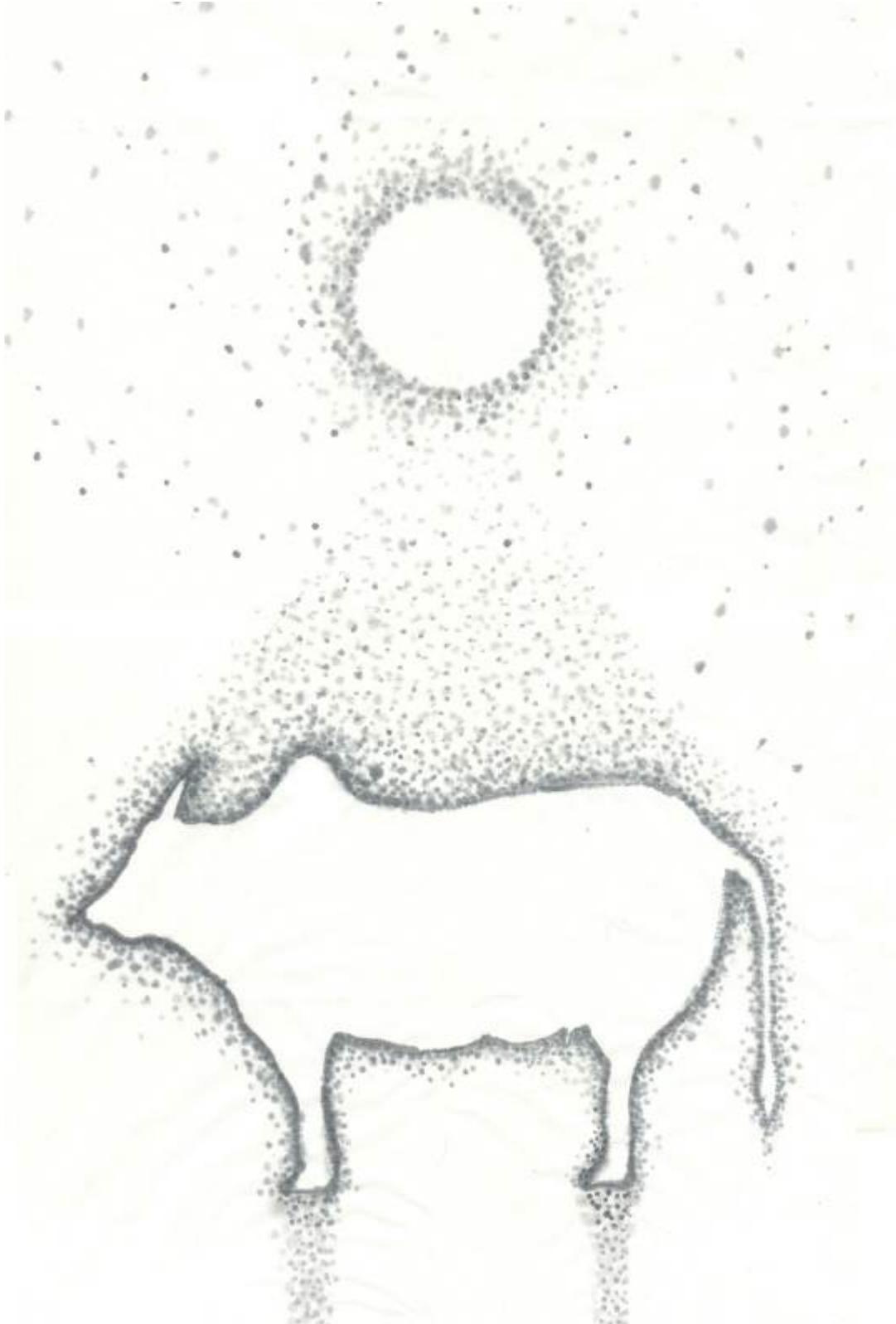


# News & Notes

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**HAPPY PONGAL 2015**

# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

(Continued)

There is also that FORMIDABLE collective suggestion... weighing down. That suggestion of old age... old age, wear and tear, death ("death," anyway what they call death, which isn't dying - what does "dying" mean? Annulment does not exist, nothing is annulled), but anyway, giving up the form because the form refuses to be transformed (that's nearly what it is) and isn't receptive, it accepts a progressive deterioration because of the formidable weight of the collective suggestion - the habit of millennia: "It's always been like that, it can't be helped." The great argument. Which isn't true, besides.

But there is such idiocy in this body. For instance, there is every moment (it's every second or minute), every moment there is the choice between continuation of the old habit and progress towards consciousness. It's constantly like that. And through... (what can I call it?) listlessness (what is it?... It's not bad will because it's idiotic; it's more idiotic than bad will), there is a spontaneous tendency to choose deterioration rather than the effort of progress, and it's only when there is something like a slightly awakened consciousness that says, "You silly fool! You've gone through much more difficulty than the little difficulty of making an effort of progress," then that has some weight - not always.

