the silent subtle work that provides the motive power for Auroville.

We're very pragmatic and aware of the fatigue, cynicism and enmeshed power that many of us are battling, often silently. Surfacing these forces, can make for a turbulent set of conversations and engagements - that we are prepared for. This form of active engagement with the world and all its challenges is the way of the collective yoga that we signed up for. Let us be fearless, truthful and resolute in offering our greatest fears and most difficult challenges - up for transformation.

The stronger our aspiration and surrender, the quicker Auroville will manifest; the spirit, life and materiality of India will emerge from the debris of narrowness and old habit, thus the world will begin to change in unimaginable ways. Something that has been waiting for us to fully wake for decades ...

I salute and honour your commitment to getting us to where we are today in Auroville and look forward to meeting, learning and walking shoulder-to-shoulder with each one of you in person, starting 17th January 2015.

Aro "

Love,

From Retreat Organising Team [Alan, Elisa (WC), Inge (RAS), Lalit, Manoj, Martin L, Mike, Min, Toine]

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N NO- 581 dated 10.01.2015

We would first like to take the opportunity to wish you all a happy and spiritually evolving 2015!

We would also 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:

Sun Mi JUN (Korean) - Staying at Botanical Gardens, working as a librarian at the Tibetan Pavilion and as a designer at Shradhanjali.

NEWCOMERS:

Antonello GIGLIO (Italian) - Staying at Sonja's Guest House in Aurodam, working as an Ayurvedic, Thai and other massages therapist at Pitanga and as a trainer/ teacher of Martial arts at Pitanga.

Sabrina PRASSEDE (Italian) - Staying at Surrender, working as a yoga teacher at Pitanga and as an assistant member at Kalia, Bharat Nivas.

Jelger MUYLAERT (Belgian) - Staying at Djaima, working as a teacher at Future 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. We are have therefore added an additional section to confirm the status of persons previously announced.

CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER STATUS:

Sylvie HOUBRE (French)

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

Umalakshmi RANGANATHAN (Indian from Edayanchavady) We will soon invite you to fill in the B-Form request for a meeting with the AV Foundation Secretary, with the aim to add your name to the Register of Residents.

PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT AUROVILLE ON THEIR OWN:

Simantini GAEKWAR (Indian from MH)

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

Dear Newcomers,

The Entry Service team would like to inform you of the timings designated specifically for you to collect or submit the Newcomer kit. Please pass by our office in the Town hall during these hours only: Wednesday & Friday at 2pm to 4pm. We look forward to seeing you.

The Entry Service Team

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

!!! DUE TO THE CURRENT TRANSITION TO A NEW ENTRY TEAM (AND STILL WITHOUT ENOUGH CANDIDATES STEPPING FORWARD) WE HAVE A LOT OF ADDITIONAL WORK TO DO. THIS INCLUDES PREPARING WORK DESCRIPTIONS AND COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS AS WELL AS, IN DUE COURSE, PROVIDING THE-JOB-TRAINING AND HANDING OVER. THEREFORE, NO NEW APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL A NEW ENTRY SERVICE TEAM IS IN PLACE. !!!

FOR THOSE ALREADY IN THE PROCESS

Our office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10-12am. It is also open for B-Forms and Recommendation letters, on appointment, on Thursdays at 2-3pm.

Every last week of each month, though, we are closed to the public in order to focus on internal office work and occasional field trips relating to work.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pongal Tourist Festival-2015

Pongal Tourist Festival-2015 will be celebrated at Valikandapuram, 12 km from Perambalur (58 km. before Tiruchirapalli) on the National Highway No 45. on 14.01.2015 from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm by District Administration and Tourism Department. Valikandapuram was an important city in the Chola kingdom. It linked with Ramayana, King Vali worshipped the god Siva here and attained many powers, thus the god Siva in the temple is known as Valieswarar. The temple was built by Cholas during 9th century A.D. and it has seven storied gopuram.

Demonstration of Pongal preparation, Bharathanatyam dances, cultural programmes, folk dances, Nadeswaram by Government music school students, Kolam competition, kabadi, other rural sports competition and Bullock cart rides are part of the Pongal Tourist Festival-2015 celebration. We request you to come and

enjoy the festival celebration in the rural ambience with temples as the backdrop at Valikandapuram.

This festival is organized by the Tamil Nadu tourism for the Foreigners to show Tamil Traditions & Culture. Due to limitation of seats (40 people), we request you to book in advance at AUROCABS to visit this festival. Aurocabs Tours & Travels from Auroville will arrange a free transport on both ways. Tamil traditional lunch served on banana leaf at the festival. Free transport and lunch provided.

Booking close on 12.01.2015 evening.

Booking is done at: AUROCABS [Auroville Main Road, Kullapalayam, Auroville]

Phone: 0413 2623200 /2623201 / 9843734825 - Email: aurocabs@auroville.org.in

POSTINGS

Baby born 1

Dear friends, We are happy to share with you that we have been blessed with a beautiful baby Girl - "Vedhasri", born on 3rd of January 2015 - Love and smiles, G.Sathyavanan & S.Sudha (Ayarpaddi farm Kottakarai)

Baby born 2

We are happy to inform the community that our daughter Phyllis was born in Grace Community on Friday January 2nd. Mother and daughter are well. Brother Illya is proud and dad is having lots of coffee. *Surya & Nils*

Sacred Groves Open Saturday cancelled

Sacred Groves announces the cancellation of the Open Saturday on January 10 in celebration of the Tsunamika Anniversary. The next Open Saturdays will be held on January 17, 24 and Feb. 3. Please join us there at 10 am. *Sacred Groves team*

Hibiscus Art Village

NEPTUNE FESTIVAL 2015

We are calling all creators to bring to life the festival - Musicians, dancers, poets, painter, sculptor, jugglers, actors, costumes, cooks etc...The day is open to participate and share

your creative expression. The art craft market is open to all artists wishing to expose their work and products. We need volunteers to support the organisation of the event. **All donations are welcome acc # 252071**

We will meet on Sundays 11/1 18/1 from 15h to 17h at Svedame Well Café - Contact *Louis and Veronique* 2622154 [veronique@auroville.org.in]

La Piscine: Life Saving and CPR Courses

Sue and Derek (Clare's parents from UK) will be here from January 14 to February 24. They would like to offer a Life Saving and CPR Course for school teachers and anyone who is interested. We would like to get an idea of the best timings for everyone and how many of you are interested. So please send an email to: lapiscine@auroville.org.in and let us know!

Love, *La Piscine Team*

Feeding dogs

Dear visitors, Newcomers, Aurovilians, we need your assistance to feed tame friendly dogs around our communities. To pick up food at 3 pm at Solar Kitchen and distribute it at places that I will show you - takes about 2 hours - this is easily done when we are 3 or 4 persons to divide the 7 days of the week. Please call *Lorraine* at: 9655933914, for more info or send SMS.

AVAILABLE

Accessible Auroville - Booklet Launch

On 21 December 2014 at Unity Pavilion there was the Booklet Launch presentation "Just...Follow Me", a journey to accessibility via cartoons and comics. The book is now available at the Freeland Bookshop, at the Papers Bookshop (Wild Seagull) and at the Information Desk at the Visitors Center as well as at the Tsunamika Event.

With Gratitude, *Susmita for Accessible Auroville Team* [accessibleauroville@auroville.org.in]

Furniture

A plastic table and a cane bookshelf. If you are interested please contact me. *Stefania*: 9489818762, [stefania@auroville.org.in].

Household items

A long-time friend of AV based in Pondy has various household items for sale, such as washing machine, oven, oven with hotplate, corelle dinner set, crockery set, sideboard and a wooden swing made by Auroform, etc...For anyone in need of such things or simply setting up house for the first time this is a good opportunity to acquire various items at bargain prices. Anyone interested should call mobile no 9894746922 or 7092060482 for more details. Submitted by *Tim*

Bamboo shelf

1 4-tiered bamboo shelf; made in September and very lightly used. Please call *Ilana* 763-998-3917. Thank you, *Ilana Cohen*

Cow milk

From Siddharta forest. Contact Boobalanbullet@auroville.org.in or 9787084506

“Die Suche Nach Indien” at Freeland Bookshop

Once again this year, we have a few copies in German of this critically acclaimed book by Dennis Freischlad, a poet and artist who has been visiting Auroville for the past 14 years. Come and see us any day from 10 to 1 or from 3 to 6 on the Edayanchavadi Road, right after the Visitors Centre Parking.
The Freeland team

Digital Recorder Zoom H2

Professional handy recorder, in good conditions and with all the gadgets (RCA cables, stands, charger...) very versatile instrument, perfect for do field recordings, or to take the sound for video files. email: adealegre@gmail.com or phone to *Alberto* at 8098679032.

Puppies

Healthy puppies are looking for their new home. They had mommy's milk in our community 8940567857 phone or send SMS *Sibylle*

!!! Babysitter available !!!

Are you looking for a fun and reliable babysitter to take care of your children on weekends or on some afternoons during the week??...

Then call me preferably in the evenings after 6 pm so that we can arrange something.

My number is 944 36 199 03. Thank you, *Mira*

LOOKING FOR ...

People for help

Hi, I am Balu from Azhagu-bhoomi forest [north green belt area]. A few years ago I started a forest community. I have built a house and a store-room as well as a water tank. Now I am starting a small vegetable garden and some forest plant weeding work. So I am looking for people who are interested to help me. Send an e-mail to: sbalu.av@gmail.com / or call 9786807071

Host family for one puppy

We are travelers and we found a female puppy in Auroville. We take care of her because she was a little sick. We cannot stay

here so we are looking for a host family for her. Maybe someone wants a very young puppy...Our contact is: lucy.beudin@gmail.com - She is brown, maybe one month of age, blue eyed. *Lucie*.