There is a sort of passive knowledge (not that the body doesn't know how it is, it knows how it is - it's listlessness), but when it knows and makes effort, it is always, every time, translated as lights, yes, like vibratory waves, and those of progress are the ones which have all the colors, that twinkling of all the colors: a light made of a twinkling of all the colors. Those are the lights that choose the immediate little effort to reject the listlessness... But it's not over important events: it's something going on every minute, for everything, all the time, all the time - for everything.

It must be a phase. I don't know how long that phase will last, but it must be a phase because it's obviously a transitional state. And then, when there is that inner aspiration, oh!... I have seen those cells, I've seen them saying like this, "Oh, won't there be a possibility to be You effortlessly?" Then there comes such a marvelous Response! For a few seconds it's... (*blissful gesture*), then the old routine starts up again.

But the big difficulty is mental observation: the mind observing (not a personal mind: an observing Mind). That makes things much more difficult. If one can keep the mind busy, it's easier. Because the mind is something extremely hard, dry, positive, phew! and logical, reasonable - it's dreadful. Dreadful. And yet, putting things at their best, the general waves are full (especially now, in our time) full of doubt - such a vile and obstinate doubt! They call all this fantastic imagination.

You are led to tell the mind, "I'd rather be mistaken this way than be mistaken in your way."

(silence)

Then, in the psychological makeup, there are all those old things that come from human atavism: you must be reasonable, prudent, shrewd... you must take precautions, be provident, oh!... The whole web of ordinary human equilibrium. It's so sordid. And it's like that, the whole mentalization of the cells is like that, full of that, and not only in your own way of being, according to your own experience, but in the way of being of your parents, grandparents, the people around, and... oh!

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 21 October 1961

MOTHER

*The  
Ponder  
Corner*

*Fear is slavery, work is liberty, courage is victory.  
The Mother*

ref. MCW, vol. 14, Words of the Mother - II, p.244

## FOREST GROUP MEETING - AURODAM 02<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2015

**PRESENT:** Dave, Fabian, Kannyappan, Shivaraj, Nina, Nathalie, Balu, Julia, Thanajayan, V. Boobalan, Kumar, Jan, Achilles, Clementine, David, Matriprasad, Jeremy, Satyaaji, Domink, Christoph, Jaap, Glenn, Kalou, Jessamijn, Geo, Dhanya, Marike, Sergio, Gillian, Wazo

### Topics discussed:

**Silence:** The topic of the present and future state of Silence Forest has been repeatedly on the agenda of the last Forest Group meetings without coming to a solution which serves the forest but also leaves the space for new activities. It was agreed that a smaller sub-group of people interested in the development of this area, as well as neighbors, will form and come to an appropriate and sustainable solution which may then be suggested to the forest group.

Geo and Gillian will coordinate along with Cristo / TDC as already discussed in the last meeting.

**Place to stay and work in the Greenbelt:** Sergio and Marike came to the meeting to introduce themselves and ask if there is a space and opportunity available for them to work and live in the Greenbelt. The Forest Group recommended that they should directly contact individual forest communities to see the possibilities.

The topic brought a discussion on:

- The need for a formal agreement when inviting people to join existing forest communities on a trial basis
- Housing in the Greenbelt. Natalie and Wazo will form the core of a subgroup to discuss ways of integrating "young" people willing to work and subsequently live in the forest areas.

**Land Board:** Kannyappan gave a brief report on the ongoing work of the newly formed Land Board introducing the rough working responsibilities of individual members and who comprises the new team. More information can be directly sought from the Land Board at the Town Hall.

The Forest Group greatly appreciates Kannyappan and his team doing this important work.

**Forest Worker available:** Achilles informed that a reliable and experienced forest worker is available for part or full time work. Please contact Achilles.

**Baraka:** Achilles also informed that Baraka will purchase a wood-pellet production machine which then can be shared amongst the community.

**Miracle:** Kalou presented some rendered views of a planned upgrade of the circus structure at Miracle. The existing roof made of bamboo, mats and plastic sheets is to be exchanged with a structure made of Ferro-cement, RCC columns of 13m diameter and 11m height. The Forest Group in principle advised her to go ahead with available project funding applications but said it would need more details as for the use of concrete and the cost of the structure before coming to an eventual approval.

**Mango Field Sludge:** Clementine reported that her bore well has been tested positive for e-coli bacteria which she connects to the continuing dumping of sludge in near-by Mango Field. She asked the Forest Group to demand to close the pits which the Forest Group said it is not able to do as no other options are available apparently.

While the whole topic speaks volumes about our planning priorities, the Forest Group alone in its present state is not able to come to the decision to close forest areas for sludge dumping; it is rather the responsibility of the individual stewards to deal with the matter appropriately. It is clear that the present situation is difficult and the Forest Group asks the TDC to address the matter effectively as soon as possible.