An English speaker

I'm a French native speaker and I'm looking for an English speaker to exchange hours of conversation. Please contact *Dom* at: ade.jacques65@gmail.com

LOST & FOUND



Jonas Toy cars (taken):

Hi, I am Jonas and I am 2 years old. I lost my toy cars on La Terrace on December 31st. I am very sad because I loved my cars. Whoever took them: Please give them back to me or to the Bartender of La Terrace. My

Uncle Gundolf Zur Mühl can help me to get them in case that I already went back home...

Chappals (taken): To whomever it may concern; please be so kind and return the New Black and White Chappals that were taken from the dining hall entrance of Afsaneh Guesthouse in the afternoon of 30.12.2014. Your Chappals are

still waiting for you for the exchange. Thank you for your honesty, *Afsaneh*

USB stick(lost):I have been searching high and low for my lost USB stick. It is silver from HP and is attached to a cloth dolly about 8 cm in size. It fell out of my bag last Friday between Creativity and Citadine and all the way to Aurelec, It contains a lot of important work related stuff so I would be immensely relieved and grateful to have it back. Should anyone have found it please contact me on 9443181240. With thanks and gratitude *Veronica (Creativity)*

Cellphone Nokia (lost): Nokia black with small yellow stripe. If found, please contact *Joachim Gross*. gross.joachim@web.de

A P P E A L

Calling all donors! Nature Camp 2015 needs your help.

Each year, AV Nature Camp is made possible by generous donations from units and individual donors alike. We're not exaggerating. Without your contributions, we wouldn't be able to run the camps for the Auroville kids. Whether it's cheese or jam or labor or time or art supplies or money - all of your contributions enrich the Nature Camp experience for our kids. As Nature Camp is right around the corner, we're appealing again to your generosity and requesting that you contribute. If

you are an annual contributor, we will be knocking on your door shortly. But if you're new, we ask you to consider helping us out this year, in cash or in kind. For units, please donate via the Unity Fund, account "Nature Camp". For those individual well-wishers who are financially blessed, our collection account number is 0009. Or if you prefer another way, write us an email about something that you're willing to share (naturecamp@auroville.org.in). Every little bit counts. Thanking you in advance, *AV Nature Camp Team*

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House sitting1: Hi! I'm looking for a house or apartment for house-sitting - short or long term. I'm a Newcomer working at Matrimandhir and I am single. Contact Roberto: roberto@auroville.org.in

TAXI SHARING

January 9th: Going to Chennai Airport, departing from AV around 9-10 am or around 2-3 pm. If interested any of those time or for returning taxi, kindly call me 88948-01624 / nawang.jinpa@gmail.com

January 11th: Back to AV from Chennai Airport, my flight is landing at 7.40 pm (I have no check in luggage). For sharing taxi either way, please call me 88948-01624 / nawang.jinpa@gmail.com

January 12th: Arriving at Chennai airport at 14.20 on the 12th. Anyone reaching earlier or arriving at a similar time? *Nandita* - SMS 9488483286 or email shahnandi@gmail.com

January 12th and 19th: For going to Adayar on 13th of January Tuesday afternoon around 1.30 pm - two places will be available. Coming back whole taxi will be available. On 19th of January around 12 noon coming from Adayar - 2 places

available. Taxi will come from Auroville empty. For sharing either way pl. contact *Varadharajan*: 2623082 or 9442934306

January 14th: Wednesday - Leaving Chennai airport at 5 - 5:30 pm to Auroville. Taxi can be shared both ways. Auroville to airport, taxi can take up to 4 persons (time flexibility to leave from AV) and on the way back from airport, there is place for only 1 person. If interested, please contact *Island* by email: neanter@yahoo.com Cheers!

January 19th: I leave on 19th of January at 7 am from Auroville to Chennai Airport. Looking for someone to share the taxi with me.

Contact *Shay*: Email: gazit.shay@gmail.com / Mobile: 7838419909. Happy New Year

January 21st: Pick up at the Chennai domestic airport on January 21 at 2.20 pm. Contact *Indra* (indrafter@yahoo.com) or Uma (uma@auroville.org.in) / Ph: 9443697972 or 2623080

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

For the Guest Accommodation Service

Urgently needed: a welcoming and open person for the Guest Accommodation Service in Visitors' Centre - able to work under pressure and still being friendly. The work exists in order to answer requests for accommodation, either personally or by phone or email. Fluency in spoken and written English is required.

HEALTH

INTEGRAL HEALTH

Classical homeopathy hypnotherapy midwifery child care coaching

Peter, Nora and Lisa are available for consultations. Nora is a medical doctor, homeopath and Bowen practitioner from Hungary, returning after volunteering last winter. Mobile 88709430188 / Lisa is a homeopath, therapist and gymnastic teacher from Portugal, coming the 5th time, mobile 9585172724 / Nora and Lisa both participated in an intense teacher training at Sankarans "Academy for advanced homeopathy." www.theothersong.com, Mumbai.

Peter and Sigrid have trained yearly with Dr. Sankaran and team since 1999. Sigrid is teaching this deeper approach of classical homeopathy in Germany since 2004.

PC remedies for Diabetes, High Blood pressure and Trauma have shown very effective, good results keep coming in. We provide 84 PC remedies for Trauma, infectious diseases and chronic diseases. The developer of PC remedies is Dr. Harry van der Zee, internationally renowned homeopath.

"*Harmony and Samata*" are homeopathic remedies carrying the energies of Mother and Sri Aurobindo. The remedies and information can be obtained free of cost.

Welcome to enquire, pick up background information and start treatment. The remedies are available any time in the remedy box of Integral Health, information in the mornings.

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

Sigrid and Ingo are certified German healing practitioners. Peter, Ingo and Sigrid are offering treatment in classical homeopathy www.sigridlindemann.de

Sigrid offers transpersonal regression therapy, certified from www.tassointernational.com.

Manuela is offering professional *midwifery*, consultation on Women's health and hypnotherapy.

Vani is offering Counselling: Using Life Coaching, mediation, visualization, imagination techniques. *Journey to the memory*

of the body: Unblocking trauma memories in the body, emotional blockages and belief systems.

Consultations are generally held in English, French and German. Additional languages: Sigrid in Tamil, Manuela speaks Dutch and Italian, Nora Hungarian, Lisa Portuguese and Spanish.

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

You are welcome to contact us at: integralhealth@auroville.org.in to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue.

Please make an appointment beforehand via Integral Health, Prayatna: 2623669

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More information is available on our website <http://www.auroville.org/contents/148>

HOLISTIC APPROACH FOR MANAGEMENT OF DIABETES AT ARKA

1. Consultation
2. Counselling Sessions
3. Educational Sessions
4. Ideal and Healthy Lifestyle
5. Advise on Diet
6. Yogic Kriyas
7. Yogasanas
8. Pranayamas
9. Natural Purification Methods (G.H. pack, Mud pack, Shirodhara, Foot Bath, Foot Massage, Head Bath, Nasya, Jal Neti)

10. Detoxification of Digestive System, Nervous System and Respiratory System
11. Concentration and Meditation
12. Yog Nidra (Deep Relaxation)
13. Herbal Ayurvedic Preparation
14. Holistic Stress Management of Self Development Program

DR. GEETA AUROPREMI (M.D. AYURVEDA), N.D.D.Y.,
P.G.D.Y.N., Y.T.T.C. (YOGA AND NATUROPATHY) FOR

BOOKING CONTACT : 9443288156 EMAIL ID:
drgeetaauropremi@gmail.com
Days : Tuesday 3rd , Wednesday 4 th and Thursday 5 th
February - 2015.
TIMING : 10:00 am to 1:00pm And 2:00pm to 5:00pm
PLACE : Arka Multi Hall.

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear listeners and supporters, we share the happy news about receiving a small budget from the BCC for the radio expenses. Former Auroville Radio volunteer (now radio journalist), Christine has given suggestions for professional fund-raising. Two students (Mirjam and Paige) from the American University in Paris and Linea University Vaxo Sweden working in Media and Communication are helping us by updating the website volunteer page, creating a fund-raising brochure and a media catalogue.

Regarding the space allocation issue, Ricardo will be making an estimate to construct a sound-barrier; we look forward to the conclusion of this long standing issue that affects the work of both the housing and the radio services. L'Avenir TDC has not answered as yet to the request for a space allocation in the cultural zone for the

Media Lab (School of Communication).

We are always looking for Aurovillians and volunteers to join us for a variety of tasks.

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.

Off the Cuff- Andrea, Renu, Wazo (Performing Arts 03/01/2015)

We share the good news of a small monthly radio budget. Wazo discusses his recent experience with Varuna and FAMC. - [English, 18 Minutes]

Selections by Gangalakshmi-21 (Integral Yoga 03/01/2015)

A weekly reading by Gangalakshmi (in French) from selected works by or on the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. - [French, 15 Minutes]

Give Thanks, Expect New (News from Auroville 31/12/2014)

Featuring many voices of humanity wishing YOU all a Happy New Year, and give thanks - [English, 15 Minutes]

Lalit Verma Citadine exhibition (Architecture 30/12/2014)

Lalit shares his early memories about the Aurodhan galleries, the cultural scene in Pondicherry and his current work - [English, 26 Minutes]

Peace and Auroville (News from Auroville 29/12/2014)

New Year's prayer for peace, and meditation for Auroville - [English, 10 Minutes]

Violin Solo Recital (Performing Arts 29/12/2014)

Lasialav Brozman shared with us a violin recital with some beautiful, yet technically challenging sonatas of Bach, Ysa - [English, 75 Minutes]

Tree House Brasil (Housing 28/12/2014)

Filip and Narayan shares their experiences from a six-month long trip to Brazil where they promoted tree houses. - [English, 60 Minutes]

You can listen to all of the programs and more on www.aurovillerradio.org. For more info call 0413-2623331 or email a@aurovillerradio.org

SPORTS

Aurolympics

Team Aurolympics at Dehashakti School of Physical Education

12th of January (Monday) to 23rd of Jan (Friday)

For 1st + 2nd & 3rd+4th grades & seniors as well.