Wazo's report on meetings connected with the Solar Fund: Wazo updated the group on the latest meeting held with Varuna. The forest group welcomed the news that Varuna has already contributed 50,000 towards the solar fund.

One of the main additional topics of discussion was an application made by Diego for the maintenance of 20 windmills in and around Auroville. It was agreed that over the next month Wazo and Diego will visit each of the windmill sites and come up with a comprehensive estimate of their respective costs and benefits in order to be able to make a more informed decision.

**Land purchase in the Northern Greenbelt:** Fabian reported from a meeting the TDC had with members of the Green Group regarding a possible larger land acquisition in the Northern Greenbelt. As many details need to be discussed before anything conclusive can be said to this topic, the Forest Group recommends that the TDC organizes a meeting of a smaller group of stakeholders (forest stewards of neighboring communities, Land Board members, members of the Green Group, TDC, FAMC and representatives of Varuna Auroville) to discuss the topic in depth.

The next meeting will be on Friday, 6th February 2015 at Azhaga Bhoomi, 15.00.

## FUNDS AND ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (FAMC)

### December 2014 Report

Regular members: Anandi (Auroville Board of Services), Ashoke (Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Educational Research), Daniel (Working Committee) last meeting 4/12, David (Forest group), Iyanar (Farm group), Juergen (Land Resources Management) last meeting 4/12, Michael (Auroville Unity Fund), Rathinam (Budget Coordination Committee), Rita (Auroville Council), Satyakam (Housing Service), Sauro (L'avenir d'Auroville), Ulli (Auroville Board of Commerce), and Mr. Srinivasamurthy (Finance & Administrative Officer, Auroville Foundation)

**New membership:** Mandakini has replaced Daniel as the representative of the Working Committee, and Gerard, from the new Land Board, had replaced Juergen (LRM) for 1 week then the Land Board recommended waiting until March 2015 to send a representative while the members get clarity on their internal processes. [Note: *at the beginning of January the FAMC replied to the Land Board that a representative should be present, and regular, and the individual need not be one of the 7 members but be an Aurovilian who is knowledgeable and informed.*]

### TRUST & UNIT TOPICS

The Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC) approved and recommended to the FAMC a request from Auro Small Scale Activities (ASSA) to move from the Swagatam Trust to Team Trust. *This was approved by the FAMC.*

This topic has been addressed in previous reports however it has been a long time since the last update so this information is given here instead of in the follow-up section at the end. Concerning Martuvam Healing Forest, it was reported that Krishanmeyer is willing to be an actual executive at Martuvam. This information has been shared with Alain Bernard, one of the Auroville Village Action Trust trustees. Alain will follow-up with the FAMC after talking to the other trustees. Otherwise, it was noted that Shivaraj made an inaccurate statement and sent it to several working groups. The members agreed to respond to the statement of Shivaraj. The emphasis is on the yet-to-be-created mutually agreed-upon support to Martuvam. FAMC need to see a new co-executive: one who will take responsibility, and work closely with Shivaraj and Malar. It is noted also that the residents who attended the general

meeting on 18 March 2014 did not 'clear' Shivaraj and Malar of wrong-doings; the residents implied a willingness to move on.

Concerning the Varuna-Auroville electricity contribution, some Aurovilians (Lyle, Suhasini, Monique, Lucas, Chali, Fabienne, and Hemant) posted a critique on the AuroNet. The FAMC decided to publish a reply to inform the community of the joint-discussion with representatives from the ABC, the Auroville Board of Services (ABS), the Budget Coordination Committee (BCC), the Auroville Electrical Service (AVES), Guest Facilities Coordination Group (GFCG), and Varuna-Auroville scheduled for 2 January. FAMC also invited someone from the posting to attend on 2/1.

## FINANCE TOPICS

In November the unit, AVdzines, requested a Rs. 12 lakhs loan which came with a guarantee. They proposed to start repaying Rs. 25,000/mo in January 2015. It was remembered that AVdzines are presently paying Rs. 25,000/mo on a Rs. 14, 25,000 loan from 2012. It was agreed to request from the BCC the unit's monthly City Services contribution information and to get their recommendation on the unit's ability to repay on two loans without affecting the unit's contribution. The FAMC received a reply from the BCC confirming the unit's regular contribution however the BCC did not feel it could comment on the future contribution from the unit. With the BCC reply in mind the FAMC, in early December, decided to approve the loan. *The Financial Service and unit executives were informed.* Central Processing Cell (CPC/TDS) informed the Auroville Foundation re: "default of TDS Statement" in a letter dated 28 November 2014. Noted are various penalties that total up to Rs. 20,13,278.06. Mr. Srinivasamurty explained to the FAMC that the auditor, Mr. Prabakaran, had already been consulted, the details were being reviewed and confirmed, and the Auroville Foundation office would give a reply to CPC by Friday 19 December. In a follow-up with Mr. Srinivasamurty it was confirmed that the Auroville Foundation office is following through with a reply.

The Auroville Language Lab (ALL) requested a change to the Rs. 40 lakhs loan repayment schedule that had been agreed to in January 2014. After several conversations with the unit executives the FAMC approved 50% of the loan be deferred, including the following: a. the immediate repayment of Rs. 20 lakhs of the Rs. 40 lakhs loan, along with all of the accrual loss due on the total loan amount; b. deferral of repayment of the remaining Rs. 20 lakhs for three years. On the deferred loan the actual interest accrued on the bonds will be transferred to Auroville Maintenance Fund to compensate for the loss of income to Auroville's finances due to the deferred loan. Copies of the bonds will be kept by the FAMC. A letter of agreement will be made.

Harini requested Rs. 25,000/mo for 6 months (Jan to June) to finish the statistical research that has been funded by Aurofunds. Because of the difficulty getting the required data, the project time has extended, hence the need for the additional financial support. It was agreed to send Harini's request to the BCC with an FAMC recommendation to provide to her the needed budget; this work is important for the FAMC.

The BCC requested to discuss the Varuna-Auroville contribution towards electricity usage. In mid-December there was a pre-meeting to a wider discussion scheduled on 2 January 2015. Ananda, Jean Yves, Sourya, Hari, and Padma from the BCC attended. Ananda, Sourya and Padma each gave a presentation of their own which does not necessarily reflect that of the BCC as a whole. As this was a pre-meeting to the one scheduled for 2 January, questions and answers were not explored in full. More sharing to take place during the follow-up meeting.

## HOUSING TOPICS

Nolly agreed to relocate from Sri Ma when it was decided to change Sri Ma from residential to hospitality. Tanto-Sri Ma will be converting some housing assets into guest facilities. The

FAMC accepted Tanto-Sri Ma's proposal to contribute for the housing asset stewarded by Nolly. Financial Service has been advised to advance funds to Nolly immediately to begin work on a new house for which she has both site and building permission from L'avenir. Some other funding is necessary for the new housing asset where Nolly will live. *The FAMC are exploring this.*

The Housing Board recommended the flat stewarded by Kireet bhai in Inspiration be reallocated to [pending] Friend of Auroville, Ms. Jyoti Madhok. They requested the FAMC members' approval. During the discussion it was clarified that Jyoti is presently not a Friend of Auroville, as the Entry Service has stopped processing such applications. The FAMC recognize all that Jyoti has done for Auroville over the many years of her association, including her time on the Governing Board. She is often with family when she is in Auroville so the apartment is appropriate for her needs. With all of this in mind, the FAMC gave their support to this recommendation. The members also requested the Housing Board to kindly remind Jyoti of the acute housing shortage and that she consider that while not in Auroville to assign a house-sitter, in collaboration with the Housing Service.

## LAND TOPICS

The FAMC met with the new Land Board members (Alain G. (absent), Divya, Gerard M., Kannayappan, Prasad, Sandeep, and Suhasini) at the beginning of December. They talked about how best to proceed through the transition period, the main functional work areas, and how the Land Board will handle representation on other working groups..among other topics. Auroanand from the Auroville Council (AVC) attended as he was coordinating the AVC facilitation of the transition from the former organization to the new. There was a lot of sharing, and questions posed concerning a mandate, accountability, operations, priorities, commitment, and etc..All these points will take some time to explore and become clear. FAMC sent a letter to the Working Committee (WC) expressing its support of the Land Board members, with effect from 28 November 2014. Further, the FAMC asked the WC to notify the Auroville Foundation office, along with their endorsement as soon as possible. It was advised that the Land Board members, in parallel: a. draft text for an office order so as to expedite the official notification, and; b. work on a mandate that will be approved by the Residents Assembly. It was clarified that the draft text could be sent to the FAMC for comments.

## OTHER TOPICS

The BCC informed AVES not to pay electricity bills for any commercial units through the Varuna-Auroville contribution citing that the topic was still under discussion with the BCC. AVES asked the FAMC about this communication, as the BCC functions under the purview of the FAMC. During the FAMC members' review it was acknowledged that this practice touches on the ideals of Auroville and requires open discussion, reflection, review and so on. The FAMC decided to inform AVES to proceed as usual, since a few of the commercial units had enjoyed this contribution for 2 months already. Then the FAMC informed the BCC that a wider discussion was needed before making any changes. It was noted that two FAMC members 'stood aside' on this decision. Elsewhere in this report is more information concerning the Varuna-Auroville electricity contribution and follow-up meetings.

The FAMC revisited the topic of Red Earth Riding School (RERS). It has been stated by a majority of the members that there is an imbalance in what the RERS activity brings to Auroville, and the value of the Auroville land that is enjoyed by the managers. There is a sincere question of best-land-use for the almost 19 acres there. FAMC has shared this with the primary manager, Jacqueline, at the end of December. Furthermore it was proposed that the RERS management team meet again with the FAMC to talk about the future. *This meeting is yet to be scheduled.*

The Land Resources Development (LRD) Task Force members proposed a letter of agreement between the FAMC and the Tanto-Sri Ma executives concerning the hospitality activities at Sri Ma including conversion of some housing assets into guest facilities, income from the several accommodations and the restaurant, the contribution to Auroville, a 'financial plan', and accountability. It took a few iterations but at the end of the month an agreement was achieved. The Tanto Sri-Ma executives: Daniel, Sheril and Paul B. signed the document which has been co-signed by three FAMC members.