For the Intermediate-groups (5th to 9th) graders from 2nd Feb onwards.

The TEAM Aurolympics (Team Games & Fitness & Skills)

timings: daily 2:30 to 3:30 for 1st and 2nd grade and 3:55 pm to 5:15 pm for the others.

The objectives of the Team Aurolympics are:

To develop team spirit.

To give every child an equal opportunity to actively participate, regardless of capacity and skill.

To help in the development of social conduct, group loyalty, feeling of self-worth, sportsmanship.

To give students the experience of winning, leading, and losing.

To provide opportunities to learn strategies, rules, and to gain a deeper understanding through participation at the various levels of competition.

Kindly excuse your child/student from all other activities (like horse-riding, dancing, aikido etc.) during these two weeks. Please cooperate with us in this matter, so as to ensure that all the children who do sports can participate in the Aurolympics. The children and teachers look forward to seeing you as a volunteer or spectator during the Aurolympics.

Sincerely,

Dehashakti Team

Auroville Open Tennis Tournament 2015

VENUE - CERTITUDE AND NEW CREATION

The players in three categories: under 12 and medium and advanced have been chosen for singles and doubles.

Kindly fix the dates of your matches with the organisers.

We hope that tennis-players and well wishers donate generously to acc: 252 024 so that at this occasion we can improve the courts etc.

Enjoy the game and love to all,

Frederick and Manickam

TRAVEL

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. Most of 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 a limited number of seats available on these offers.

British Airways have introduced promotional offers to USA and Europe.

Qatar Airways have special offers to Europe and USA.

Emirates have special offers to Europe, USA and Africa.

Etiihad Airways have special offers to Europe.

Kuwait Airways have promotional offers to Europe and New York.

Oman Airways have 1 month promotional offers up to 31st December 2015, to Frankfurt, Paris, London, Milan and Zurich - It means that the day of travel and the return dates should be within one month of each other.

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

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, domestic@inside-india.com, doulat@inside-india.com

EATING OUT

Well Café open for Pongal

Well Cafe will be open for Pongal 15-16-17 /1/15 for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

On Friday 16/1 - 5 pm to 7 pm - World Dance

On 17/1/15 event:

- ALL ABOUT AUROVILLE from 7 pm to 9 pm - Av Food.

- Slide show of Av Artists at 9 pm till midnight - Dance with D.J Jesse

Happy Pongal,

Well Cafe Team - Sve Dame - 2622219

Solar Kitchen and La Terrace closed for PONGAL celebrations

On Friday 16.01.2015 and Saturday 17.01.2015 the Solar Kitchen and La Terrace are closed for Pongal celebrations.

We wish everyone a very happy Pongal!

Solar Kitchen and La Terrace Team

Naturellement Garden Café.

We are closed on 16th of January 2015 for Pongal.

Happy Pongal

Note that we are now serving breakfast from 8 am!

The Naturellement Garden Cafe team.

Morgan Cafe

The Morgan Café will be closed for Pongal Friday 16th and Saturday 17th January

Happy Pongal

Morgan cafe team

GREEN MATTERS



A groundswell of Renewal & Hope

A happy New Year to all - and, as scientists tell us, let's fasten our seatbelts for the most decisive year in history of the

Earth ever since Homo sapiens appeared on the globe!

On New Year's day, a conversation during a cycle-ride through the Greenbelt brought strikingly home to me (the writer) how the remedies we seek for our fragile environment can rarely be found in 'simple', linear solutions...but instead, in recognising our intimate interconnectedness with everything and everybody around us. I was expressing my concern and frustration about the ongoing loss of biomass in forests and lands, mainly through two habitual practices: the habit of 'cleaning' land - especially gardens - often leaving the soil stripped bare, and burning the heaps of vegetation (mullus and anything considered 'unfit' for compost), and on the other hand the tons of firewood that leave Auroville daily, carried away in bundles on two-wheelers and heads... 'What do you want', I was countered, 'you want to impose rules, controls and prohibitions?! You want to prevent people from gathering firewood as they have done for centuries...?'

The ensuing discussion made it more than obvious that the answers lie elsewhere. Clearly not in a single measure, or any

set of outward measures for that matter. We do have a whole range of answers to the problem: the ingenious low-tech *biochar-producing stoves* (they used to be available through Eco-Pro), the wood-saving *rocket stoves* (in use at Sadhana Forest and elsewhere), both of them great low-cost solutions that deserve promotion... the good old *hot boxes*, straw- or Styrofoam-filled, that vastly reduce fuel consumption, and imagine the savings through *solar cookers* and *biogas plants* (portable models are now available that only need a few kilos of biomass per day!) if they went mainstream! The years 2014 - 2024 have been declared the UN Decade of Sustainable Energy for All...

But as we all know, and as was poignantly brought home to me, any such solutions can only succeed in the measure in which we ourselves walk our talk, and manage to create a climate of genuine understanding and solidarity with the people around us. (In professional lingo, environmental sustainability goes hand in hand with social sustainability, and we are part and parcel of the picture.) A dauntingly tall order perhaps, though as a friend suggested, our problems are our opportunities ☺ ...

Modern science comes to rescue by showing how linear thinking is (fortunately!) a fallacy, and that no formulas or statistics

can ultimately predict the results of our efforts. Therefore we dare to believe that when the time is right, an opening at heart-level can produce miracles, and consequent actions can have the power of magic... (Did not someone propose that one step taken towards the elusive entity we call the Divine will be answered by a hundred steps It/She/He takes towards us...?) And so we leave the forecasts, and without ignoring the precarious condition of our embattled planet, turn the focus on some positive signs of change right around us.

Last Sunday a gathering in Coimbatore brought together hundreds of volunteering people and organisations from all over Tamil Nadu. Stories shared at this annual networking event are simply amazing. We heard of Nityanandam, a school drop-out who can't sign his name, but has addressed the UN six times (in Tamil), has converted an entire panchayat into a green panchayat, and has been declared 'international citizen' by the UN. He has neither an organisation, nor website, email nor Facebook! There is a worker earning Rs 4,000 a month who manages to provide study bursaries to children in need... A barber who gives free haircuts to roadside persons, a woman who provides free burial for unclaimed bodies found by the roadside, a photographer who teaches photography to government-school students, a family that has shared lunch for 25 years with absolute strangers, and a government official who supports several orphanages...

In these times of powerful, centralised, destructive forces, a different power of people is emerging everywhere, incredibly, courageously, a groundswell of hope and promise. Bhubaneswar (Odisha) has since a few months 'The Street Store', the world's first outdoor pop-up store for the homeless where everything they pick is free. Clothes and footwear were donated by people after a Facebook campaign, and the opening was attended by hundreds of homeless people. In the same state, government officials recently talked to visiting

Aurovilians about the need to 'subvert government's ways of working! And to our West, in 'God's own country', the state government aims to turn Kerala into a fully organic state by 2016!

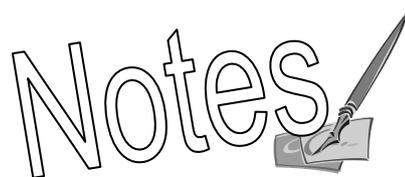
Back home, in our evolutionary pressure cooker, there is much that gives us hope. We were very touched to meet John Peter, a citizen of Pondy who is almost single-handedly working on an educational programme for the Nadikurava children of Karuvadikuppam (known as the 'gypsies' living by the rubbish dump between Adventure and the airport). Within Auroville, there seems more energy towards seeking collective progress, breakthroughs, and new ways of working together. Alternative currencies are spoken of again; discussions previously dominated by polemics (such as those on AVNet on the subject of Varuna) have assumed more constructive tones and wider perspectives, reflecting on environmental stewardship, our collective responsibility, on the subjects of generosity and sharing, true equality, and perhaps most importantly, *trust*...

To all of us who have volunteered to come to the planet, have volunteered to come to Auroville, may the journey through this coming year be one of smiles, joy and growth!

Sunday
walk
Farms & Forests

Starting after Pongal, the first Sunday walk will take place on Sunday 18th of January. Stay tuned for details to be announced on AVNet and in next N&N!

Green Center invites you to share 'anything green' for a healthy Auroville. Bioregion and beyond: avgreencenter@auroville.org.in
For Green Center - Jasmin, Lisbeth, Bridget



A reply about Belarus

Dear friends,

After my last week announcement of the meeting of the Belarus citizens I got an e-mail request to explain via N&N what Belarus is.

Dear Eugen, thank you for your inquiry.

The Republic of Belarus was one of the 15 Republics of the former USSR, after the USSR split it became an independent state in 1991. It is situated in the centre of Europe, between Russia, Poland, Ukraine and Lithuania. Belarus, Russia and Ukraine have common origin. One legend says that 1,500 years back there was one father of all the Slav nations, whose three sons gave birth to three groups of Slavs: Eastern (Russians, Ukrainians, Belarus), Western (Czechs, Slovenes, Polish), Southern (all the nations of the former Yugoslavia, presently independent countries). There is a close connection between all the Slavic languages. Russia, Ukraine and Belarus have sister-languages and sister-cultures.

By territory Belarus is just a bit smaller than the UK; its population is about 10 million people. 3/4 of the population are ethnic Belarussians, there are also people from 100 other nations living in the country, among which the largest are the groups of Russians, Ukrainian and Polish people. During World War II Belarus lost about a third of its population and more than half of its economic resources.