The FAMC received several questions and a few recommendations from the Auroville Health Fund concerning the Fund in general, and medical expenses for Ajit's hospitalization in particular. It was decided to form a subgroup for a deeper discussion. Members from the FAMC, the Health Fund, and Arogya met and later submitted a proposal to the FAMC. The FAMC members gave their support to the subgroup recommendations and informed the Fund to implement them as soon as possible. They were asked: a. to give an update on some specific points from the subgroup report; b. to provide a report on the implementation of the recommendations, and; c. to inform the residents of all changes in the Health Fund. [Health Fund replied that the current Fund information is up-to-date and available on the AuroNet.] The FAMC will inform the residents concerning how the expenses for Ajit's medical bills have been handled when the details are finalized.

The Town Development Council (TDC) reported that Krishnamoorthy has vacated, or will soon do so, the house on the Vikas Radial. The TDC requested that the place be demolished. This location is proposed for the "HumanScape" project. The FAMC approved the demolition of this building. The TDC was asked to make the arrangements with Road Service to remove and store any materials that can be used by Housing Service Repairs.

Guy, Tanya, and the Repos Team requested approximately Rs. 50,000 to create a new access and parking for both Waves and Repos. It was reported there is no clear access to Waves at this time; and one can still get to Repos. It was agreed to send the information to the Land Board who were asked to assess the situation and give a recommendation to the FAMC at the earliest. *FAMC await their report.*

#### *Following up from previous reports*

As reported in November: a guest of Auroville who was in the process of becoming a Newcomer and staying in the Sharrnga guest house made a complaint against the guest house executive. In December the GFCC replied to the FAMC questions concerning the complaint. In response to the GFCC report and recommendations, the FAMC decided to inform the executive, Bernard, that he will resign as the guest house executive with effect from 31 December 2014, and Kripa, the other executive, will be replaced as soon as possible as from the FAMC members' perspective it would not be appropriate for a family member to be one of the executives. Bernard and Kripa were informed on 23 December. There have been several communications between Bernard, and Kripa and the GFCC, the WC, and the FAMC since then. The exploration and conversation is ongoing. [Recently the FAMC has received new recommendations from the GFCC].

In November it was reported that the recently formed Auroville Board of Architects (ABA) was invited to meet with the FAMC. In December representatives from the ABA, the ABC, the ABS, and the BCC met to share and reflect on the topic of Aurovillian architect fees and a proposal made by the ABA. *It was stated that it was a first of other meetings to follow.*

As things had not moved since October concerning Memories from the Future of Light (MFL), the FAMC asked for an update on the earlier proposal to liquidate the remaining stock. Finally, on 26 December, the FAMC accepted a revised proposal from Daniel of Tanto-Sri Ma. The agreement is that Rs. 2, 4 lakhs will be paid on future sales; and the usual 33% contribution to City Services on profit will be made. A clear

inventory of the items removed from the MFL shop will be done by an FAMC member. The shop will be cleared of the saleable items by 31 January 2015. The FAMC had also received a proposal from Benvenuto on behalf of Enea. The FAMC let Benvenuto know of its decision and it was stated that Enea could work directly with Daniel if he would like to purchase some of the items.

## ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE REPORT



Accessible Auroville began with the 3-days workshop in 2009, held by Samarthyam, National Centre for Accessible Environment from Delhi, followed by a second one in 2011 always with Samarthyam to make people aware of the aspects of accessibility, particularly in public buildings and places in Auroville and to give training to become access auditors.

In 2012 Accessible Auroville won the second prize at the "We care filmfest" from Delhi with the documentary "Sometimes I can fly" showing a few accessible places and the architectonic barriers in Auroville. The documentary was screened all over India, including at Pondicherry University, and abroad.

Ensuring access to the built up environment is a crucial element to reduce the vulnerability and isolation of persons with disabilities: Architectural accessibility facilitates, amongst others, the chances to find employment, to gain education and access public services, to participate in social and recreational activities and hence, to play an active role in society both economically and socially.

Access and Accessible refer to the freedom of choice to enter, approach, communicate or make use of a situation or environment without assistance and undue difficulties.

A building or environment which does not enable, fails in its purpose.

Only if a building provides for full range of potential users can it claim to fulfill its purpose. If the needs of a group of people are not considered in the design of a building or environment, then that group is denied equality. There is no principle that would defend the denial of rights because the owner, designer, contractor or manager of a building simply hadn't considered those rights mistakenly, thinking that it is too difficult or expensive to provide for them.

The cost of making a building accessible is 1 - 2 % of the total project amount.

The cost is insignificant if the access standards are added in the planning stage.

It is possible to combine the taste of beauty with the accessibility.

The accessibility does not destroy any ancient buildings and places; sometimes it makes them more pleasant!

Accessibility means to create an inclusive community: to embrace the ideals of all people living together harmoniously in a barrier-free world without fear of exclusion and discrimination.

Accessibility is for all: wheelchair users, old people, children, blind, deaf, limping, pregnant women, mothers with children, mothers with buggy, people with temporary reduced mobility, people carrying luggage. There are disabilities which are not visible such as asthma or heart disease; there are so many other disabilities which we are not aware of.

Everyone experiences disability. Everyone is disabled by the environment at some stage in their life.

An elderly person or someone who is short in breath or has a broken ankle or a painful back will find stairs difficult or impossible.

Young children often cannot reach door-handles and light switches.

With a sprained wrist it is impossible to turn most taps.

High curbs are difficult to negotiate with a child in a buggy.

The examples are endless. Disability is part of everyday experience.

Universal Rights of Access and United Nations guidelines should be adopted.

This way of thinking benefits everybody not just those with impairments, buildings and places for everyone.

If we believe in "building for everyone", then it is unacceptable that a woman suffers disadvantage because she is pregnant, or a child because he is small or older people simply because they are elderly.

It is equally unacceptable that people are disadvantaged because of their impaired sight, hearing or mobility. It is particularly unacceptable when the disadvantage suffered is the result of carelessness or thoughtlessness. It is entirely avoidable.

There is a substantial and ever-changing Indian Statute Law which bears on the commissioning design, construction and management of the built environment. This includes legislations on planning and development, construction standards, health and safety, equality of status and opportunity, transport, sustainability, conservation and environment protection.

Nowadays in all countries the accessibility has become compulsory.

Auroville as a City of Human unity has to become Accessible to All, a shining example of Accessibility not only for India but for the whole world.

As Auroville is an international City we warmly wish that the booklet "Just ... Follow Me" launched on 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2015 will take a long journey to many countries...

Accessible Auroville also wish that the architects, urban planners, contractors, transport services, cycle paths team, road service here in Auroville start working keeping in mind to create an inclusive society without discrimination.

Accessible Auroville is ready to work with all the groups and residents to create an inclusive community here in Auroville

Susmita for *Accessible Auroville*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### From the BCC about income generating activities

Dear Community,

The Budget Coordination Committee (BCC) would like to remind you that any activity/ group/ individual who generates an income in Auroville is required to contribute to the City Services unless they have received an exemption or waiver in writing.

Thanking you, With Best Wishes,  
BCC

### Information from the Entry Service:

Dear All,

We understand that there was some confusion due to our title on Auronet saying "Entry service closed to new applicants". People got stuck on the word "closed" and assumed the Entry Service would be closed. Entry is a service that can never close!!!

The Entry is on standby until there is a new Entry team to take care of new applicants. We are simply not taking in new requests to start the process. Auroville is not closed; the Entry Service is simply on standby for new applicants until there is a new Entry Team. This said, the ongoing processes will be followed as usual and the desk will be open to public every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 12 for information and follow up.

On the 31st of January, the AV Council with the Study group and the existing Entry Team, will organize a one day workshop with the objective of having people come forward to take responsibility to serve in a committed way.

If you are an Aurovilian, a potential Entry member and feel concerned, please mark this day on your agenda. The date is already set, further information will follow.

Please find below the text we published on Auronet dated 09/01/15. It seems necessary to also publish it in the *News and Notes* as many of you logically don't have access to Auronet.

"Dear all,

The Entry Service team is saddened to inform you, that we have not had enough members of this community come forward and offer their time and support to help uphold the continuity of this service. Therefore in the recent issue of the *News & Notes* it was announced that we no longer have the capacity to process new applications and are unable to do so until the New Entry team is in place.

As most of you are aware, some of our team members are at the end of their three year term. We find ourselves in the peak season, understaffed and facing real challenges to keep up with the current standard of our work. Owing our best to those applicants that are already in the process, we are left with non but a drastic measure to temporarily discontinue receiving all new applications.

We are well aware that this news may come as an unpleasant surprise for most. We offer our sincerest apology for causing inconvenience to this community and especially to all those individuals who have organized their lives around this objective and to those who have formally requested to join Auroville recently.

The current team feels it is wisest for all new applicants wanting to start a Newcomer process to do so with a New Entry Team in place. You will benefit most from team members that will follow your process from day one. This way everyone involved in your process will be up to date and offer you the best assistance possible.

We would like to stress that the work of the Entry Service does not stop. It is a service that can neither be closed nor stop, therefor we continue offering our service to those that have already started their Newcomer term, as well as to those applicants that have already had their First Advisory Interview and have received an 'Ok to start the process'. (a total of about a 200+ people in the pipeline).

All others are kindly requested to approach the Entry Service as soon as the new team is in place and when this is formally announced to the community in the weekly *News and Notes*.