The word "Belarus" is a combination of two roots: "bely" - white, "rus" - ethnic self-name. Historically this territory, due to its central location, has always been the shortest route between Russia and Western Europe, between the Baltic Sea and the Black Sea.

Submitted by Vera

Prema - a Memoir and a Tribute

Auroville is composed of Aurovilians who bring with them their individual talent, their individual force field of a certain kind, certain quality, certain degree. What kind, quality and degree of force field Prema brought with her to Auroville? We will try to understand this with the help of a few incidents.

First thing that comes to me is [her profile by Alan published in Auroville Today](#) sometime in 2011. We know from this interview that in her youth Prema was in quest of something which was not even intellectually formulated! Then, one day, as she was traveling from one place to another by air, an unknown person approached her and, after a few queries, told her that the right place for her was Auroville! She gave Prema the address of Auroville International in Paris. When Prema went there and saw the photo of the Mother, she felt some sort of a familiarity, a bond. The director of the AVI France gave her the book "The Mother". When she read the first few sentences of the book, she at once knew that those sentences best formulated her aspiration. She rang up the director at 11 pm and said, "Madame, I need to meet you urgently". When she was told that there will be difficulty in returning home, she replied, "No problem. I will sleep on the streets!"

When she came to Auroville and experienced moments of frustrations, uncertainty and confusion, another person stepped in her life and brought clarity in her understanding of things and situations here: Andre Hababou. Andre Hababou explained to her many things about Auroville and the prevailing situations. Thus started a life-long friendship, partnership and companionship between the two. Then, one day, when she was sitting in the house under construction at Auromodele and watching the sea, she suddenly felt that this (Auroville) was her lasting place, her lasting home. Sometime later, after working at Matrimandir and other places, an opportunity came her way to take over a small clothing unit, thus begun Auromode Atelier. However, the unity got a fillip, a paradigm shift when Dilip Kapur of Hidesign brought to her a European buyer who started to place large orders for her garments. Her unit became one of the major units of Auroville.

This is a brief story of Prema in Auroville. We all have different stories but their significance is the same - the need of the inmost being to be here, to be part of the Auroville ship and help it sail onward.

I recall a few things by way of Prema's contribution to Auroville.

During the early years of his founding Auroville Earth Institute (Auro) Satprem wrote in erstwhile Auroville News (now called News & Notes) an appeal for funds for building some sort of a mini-museum for housing the samples of the earth from various countries of the world. It was a very convincing project and the funding requirements were relatively humble. Well, in a very short time, perhaps in the very next issue of AV News, it came to be known that Prema and Andre H. of Auromodele Atelier had met the funding requirements.

This was of course on top of Auromode's significant monthly contributions to Auroville. In fact, for many years, after Maroma, Auromode was Auroville's second largest unit and second largest financial contributor to the community.

Apart from Auromode, Prema and Andre Hababou also undertook the creation of Surrender community. One good outcome of that project was that they were able to offer a free office space to Auroville Today.

Kalki (boutique) is a landmark in Puducherry's skyline - a distinctive shop. Prema was one of the co-creators of Kalki.

If Auroville is a boat we are the sailors. We all bring whatever talents and resources we have and carry the boat onward. The destination may seem far but time has a very relative value: what appears as a very long time to us may not be long in context of evolution on earth. The Mother, while replying to a question on the appearance of a new supramental species, remarked that between the descent of mental elements and the first appearance of homo sapiens with a rudimentary mind, a million years passed! But we are at the stage of evolution when we can speed up the journey. That is the unique privilege we have. Prema has availed herself of that privilege to the fullest.

Aryadeep

(This an abridged version, for the complete text, please see Auroville Intranet posting dt.31.12.14 or write to the author at aryadeep@auroville.org.in)

Inuksuk A New Start, Some Commentary from the International Zone Team

We from the IZ Coordination Team appreciate the opportunity to take the IZ discussions further, and would like to publicly invite Christian of AVI Canada to meet with us when he visits next month. Christian has called for a "new start" in his second letter published in N&N (3 Jan 2015). We certainly share this approach. However, Christian writes that the former IZ Coordination team was "replaced in an apparently nebulous and disgraceful way." We have a certain obligation to clarify for the benefit of readers who may have no other information than this, that the simple facts are (1) the team was not replaced, (2) only a couple members dropped out of their own accord; and (3) this was not due to any "core problem" of organic development versus planned development. We continue to have the creative tensions of planning both structured and spontaneous.

The IZ Coordination Team meets every Monday afternoon at the Unity Pavilion to continue the momentum generated by last year's re-dedication of the International Zone thanks in large part to the Auroville International Centers of which Christian is a part. We welcome him and all those who share the vision for the Zone to participate as fully as they can. When we meet with Christian and other AVI people next month, we will report in the N&N how the momentum is succeeding.

The International Zone Coordination 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

Meditations on Savitri

In the Gregorian style



Sri Aurobindo's Savitri set to medieval Chant

An offering by Heather Lee and Dr Kim Cunio

On Sunday, 11th January 2015 from 6 to 7 pm

At the Matrimandir Amphitheatre

Entrance from the Second Banyan gate from 5.30 pm. All are requested to be seated by 5.55 pm. Guests are required to carry their Aurocards. Photography and video recording allowed only with prior permission. Cellphones are to be switched off please.

The program will end with a few minutes of silence.

All are welcome!

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.
Please, dear guests, bring your Aurocard, thank you
Thank you for being together

INVITATIONS

Farmer's Market and Community Festival

SATURDAYS AT THE YOUTH CENTER (10:30 am - 2:30 pm)

For the winter season, the Farmer's Market at the YC will now be held on a weekly basis - every Saturday
(However, it will be cancelled in case of rain!!)

Love and light, *The Localicious Auroville Team*

Tsunamika - A Living Symbol

Tsunamika is completing ten years. This journey had been incredibly enriching. More than 6 million dolls have been made and distributed across 80 nations through a global network of countless volunteers. The huge intangible wealth of positive emotions she has set in motion! Today Tsunamika moves forward to protect coastlines and a sustainable livelihood for coastal communities.

Here is her event calendar

Jan 8th --Tsunamika Parades for coast line protection from Pondy - coastal villages and back to Auroville

Jan 9-10th --Art installation and Exhibition in Kalakendra

Jan 10th - Whole day event -- Music, Food, Art, Craft shops, Flea market, Fun for kids.

All are welcome.

We need volunteers to help with Tsunamika.

Love, *Tsunamika team*

Evolutionary Cafe

We would like to invite you to join us again for the first Evolutionary Cafe of 2015.

Every second week we will be exploring different 'evolutionary' paradigms, to see how they might be able to help us shed light on some of Auroville's challenges from novel perspectives - hoping of course in the process that they might suggest some interesting new solutions.

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

The focus of the next session will be on the 'World Cafe' itself, to explore how this technique might be used in other areas of Auroville
PS: For those who would like copies of this or any of the previous videos, please feel free to bring a memory stick...

Place: Unity Pavilion

Time: Tea and biscuits from 6.45 pm then the film at 7.00pm, Monday 12th December

Hosts: David (Luminosity) and Ulli (Auroshilpam)

Invitation from Future School.

Future School would like to invite the parents of students aged 14-20, who are interested to learn about Future School as a possible educational option,

For an information and question/answer session on:

FRIDAY, 13th FEBRUARY at 3:00 pm At the Future School campus.

Our admissions process for the new school year (July 2015) is open from now on until 1st of March, 2015.
Best wishes to all for the New Year, from the Future School Team

Presentation of ONE ASIA 2014 in Taipei in collaboration with Bharat Nivas group



With all the great help of friends from Auroville and from all over the world, "ONE ASIA 2014 in Taipei" was successfully held in Oct-Nov 2014.

28 performing artists & visual artists have participated in this event. 5 participants were from Auroville. The ONE ASIA project is an Auroville born cultural collaborative program dedicated to Human Unity. Our first event was held in Auroville in 2010 and the second event was held in IIC, Delhi.

We would like to invite Aurovilians, Newcomers and guests to our photo & video presentation about the recent event in Taipei - the capital of Taiwan.

You will see our workshops with university students, some concerts combined with oriental tea ceremony, art exhibitions and breathtaking sceneries in Taiwan.

We also would like to share some of our future projects in Japan, China and Auroville.

Hope to see you soon at the presentation!

Jyoti - www.oneasiaproject.org or search our FB page "The ONE ASIA project".

Venue: Bharat Nivas India Space / CIC (ex-foundation office), The International Zone

Date: Monday 12th January / Timing: From 5 pm



Pongal Festival 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 you for the "Pongal Festival" at New Colors. Let's come together on this auspicious day to celebrate and enjoy Pongal. This is our annual fundraising event.

Date: 17/01/2015 - Time: 2:00 pm

Event details: Hanna drawing, Bubbles, Kolam drawing, Table Tennis, Arts and Crafts, Sand-and-glue, Clay, Card games, Carom board, Can throw, Tug of War, Limbo, Balloons art, Magic Show, and many more surprises!

Fun and Fundraising Lunch for Lilaloka



On Saturday the 24th of January at Sri Ma Tanto

Lilaloka, the Self-learning and Resource Centre for the Child, is having a fundraising lunch; all proceeds will go towards the completion of our beautiful first building. Yes it has been the support of generous individuals that has brought us this far, and we have 8 more lakhs to go to complete our roof!

Please join us for:

Music (by Andrea and Savana) and a delicious Lunch...

We will serve pizza, cakes and several dishes prepared by well-wishers.

A bus will leave from Solar Kitchen at 12:00 am and leave from Sri Ma at 3:00 pm to drop at Solar Kitchen.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated at this time

As there are limited seats please book your place:

Contact Anna (9443528729) or Rajan (7639845821)

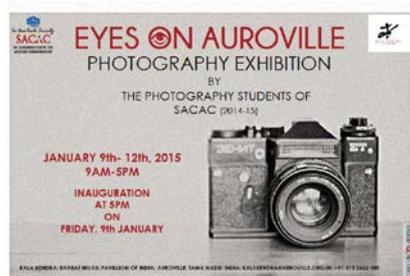
A minimum of Rs 350 per person is requested.

If you would like to visit the land and find out more about our work please email:

lilaloka@auroville.org.in

Lilaloka Team: Anna, Enricho, Rosie, Sandrine, Stacy, Rajan, Yvelise

EXHIBITIONS



Eyes on Auroville

Photography Exhibition

By the photography students of SACAC (2014-15)

January 9th-12th 9 am-5 pm

Inauguration at 5 pm on Friday 9th of January

Kala Kendra Bharat Nivas
Pavilion of India



PINK SILENCE @ Unity Pavilion

10.01-to 31.01.2015

Created by Bogna Grazyna Jaroslowski (a Polish-German artist)

An art installation bringing awareness to the worldwide topic of violence against women and children. The 365 pink colored bamboo rods, each holding a quote written by local students from the bamboo center, AVAG and AIAT, suggesting solutions to this important issue.

The artist will be present on 10.01.2015 from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

Bogna received her master degrees in theatre studies, contemporary literature and set design at Freie Universität and Technische Universität, Berlin. Her academic research concerns the theory of how verbal silence through contemplation, disposition and performance builds community.

Pink Silence is inspired by the 'Gulabi Gang' movement of Sampat Pal Devi from Uttar Pradesh, with their common signs of wearing pink colored saris and holding pink bamboo rods in their hands to protect themselves and fight for equal rights. The performative artwork explores how silence generates social and community processes among participants.

We would like to express our gratitude to:
Anne Schmeckies and her EachOne TeachOne 2015 Project,
who has brought the artist to us.

Auroville Bamboo Center Auroville Village Action Group
Auroville Institute of Applied Technology

Bharat Nivas is organizing

A major exhibition at the India Space /White Hall.

SAARANG - 24th January to 14th March 2015.

SAARANG in Sanskrit means to take delight and rejoice: Saarang is a major educational and artistic event; it is an exhibition on Indian music traditions. It explores the origins and history of Hindustani Classical and Carnatic Music, as well as the history of their instruments, the components of music of each of these traditions, from north to south, profiles of some of the great masters and the social impact of this music taught, played and loved across religious divides. The exhibition also includes a display of instruments and some live performances.

The opening inauguration will take place on 24th of January 2015 with a live performance by Amita DALAL, a renowned sitar player, visiting guest artist from Gujarat. More details with posters and invitations will be published in the next week's News and Notes.

During the entire period of the SAARANG exhibition, there will be workshops, lectures & demonstrations and concerts.

All are invited to take part in these major events.

"The role of music lies in helping the consciousness uplift itself towards the spiritual heights" - The Mother

For more information: contact the India Space Team Coordinators:
Shilpa, Anu and Tapas: 0413 2622253 / E-mail: cicbn@auroville.org.in

TALKS , SEMINARS

TALK ON SHIATSU

On Monday 12th of January 2015, 5.30 pm - 7 pm
At the Tibetan Pavilion



The French Pavilion invites you to a Talk/workshop on Shiatsu (Japanese manual medicine)
Presented by Bernard Bouheret (Teacher and Therapist at Paris)
And Natacha (Teacher and Therapist at Auroville)

In French with translation in English

SEMINAR ON RESEARCH METHODS

I am offering a seminar on research methodology for people interested in conducting research projects or writing grant proposals. We will explore the difference between quantitative and qualitative research, action research, participatory research and ethnography. A variety of methods for data collection, analysis, and presentation will be considered, including the criteria for a good research project.

Participants currently engaged in research or grant writing will get help from the group. There will be some reading and writing required.

The seminar will be held at the Teachers' Centre for four weeks starting the week of January 18 and will last for two hours each time.

Please let me know a.s.a.p. if you are interested so that we can arrange a time convenient for all.

Limited to 10 participants. Heidi Watts: 2622-466 / orhwatts5379@gmail.com

Sincerely, Lijun for SAIER

CULTURAL EVENTS

Shehzeen Cassum Dances Flamenco

17th Jan 2015 at 8 pm
Sri Aurobindo Auditorium - Bharat Nivas

Shehzeen Cassum has been dancing since the age of 5. She has trained at the Classical School of Ballet and Western Dancers, under Tushna Dallas for several years, and taken courses at the Royal Academy of Dance, in England, while she was in school. Shehzeen discovered her love for Flamenco at Alegria Academia, and pursued her interest under the tuition of Rosana Maya and Maria del Sol in 2007. She has also taken courses with well renowned maestros of Flamenco such as Marco Flores and Leonor Leal

Fire & Light Spinning Performance

25th & 26th January @ Visitors Center

Written & performed by 10 Auroville Teenagers 'And There Was Light' is a fable of evolution, blending myth with science it tells a story of the creation of our universe.

At first there was nothing perhaps or everything all in One. From that void, that vacancy a wish emerged, a desire to manifest, to play, an aching urge to create, and revel in the creation. The intent grew for the All desired to know itself in all its forms. An explosion of Light, of Life appeared; chaotic, warlike, too powerful and ravenous, it spun, it grew, it devoured and it fell. From the ashes of the first universe was born a second, ordered and precise, perfect as a crystal, cold as a diamond. It could not grow. From its coldness withered and it too perished.

From spacelessness and timelessness, a universe rose once more. This time combining Life and Law, in a single whole: Elements danced and stars were formed, sparkling across the empty sky. Planets gathered around the brightness of a sun. Matter organised itself, Life grew, and Mind descended, it began to settle. The time of man had come.

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

AN INTRODUCTORY "SWIMMING TEACHERS CLASS"

Aquatic Sports Professor Gianni De Stefani from Switzerland is offering an introductory "Swimming Teachers class" from Tuesday 6.1.2015 to Thursday 8.1.2015 - timing 9.00 am - 12.00 / 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm at La Piscine in New Creation.

There will be the possibility (after examination) to receive an official "Swiss Swimming Instructor" certification.

The class will be based on both practical exercises and theoretical knowledge.

Minimum 6 participants. Information and inscription: Savitri, phone 2622 585 cell phone 8940477667- mail to: savitri@auroville.org.in

AN ADVANCED "SWIMMING TEACHERS CLASS" LEVEL 2

Aquatic Sports Professor Gianni De Stefani from Switzerland is offering an advanced "Swimming Teachers class" from Tuesday 13.1.2015 to Thursday 15.1.2015 - timing 9.00 am -12.15/2.00 pm to 5.30 pm at La Piscine in New Creation.

There will be the possibility (after examination) to receive an official "Swiss Swimming Instructor" Level 2 certification.

The class will be based on both practical exercises and theoretical knowledge to improve the swimming strokes technical skills .

To attend this class is for whom have participated to Level 1 or equivalent.

Minimum 6 participants. Information and inscription: Savitri, phone 2622686 - mail to: savitri@auroville.org.in

ENERGY POSITIVE HABITATS WORKSHOP

4-6 February 2015 at Unity Pavilion

Auroville Green Practices is organizing a 3-day workshop titled 'Energy Positive Habitats' scheduled from 4-6 February 2015. The following topics will be explored: The concept of Net Zero Energy Buildings (Net ZEBs), the Role of Building Information Modeling in Net ZEBs, Designing of Net ZEBs in hot tropical climates, and transition from Net ZEBs to Net ZENs (Net Zero Energy Neighborhood). This program is supported by the French Environment and Energy Management Agency (ADEMA) and by

the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, India (MNRE). We invite professionals that have an interest in designing and building of Energy Positive or Net Zero Energy Buildings/Neighborhoods.

This is a limited capacity, highly interactive event that requires active participation of all attendees. Registration deadline is 28th of January 2015. Concessional fees (to cover food expenses) for Aurovilians working in this field are being offered. Full program attendance is required.

If you are interested to attend please send an email to: info@agpworkshops.com. For more details please visit: www.agpworkshops.com

Martin Scherfler - Auroville Collaborative. Saracon, Auroville, TN 605101, India. M: +91 (0) 9486 144 076. <http://www.aurovillecollaborative.org/>

SOUND AS UNIFIER

Workshop with the Russian Singing Bells at CRIPA (Kalabhumi) on Monday 12th January, 5.00-6.30 pm
Led by Vera Lipen

Sound operates through the law of Resonance. Resonance is where two becomes one, where minds join. Resonance is, in itself, a state of awareness and experiential knowing far beyond concept and mental, cognitive thinking. Resonance is *the experiential state of Oneness*.

The workshop consists of two parts: a "sound bath" with a unique plate bells instrument from Russia and a "tuning to Harmony" experience of creating beautiful music together while joyfully exploring the elements necessary for a harmonious collective co-existence.

No registration required. Contribution requested from guests.

WELLPAPER WORKSHOP

14/01 Wednesday: 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 to 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 6 participant registered

The workshop will take place every **Wednesday between 9:30 to 12:30**, sitting on the floor.

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 or call 0413-2622219.

FAMILY CONSTELLATION WITH JERRY

Monday Jan 12th & 19th, 2-5 pm at Windarra, Sunspace

Join us for an afternoon of transformation. Let us look behind the curtain and move from unconscious to consciousness.

With Family Constellations we have the ability to reveal hidden origins of painful experiences that are repeating in our life. FC can bring light into these origins and by that transform associated patterns, feelings and habitual behaviors.

Jerry studied clinical and social psychology and worked about 40 years in education, training and psychotherapy. His main interest is in personal and trans-personal development. He created "7 Eyes", a simple but profound system to become aware and integrate the different levels of consciousness. For more than 15 years he has been a Family Constellation Practitioner.

For him the method of FC is profound and playful. The actual opening up to the field of information by representatives makes a movement towards healing possible. Compassion and love is coming in through the heart opening awareness of the present moment and, even more, by the sharing and communicating of that emergence. Responsibility can be taken again.

Jerry's special capacity is tuning in and structuring the actual field energy and supporting the individual processes.

Info: sandyra@auroville.org.in, phone: 944 3619 403

INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

14th January (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: 'Intimacy with the Divine'

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

INTERACTIVE SESSIONS ON AUROVILLE

Presented by Insight Seminars

Introduction to the Vision and Concept of Auroville: 12h January 2015 Monday - presented by Manoj

The 'International Zone' in Auroville: 13th January 2015 Tuesday - presented by Jaya

Auroville Economy and Organization: 14th January 2015 Wednesday - presented by Bunty

15th & 16th January 2015 closed for PONGAL

Time: 10 to 11:30 am, including question and answer session.

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

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

WELCOMING A SOUL

Healthy body, pregnancy and family with natural therapies - 16-17-18 January

A workshop held by five international professionals to introduce you to alternative therapies for natural health, pregnancy and birth.

Provide the best you can when you plan to have children and start your family life.

Information for the workshop on Saturday 10th, 5 pm., at Integral Health, Prayatna

Registration: Bogi and Zsolti - 8940695720 / Email: christinep67@gmail.com

TAI CHI HALL in SHARNGA

Presents THE ART OF CHI - Stevanovitch's method

TAI CHI CHUAN WORKSHOP

January 19th to February 7th (Sundays excluded)

Monday to Saturday, 7.30 - 10.30 am

Beginners: Chi and Tai Chi basics

Three weeks, three steps through the full 24-posture form.

Taught by Marco, the workshop is essentially directed towards: Mastery of the body through breathing and muscular relaxation; Improvement of movement through balance and coordination; Learning to mobilize Chi. First perceiving it, then guiding it in one's body with the use of three factors: will, imagination and muscular activity.

For information and booking, contact Krishna at 2623187 / E-mail: taichi@auroville.org.in / Website: www.taichiinnerwayschool.org, www.artduchi.com

AUROVILLE RETREAT:

Create and Renew - Sat 17th - Sun 18th January

Through a variety of art making experiences such as Meditations in Drawing, Panting with Passion, World Art, Journaling, Body Mapping, Collage/Mixed Media, Handicrafts and sharing of experiences, participants will embark on a Creative & Playful Journey while going inward and nurturing one's self. The objectives are to experience self-reflection and discovery, self-expression and interpretation, spontaneity, relaxation and joy...all a result of opening the treasure chest within, through the Creative process. This retreat will be facilitated by Tia Pleiman, an international art therapist from Auroville. For more information & registration please visit www.aurovilleretreat.org or call 0413-2622571, 8940219725

Welcoming a Soul - Sat 31st Jan - Sun 1st Feb

"Pregnancy and birth are blueprints for life" and of concern for everybody today. Provide the best you can when starting a family, by creating a healthy body, good communication, along with the awareness of natural therapies. Stress, pollution and changing lifestyles call for new solutions and conscious behavior on the part of parents. The importance of a harmonious pregnancy and birth is ancient knowledge and it has also been scientifically researched since decades. In this weekend retreat, international professionals will expand your knowledge, and introduce you to the many facets of conscious parenting. For more information & registration please visit www.aurovilleretreat.org or call 0413-2622571, 8940219725

Live Your Essence - - Sat 31st Jan - Sun 1st Feb

Do you want to feel refreshed and energized to live your life fully? Be clear minded when your life is at a cross roads? Empowered to set your own conventions? Eager to take on what's next? During this weekend workshop you will get to know yourself better in a joyful and open learning environment, and your next step in life will become clearer. You will experience the impact that you can have with

enhanced listening and intuitive skills, through establishing a powerful connection with your fellow participants. This Retreat will be facilitated by Julie, a certified relationship and career coach in Auroville. For more information & registration please visit www.aurovilleretreat.org or call 0413-2622571, 8940219725

SOUL MOTION™ WORKSHOP WITH MARTIN STEIXNER

Monday 19 January 2015

Timings: 9.30 AM - 5.00 PM (lunch included)

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

SOUL MOTION™ is a conscious dance practice, which utilises facilitated and unscripted movement to access creativity, cultivate healthy relationships, and dialogue with that divine spark that animates all living things. Soul Motion is a practice where we cultivate our capacity for listening to the deep wisdom of the body and the silent whisperings of the soul. When body meets soul, movement meets moment. This is the dance of the soul-in-motion. All are welcome!

Martin Steixner MSC is a certified Soul Motion teacher trained by Vinn Arjuna Marti.

DEEPENING AWARENESS CELEBRATING LIFE

A journey around an essential question: 'WHO AM I?'

In SVE-DAME "BUTTERFLY BARN" - Fri - Sat, 23 - 24 January, at 9 am - 5 pm

Co-creating a safe space to discover, to foster creative flow...allowing healing to emerge...We will explore through diverse modalities like guided dance improvisations, bodywork in small groups, guided meditation, creative collage, bringing awareness to our feelings & longings, co-listening and sharing...

With Dariya, practitioner who for years has enjoyed holding space for growth for individuals and groups on land and in warm water...

Please register on: 9786658967 or dariya@auroville.org.in

HEART SONGS & MANTRAS guided by UPAHAR

Come, let's meet, sing and connect in sheer celebration of life through singing

Sve-Dame "Butterfly Barn" Friday, 23.1.2015, 7-9 pm

RESTORATIVE CIRCLES

Conflict - from Avoidance to Constructive Engagement

"I don't want to resolve conflict any more. I want conflict to happen. I don't want to fight reality. Conflict, as I understand it, is part of living together. It's part of our social coexistence.

I don't know if going up the mountain and going into a cave will get you away from conflict, but it's not my choice of how to live. I'm interested in working out and understanding at a deeper level what actually happens when conflict occurs. And how can I effectively engage with it." Dominic Barter

AUROVILLE RESTORATIVE CIRCLES PRACTICE GROUP

Every Thursday - 9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. Hall of Light - Creativity

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Shanti (0413) 26 23 314 or Janet (0413) 26 22 165

Physical Theatre Class Series

Starting Jan 13, Tuesdays 2-4, CRIPA

In this series we'll explore how to embody words, story and imagery through our body. For performers or non-performers, with experience or without, 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 both 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](tel:7639225831), or dwyndle@gmail.com

Thank you!

Kaeridwyn

SCHEDULES



PITANGA

PROGRAMME FOR JANUARY 2015

Y o g a - I y e n g a r

Āsanas	beginners (regular students)	Mon	07.30 - 09.00	Tatiana
Āsanas (*)	intermediate (regular students)	Mon	17.00 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsanas	drop in all levels	Tues	11.00 - 12.00	Angela
Āsanas	beginners(regular students)	Tues	15.30 - 17.00	Angela
Pranayama	regular students	Tues	17.00 - 18.30	Tatiana
Āsanas	All levels in Russian	Tues	18.30 - 20.00	Tatiana
Āsanas for women	drop in all levels	Wed	07.30 - 09.00	Angela
Āsanas	beginners (regular students)	Wed	11.00 - 12.30	Angela
Āsanas(*)	advanced (regular students)	Wed	17.00 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsanas for women (*)	intermediate (regular students)	Thurs	07.30 - 09.15	Tatiana
Āsanas	drop in restorative all levels	Thurs	15.30 - 16.30	Angela
Āsanas	beginners(regular students)	Thurs	17.00 - 18.30	Tatiana
Āsanas for the spine	drop in all levels	Fri	07.30 - 09.00	Tatiana
Āsanas	intermediate (regular students)	Fri	17.00 - 18.45	Angela
Āsana- open practice (*)	intermediate (regular students)	Sat	07.30 - 09.30	Tatiana
Āsana	drop in all levels	Sat	10.30 - 11.30	Tatiana
Āsanas for the spine	drop in all levels	Sat	16.30 - 18.00	Angela

Note: if you are coming to an Iyengar class for the first time, you need to come to a drop in class

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

Ashtanga - Vinyasa (*) regular practitioners Tues, Fri 06.30 - 08.15 Alain

Y o g a - m i x e d s t y l e s

Āsanas (*)	for teenagers	Mon, Wed	16.00 - 17.00	Lisbeth
Yoga Therapy	all levels	Mon, Wed, Fri	08.30 - 10.00	Gala
Prana Vidya Hatha Yoga	all levels	Mon, Fri	17.00 - 18.30	Sabrina
Prana Vidya Hatha Yoga	all levels	Thurs	11.00 - 12.30	Sabrina
Hatha Yoga	all levels, in French	Mon, Fri	10.15 - 11.45	Sylvie
Yoga Nidra	all levels, in French	Tues	16.00 - 17.30	Sylvie
Hatha Yoga	all levels(restarts Jan 13th)	Tue, Sat	06.45 - 08.00	Nausheen

Yoga	for Pregnancy	Thurs	09.30 - 11.00	Appie
Āsanas	for children 7-9 yrs.	Sat	10.00 - 11.00	Gala
Other Exercises				
Pilates all levels		Tues	07.45 - 08.45	Teresa
Pilates Beginners/Intermediate		Wed/Fri	17.30 - 18.30	Teresa
Gurdjieff Movements	all levels	Mon, Thursday	07.45 - 09.00	Plavan & Altimoda
Gurdjieff Movements	all levels	Saturday	18.15 - 19.45	Plavan & Altimoda
Aviva exercise	for women	Thurs	16.30 - 17.30	SuriyaG
Discover energy body	children, 7-9 yrs.	Sat	11.00 - 12.00	Gala
Abdominal toning	Beginners in French	Wed	10.30 - 11.00	Jean-luc
Abdominal toning	Intermediate in French	Sat	17.00 - 18.00	Jean-luc

Dance

Odissi Dance (*)	Regular practitioners	Fri	15.30 - 16.30	Rekha
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Martial Arts

Aikido	all levels	Tue/Thurs	06.00 - 07.30	Surya
Aikido	beginners	Sat	06.00 - 07.30	Surya/Cristo
Self Defence	drop in all levels	Thurs	18.30 - 20.30	Antonello

The timings of Children's Aikido classes are not mentioned here. Contact Cristo 2622356, cristo@gmx.fr

JANUARY WORKSHOPS: Kolam Jan 9th, Iyengar Yoga with Allan Nett Jan 11th and 18th, Iyengar Yoga with Tatiana 19th to 22nd, 10.30-12.30, Gurdieff Movement Jan 11th and 18th and Family Constellation Jan 23rd and 25th

Health Care at Pitanga

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

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

Acupuncture with Morgana, Awakening the intelligence of the body with Vani, Ayurvedic Oli Massage with Teresa, Cranio Sacral Therapy with Elena & Veronica, Facial Treatment with Svetlana, Journey to the memory of the body with Vani, Naturopathy/Cupping with Veronica, Oil Body Massage with Antonello Reiki with Betty, Reconnective healing with Paola, Reflexology with Pircilla, Releasing through Awareness with Rosa, Spiritual Healing with Evelyne, Thai Yoga Massage with Juan & Teresa

Closed Jan 1st for New Year and January 17th for Pongal Festival

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti Community.

Open Monday - Saturday 8.00 - 12.30 and 14.00 - 18.00 / (0413) 262 2403 - pitanga@auroville.org.in



PITANGA NEWS

CLASSES

HATHA YOGA with Nausheen - Tuesday and Saturday 06.45am - 8.00am, resumes Tues Jan

13th .

A gentle Hatha yoga class with a combination of asana, pranayama and relaxation offered by Nausheen Bari, a long term volunteer working in Mandala pottery and a certified Yoga teacher with The Yoga Institute, Mumbai and The Sivananada Vedanta association.

WORKSHOPS

LIFE LESSONS THROUGH ASANA - Sunday, Jan 11th and 18th, 9am to 12 noon with visiting certified Iyengar teacher from USA, Allan Nett - see last week's news for full details.

GURDJIEFF MOVEMENTS - Sunday, Jan 11th and 18th, 3 pm to 7.30 pm with visiting teachers from Japan, Plavan and Atimoda - see last week's News for full details.

EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF HARMONICS/OVERTONES - Wednesday January 14th, 3pm - 4pm with Mario. The universe is alive with sound and within all sound are Harmonics.

VOCALIZATION + VISUALIZATION = MANIFESTATION. The Hopi legend tells of the Spider Woman who sang the song of creation over the inanimate forms of the earth and brought them to life. The Mayan tradition tells that the first real men are given life by the soul power of the voice.

CONNECTION. CORRECTION. CONJUNCTION YOGA WORKSHOP - Jan 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd 10.30 am - 12.30 pm with Tatiana. Iyengar yoga is classical yoga based on Yoga Sutras of Patanjali widely known for its punctuality and precision in performance of asana and pranayama providing measurable and predictable physical, physiological and psychological effects. This workshop is meant for students of any level building a foundation for further practice and are conducted by

certified (Senior Intermediate 1) Iyengar yoga teacher Tatiana Tolochkov

FAMLIENAUFGSTELLUNG/FAMILY CONSELLATION in the tradition of Bert Hellinger - Fri, January 23rd and Sunday Jan 25th, 9.30 am - 5 pm with Evmarie, visiting psychotherapist from Munich. In this workshop the "inner pictures" of participants families, either present or original, are positioned. This then reveals and releases those hidden patterns and entanglements operating within the constellation which hinder the full unfolding of our potential. Even though the experiencing of and positioning in the constellation of others, a healing process occurs which answers deep rooted questions. This workshop is in German with English translation.

Registration needed for all workshops, see details below

THROUGH KOLAM EYES ART EXHIBITION by Grace, runs until January 25th

THERAPIES OFFERED BY PAOLA by appointment from Pitanga reception

- **RECONNECTIVE HEALING** - helps to feel and share the new frequencies now at our disposal to heal ourselves and the planet. This is not a therapy and Paola is not a channel entering in a special state or doing special things, but a catalyst in a 'triangular' equation with the patient and Universe's Wisdom which accelerates any spontaneous healing process that is the needed best & allowed at the moment.

- **BREEMA®** is a playful kind of bodywork that comes from the Sufi tradition. Whether you need support mainly with the condition of your body, your mind or your emotions, you'll find Breema® beneficial. The recipient lies fully clothed on a softy padded underground. The movements the practitioner makes are harmonious, rhythmical, relaxing or vitalizing, and very natural. There are brushes, stretches and firm and gentle leans. All these movements together are one long and smooth movement. Paola is a certified and experienced Breema® and Reconnective Healing practitioner.

Pitanga is closed for Pongal, Saturday January 17th

Pitanga, Samasti, Auroville, (0413) - 2622403, email pitanga@auroville.org.in

ARKA WELLNESS CENTER - JANUARY 2015

THERAPIES

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Ayurvedic massage, Lomi Lomi massage & Cranio Sacral	SILVANA by appointment 9047654157	Monday to Saturday
Acupuncture	Dr. MOHAMMED SAHEL ANSARI by appointment 9994208068	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Body Logic, Soft Massage And Deep Tissue Massage	PEPE by appointment 9943410987	
Yogic Healing Therapeutic Massage	BASU - by appointment 9443997568	Monday to Friday 8 to 9:30 am & 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Saturday & Sunday Mornings
Reiki, Mind Therapy, Foot Reflexology, Courses of Reiki & Ayurvedic Massage. (Also Individual)	GIANNAKA by appointment 9487629648	
Hypnotherapy and Chakras Healing	Marcella- by appointment 9443338734	Also in Italian
Naturapath-back flowers and Pranotherapist	Anita - by appointment 8940552549	
Shiastu	Vijan - by appointment 9787390182	
Psycho Spiritual Tarot, Deconditioning Self-Inquiry, Innervoice Dialogue, Graphology	ANTARJOTHI By appointment 0413-2623767 or Email : antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Also in French.
Siddha Treatment (Discover the traditional Medicine)	Shivaraj - 93454 54232	Monday, Wednesday and Friday From: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm by appointment.

BEAUTY PARLOR

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

REGULAR CLASSES IN THE MULTIPURPOSE HALL - 1ST FLOOR

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
VOCAL YOGA VY®	Clare Fanning - 9442318775 & Giridev	Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 7:30 am to 9:00 am
Hatha yoga with pranayama and Meditation	Ankur - 9159834055	Monday to Saturday at 5:00 to 6:30 pm(also special classes with appointment)
KUNDALINI YOGA	Ankur - 9159834055	Tuesday Thursday & Saturday at 7:00 to 8:00 am
QI CHONG	Vijan Emilio-9787390182	Tuesday Thursday & Saturday From 9:00 to 10:00 am

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

Ph: 0413-2623799 / Website: www.arka.org.in

HATHA YOGA MIXED WITH PRANAYAMA AND MEDITATION

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

He has some expertise in Hatha, Pranayama, Mudra, Bandha, Kriyas Chakra, Raja, Kundalini, Ashtanga Yoga, Spiritual Chanting, that are capable to cure Asthma, Diabetes, High Blood pressure, Low Blood pressure, Obesity & Navel displacement.

Monday to Saturday at 5:00 to 6:15 pm

Also Special classes by appointment

Contact: ARKA, Auroville, Ph. : 0413-2622443, cell: 9159834055

VERITE

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

INTEGRAL HEALTH & HEALING with Dr. Geeta Auropremi
Wednesday 14 January - from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (24 hour advanced registration required)

Focus: Ayurvedic Healthy Living Day-Style

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.

LIFE COACHING with Julie

Thursday 15 January from 9 am to 12.30 pm

THEME: HOW TO FLOW THROUGH LIFE: Are you holding on to your emotions? Do you keep experiencing the same patterns and want to create more flow? Learn how to process your emotions so that they don't get stuck in your subconscious. Join Julie for this workshop to explore how to turn emotions into energy in motion. You'll feel relieved and full of energy to move forward.

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.

NEW FRENCH AND GERMAN CLASSES AT THE LAB

As announced two weeks ago, we are happy to welcome two teachers of French: **Alice and Evelyn**, both from France.

Alice will teach French for all levels on Mondays and Tuesdays from 5-6 pm during 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. She will teach an Intermediate and Advanced French class based on Mother's Entretiens 1954-1958 (Questions and Answers) from 11:00-12:30 on Tuesdays. The advanced conversation class, based on Mother's Agenda, will be on Tuesdays from 01:30-3:00 pm.

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, 4-6pm. The course goes till March 12. 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. There will be conversation and games to be enjoyed, and you will already start writing and acting out dialogues from the 4th session - The set of books, textbook and workbook, will need to be bought separately. Since the class started this past Monday, Jan 05, the time to join it is now! Please contact the Lab immediately. We'll arrange a separate time for students to catch up with what you missed.

All other classes as per our schedule.

Hope you all saw the news article in the newspaper "The Hindu" on Monday Jan 05th about the Language Lab and this German Certification course. Another nice Auroville-positive article from The Hindu!

Om Namo Bhagavate!

FILMS



CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM
FRIDAY 16 JANUARY- 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

" CYRANO DE BERGERAC "

Director: Jean-Paul RAPPENEAU - France - 1990

Synopsis: Gerard Depardieu gives a towering performance as the title character in this lavish, cinematic, and poetic adaptation of Edmond Rostand's classic stage drama set in the 17th-century, France. Cyrano, a dashing officer of the guard and man of letters, loves his cousin Roxane, but sensitivity about his large nose drives him to help a handsome cadet woo her...

This original French version gives homage to the cinematographer, for the support is very good, and to the actors and the writer, for the original text is in rhyming verses. We are sorry to screen a non subtitled version but we have not found a proper quality film with the English text - Duration: 2h.17' - General audience welcome!



The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, January 16th, Friday at 7 pm

FED UP

2014 - 92 min. Directed by Stephanie Soechtig
Fed Up shows how the first U.S. dietary guidelines issued, over 30 years ago, overlooked the role of dietary sugar in increasing risks of [obesity](#), [diabetes](#), and associated ill-health outcomes, particularly in children. Since these guidelines effectively allowed unlimited addition of sugar to foods consumed by children, sugar consumption has greatly increased, obesity has skyrocketed, and generations of children have grown up far fatter than their parents. These children face impaired health and shorter lifespans as a result. As the relationship between the high-sugar diet and poor health has emerged, the sugar industry interests, with almost unlimited financial lobbying

resources, have beaten back attempts by parents, schools, states, and in Congress to provide a healthier diet for children.

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

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

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

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

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

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 12th of January 2015, at 6:30 pm.

"THE GENIUS OF INDIA"

A film from Auroville-Press based on *Sri Aurobindo's* writings. *"The Renaissance in India": "India can best develop herself and serve humanity by being herself and following the law of her own nature."*

In 1920 Sri Aurobindo wrote a series of articles entitled "The Renaissance in India".

In these articles he described the essential spirit of India, the qualities and powers and characteristics of her genius. He explained what he meant by a rebirth of India: "We cannot go backward to a past form of our being, but we can go forward to a large repossession of ourselves". One has to rediscover the real nature and capacity of the Indian spirit so as to be able to act in an effective and powerful way in today's world.

What was this ancient spirit and characteristic soul of India? To this question Sri Aurobindo gives a complete, wide, all-embracing answer. Duration: 28min.

THE BREATHING GOD

aurelec JOURNEY OF THE ORIGIN OF
MODERN YOGA
Cafeteria & Art gallery. A movie by Jan Schmidt-Garre
With B. K. S. Iyengar/pattabhi
jois/T. K. Sribhashyam/T. Krishnamacharya

Saturday 17th January 2015 at 7.30 pm

Modern Yoga goes directly back to the god Shiva, as per the Indian tradition. At the same time it is an invention of the early 20th century, an invention of the Indian scholar and teacher Tirumalai Krishnamacharya. This story is not so well known, hence its presentation in this movie. The recorded journey of the director Jan Schmidt-Garre and the story, goes back to the disciples and relationship of Krishnamacharya to the origins of this yoga, and leads to the palace of the Maharadja of Mysore.

The film is in German, but all the interviews are in English with German subtitles, so anyone who doesn't understand German can easily follow the content of the film, with explanations of the yoga movements.

The film also includes an introduction to Krishnamacharya's secret "Life saving Yoga Session".

Screening of the DVD at the Aurelec Cafeteria

Light dinner will be served from 6.45pm onwards
In the event of rain please call 2622416 to know if the film will still be shown

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

Dear viewers there will be no show on Thursday the 15th and Friday the 16th because of Pongal. I am out of station for the weekend.

Sorry for the inconvenience and thank you for your support.
Love, Suresh

Cinema Paradiso (MMC Auditorium)

A powerful introduction to Sri Aurobindo and Mother's evolutionary action
Every Friday from 09/01/2014 to 27/02/2015 at 4.30 pm

"Le Chemin vers l'Interieur" (The Way towards the Within) - 1981 - 30 mns

"L'Homme apres l'homme" (Man after man) - 1981 - 1 hr

2 filmed interviews with Satprem in French with English subtitles

Satprem was Mother's confidant for almost 20 years; he recorded all his conversations with her and published them under the title of "Mother's Agenda".



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film programme 12 January 2015 to 18 January 2015

Indian - Monday 12 January, 8.00 pm:
22 FEMALE KOTTAYAM

India, 2012, Dir. Aashiq Abu w/ Vijay Babu, Rima Kallingal, Fahadh Faasil, and others, Drama-Thriller-Romance, 120mins, Malayalam w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Tessa K Abraham is a young 22yrs old woman from Kottayam, Kerala - working as a nurse at Bangalore and sharing a room with two others. She loves her profession, which most of her counterparts considers as a thankless job. Tessa has a relationship with Cyril, a recruiting agent - who she meets while trying to find a job abroad. Cyril has a fight with a guy, who's apparently the son of a powerful politician, so he is forced to hide for a couple of days and an unexpected guest comes into Tessa's life.

West Asian - Tuesday 13 January, 8:00 pm:
MILH HADHA AL-BAHR (Salt of This Sea)

Palestine-Belgium-France-Spain-Switzerland, 2008, Writer-Dir. Annemarie Jacir w/ Suheir Hammad, Saleh Bakri, Riyad Ideis and others, Drama-Romance, 109mins, Arabic-English-Hebrew w/ English subtitles, Rated: UR (PG-13)

Soraya, born in Brooklyn in a working class community of Palestinian refugees, discovers that her grandfather's savings were frozen in a bank account in Jaffa when he was exiled in 1948. Direct, stubborn, and determined to reclaim what is hers, she fulfills her life-long dream of "returning" to Palestine. Slowly she is taken apart by the reality around her and is forced to confront her own anger. She meets Emad, a young Palestinian whose ambition, contrary to hers, is to leave forever. Tired of the constraints that dictate their lives, they know in order to be free, they must take things into their own hands, even if it's illegal. *A really good movie!*

Interesting - Wednesday 14 January, 8.00 pm:

- KATIYABAAZ (Powerless)

India-USA, 2014, Deepti Kakkar & Fahad Mustafa, Docu-Drama, 84mins, Hindi-English, Rated:NR

This highly acclaimed film -tells a story which we are all familiar with and yet quite do not know about. It revolves around the issue of electricity cuts or load shedding - that

makes life miserable for both residents and businesses. The film delves into the crises in Kanpur, a city experiencing <15hrs of power cuts/day! There like any other city - there are apparent saviors like Loha Singh. Loha Singh provides illegal power connection by plugging into official supply through live wires - thus bringing some respite to his clients but causing heavy losses to the power supply company. The film follows Singh, an electricity thief and Ritu Maheshwari an official from the power company. *Do not miss!*

Korean - Thursday 15 January, 8.00 pm:
SOPYONJE

Korea, 1993, Dir. Im Kwon-taek w/Yi Cheong-jun, Oh Jeong-hae, Kim Myung-gon, Kim Gyoo-cheol, and others, Musical-Drama, 112mins, Korean w/English subtitles, Raited: NR
The specifically Korean tradition that is reclaimed in Sopyonje is the type of folk-song known as pansori, described as a musical sublimation of South-West Korea's collective grief and suffering. In the early 1960s, Dong-ho roams through the rural countryside searching for Song-hwa, the woman he grew up with. Orphans, they were both apprenticed to the pansori master Yu-bong who pressured them to sacrifice everything for the art. The tale has one truly shocking twist, but the overall one is plaintive, elegiac and serenely beautiful.

International - SATURDAY 17 January, 8:00PM
THE LEGO MOVIE

Australia-USA-Denmark, 2014, Dir. Phil Lord & Christopher Miller w/ Will Arnett, Elizabeth Banks, Alison Brie, and others, Animation-Adventure, 100mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

LEGO itself has its own cult following. No wonder that this first 3D animation film based on the LEGO world is much acclaimed and appreciated. The film follows the lead character, Emmet a completely ordinary LEGO mini-figure who is identified as the most "extraordinary person" and the key to saving the LEGO universe. Emmet and his friends go on an epic journey to stop the evil tyrant, Lord Business. *It is a witty and enjoyable satire!*

Children's Film - Sunday 18 January, 4:30pm

OLIVER AND COMPANY 1

USA, 1988, Dir. George Scribner, w/ Joseph Lawrence, Billy Joel, Cheech Marin, 74mins, Animation-Adventure, English, Rated: G

Inspired by Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist" in this film a homeless kitten named Oliver, roams the streets of New York, where he is taken in by a gang of homeless mutts who survive by stealing from others. During one of these criminal acts, Oliver meets a wealthy young girl named Jenny Foxworth. This meeting will forever change his life.

**Jim Jarmusch Film Festival @ CINECLUB
Ciné-Club - Sunday 18 January, 8:00 pm:**

• **BROKEN FLOWERS**

USA, 2005, Dir. Jim Jarmusch w/Bill Murray, Jessica Lange, and others, 106min, Drama-Comedy, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

As the extremely withdrawn Don Johnston is dumped by his latest woman, he receives an anonymous letter from a former lover informing him that he has a son who may be looking for him. A freelance sleuth neighbor moves Don to embark on a cross-country search for his old flames looking for answers. The

movie is certainly beautiful, as lilting and seductive as the music, by the Ethiopian jazz artist Mulatu Astatke who accompanies Don on his trip. Jarmusch's frames are full of odd, lovely details, and he has a rigorous visual wit reminiscent of classic cartoons and silent comedies.

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 the 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.

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group Account# 105106, mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

We appreciate your continued support: monthly or occasionally through blue-sheets (Aurovillians/Newcomers) or Aurocard reader (Guests). You can also make a contribution to "Cinema Paradiso" account at the Financial Service.

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

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

Important information about News & Notes

(Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Wednesday 11 am)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Visiting hours: Mondays, Tuesdays 9 am to 12; **No visitors on Wednesday**. Please, no dictations over the phone unless it is an emergency or you have a medical problem.

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