The Entry Team,  
*Chitra, Kripa, Umberto, Ishita, Muthu, Vika"*

### Interactive GM of the AVC on the 19th of January at Unity Pavilion at 4:30 pm

We, the Auroville Council, are holding an interactive General meeting to update you on our work and to listen to the community's concerns and feedback. Together with our sharing, we have also invited the Chennai festival organizers to share a short presentation of their work with the community.

One of the main tasks of the Auroville Council today is to find new members to join the Entry Service team. As you are aware, the Entry Service members are quite overloaded with their work and some of them have carried this responsibility for several years. There is an urgent need to find new committed members for the Entry Service. We, together with the Study Group and Entry Service, are organizing a workshop on this topic on the 31st of January 2015. We would like to share more information regarding this workshop in this GM.

The agenda of the GM is tentatively as follows:

4:30 - 4:45 - Chennai Festival presentation by organizers  
4:45 - 5:00 - Floor opens for Q&A  
5:00 - 5:15 - Information on workshop for addition of new members for Entry Service and space for short interactive session  
5:15 - 5:45 - AVC sharing of main task reports and statuses including short interaction after each topic  
5:45 - 6:00 - Floor is open to receive "Burning issues", if necessary

There will be no tea break, tea will be served throughout and each one can feel free to take a break whenever they wish to.

All are warmly invited!

Sincerely,  
Auroville Council

## TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville

The following Site and Building applications are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks. The announcement is made for feed-back only and does not mean that the project has final approval.

The final approval is given when L'Avenir / TDC issues an NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens only once the feed-back period is over, the feedback has been evaluated, final decision by TDC has been reached and the necessary financial formalities have been completed. It is only after issuing a final building permission that fencing, building or any other activity on the site can start. It has to be noted that site permission is given to reserve the site for a maximum period of two years in order to prepare a project proposal. It does not give any right to fence and clear the site unless, for practical reasons, there is a special permission of TDC.

1. Site approval for Auroville Electrical Service, Electrical Room along Vikas radial near water service.
2. Site approval for Auroville Water Service - Luca, for 4 Bore Well in Residential Zone.

Extended Site and Building permission for Housing Service, Pony Farm, Temporary moveable structures area from 0.72 acres - 1.2 acres.

This is for information and clarification only as there are two new architects proposing prototypes for dismountable houses since the first publication of Building Application on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014.

Project Description given by the project holder.

**Project Title:** Pony Farm Movable Houses Project  
**Proposed Site Location:** Pony Farm  
**Project Holder:** Housing Service (Sonja)  
**Architect:** Arlet, Johnny, Mona and Suhasini  
**Contact Persons:** Housing Service (Sonja)

**Description:**  
Phase I: 10 Movable houses  
Phase II: 6 Units (including community kitchen).

**Target Group:**  
Newcomers, Fresh Aurovillians waiting for the new housing projects to complete and volunteers, on a low budget.

This project offers a refundable deposit arrangement, minus a small percentage for use and maintenance, instead of rental, that can be used for future housing.

**Background:**  
The present situation in Auroville at the moment 47 Newcomer units of which more than 20 are taken by Aurovillians that cannot move forward as there is no other housing available. This leads to stagnation and limits new members to join Auroville. Especially families have difficulties to find a place for their first years. This project provides a temporary solution until permanent housing is available.

**Triggers:**  
A Chronic shortage of houses for Newcomer and fresh Aurovillians just after their Newcomer time and waiting for new housing projects to be completed. This normally is between 3 - 4 years.

**Goals/Objectives:**  
Providing low budget temporary houses.

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

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Auroville Retreat

Aromar meets the community for the preparation of our Auroville Retreat  
(Aromar Revi is the main facilitator, invited from the GB/IAC and the Vision Task Force)

#### Saturday 17th January, 2015

"Walk through Auroville" - Residential zone  
When: Saturday 17th January, 2015 @ 3 pm - 6 pm  
Starting Point: La Terrace

Pizza - Dinner with the Youth that never ages  
When: Saturday 17th January, 2015 @ 7.30 pm  
Where: Youth Center

#### Sunday 18th January, 2015

Open Interaction with Aurovillians  
When: Sunday 18th January, 2015 @ 10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Where: Unity Pavilion

Lunch in Solar Kitchen

Dive into Auroville - Peace  
When: Sunday 18th January, 2015 @ 3 pm - 6 pm  
Where: Unity Pavilion

More details and the updated schedule will be announced in the AuroNet. Please check up

### WHAT IS AUROVILLE: Festival of Auroville in Chennai



#### Regarding Invitations:

As you may have read in N&N of January 3rd (#580), the Auroville Festival in Chennai is taking more and more shape, promising to be a good thing for Auroville, and Chennai! It will run from

March 1st through 21st and, as detailed in N&N, the main events are:

- o Inauguration in the ITC Grand Chola (1 March)
- o Auroville Choirs (adult & youth) performance at the Sir Mutha Venkata Subba Rao Concert Hall (7 March)
- o Auroville Art & General Exhibition at the Lalit Kala Akademi (8-21 March)
- o Seminar on Sustainable Future at Music Academy Mini-Hall, Ted talks and panel discussions (11 March)

o Presentation of Auroville as a Multicultural City with Dr Karan Singh, members of GB, IAC (16 March)

**Our suggestion to you:** While major Auroville groups have already supplied us with addresses of people they think might be interested, if you have a particular contact with an institution, school, centre or person, and would like to have them invited to one or more of the events, just let us know. Send the clear name & address, the field of interest/work, and perhaps your relationship with the party concerned, to: mauna@, with a copy to: chennaifestival@, and we'll send an invitation to him/her/them when the time comes. Thanks.  
Mauna

## To parents of children born between the 1st March of 2012 and the 28th February of 2013,

I am in the process of preparing for the next July school admission in AHA, Kindergarten and Nandanam schools and ask all parents whose children are not attending the Pre Creche to contact me regarding the admission in one of the above kindergartens. Those who are attending the Pre Creche will soon receive more information.

I have a form to fill up so please send me an email to: [schooladmission@auroville.org.in](mailto:schooladmission@auroville.org.in) / or call me for an appointment (if you do not have email access) - Phone 9486623279

Thank you, Sincerely, Swadha (AV School Coordinator)

## Last Call for Grant Proposals for SDZ Spring 2015

The Project Coordination Group (PCG) will review grant proposals submitted for possible funding by Stichting De Zaaier in the spring of 2015. All documents related to this purpose are to be submitted as Word files in the NEW Grant Application Format via email to: [pcg@auroville.org.in](mailto:pcg@auroville.org.in) - latest by Monday, 19 January, 2015.

With regard to Stichting De Zaaier, the Project Coordination Group will check whether proposals fall within their funding criteria and forward those that do to their Board for final selection and budget allocation. In recent years, funds available with Stichting De Zaaier for Auroville projects and programmes were in the range of €50.000 to €75.000 in total per year.

### Stichting De Zaaier welcomes project proposals for:

- Research studies in the fields of sociology, economy, psychology and inner development;
- Exploratory (research) studies into the relations with the world outside Auroville, in particular with the villages (and villagers) surrounding Auroville, as well as proposals for initiatives that seek to contribute to strengthening these relations;
- Initiatives that seek to enhance efficient co-operation of Aurovilians with the aim of making full use of the existing potential in Auroville;
- Studies exploring a sustainable future for Auroville and initiatives contributing to such a future;
- Initiatives requiring seed money for innovative and informal education and training.
- No funds are available for infrastructure, buildings or transport or maintenance of Aurovilians. Requests for equipment will only be considered if specifically required for the implementation of the project and are not already available in Auroville.

The NEW Grant Application Format is available on request from [pcg@auroville.org.in](mailto:pcg@auroville.org.in) or may be downloaded from Auronet. If you have received funding for a project through the Project Coordination Group in previous years, be certain that you have sent us the report for that project before making a new application for a different project.

For more information or assistance you may write to [pcg@auroville.org.in](mailto:pcg@auroville.org.in) or contact the Project Coordination Group at the ACUR (Town Hall) by phoning 2622250 or 2622795.

## Restorative Circles

Conflict - from Avoidance to Constructive Engagement  
" ... conflict is natural, normal, and recurrent in community life. When conflict occurs, it doesn't mean anyone has failed. In fact, we need both community and conflict to reach our full potential as human beings. Much as we value individual choice, we are formed in community and work out the ramifications of our individuality in relation to others. And though we may resent it when our preferences, practices, or beliefs are challenged, we would never grow without conflict." Ron Kraybill & Evelyn Wright

### Why would I want to initiate a Restorative Circle?

If you are experiencing conflict yourself or as a witness, you might choose to start a restorative process to allow all concerned to engage with the shared resentment, anger and pain. The Restorative Circle experience can nurture connection with yourself and with others by deepening a sense of common humanity and trust.

### 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

## Changes in the Russian Pavilion Team

At the 11th January URP team meeting it was decided to change the name for the Pavilion of Russian Federation team. Presently the members of the team are Alexey Smorodin, Aliona Yashina, Anatoliy Starozhuk, Sarasvati, Svetlana Grigoraschenko, Vera Lipen.

The team activities reports will be published monthly on the [www.auroville.ru](http://www.auroville.ru) website in the Forum section at <http://auroville.ru/forum/index.php/board,3.0.html>

Open meetings for everybody wishing to contribute to our work will be held once a month at the beginning of the month.

For the time and place of the open meeting kindly contact [russia@auroville.org.in](mailto:russia@auroville.org.in) or [alena@auroville.org.in](mailto:alena@auroville.org.in)

*Pavilion of Russian Federation Team*

## Message from Auroville vehicle service.

❖ Due to the regularly increasing traffic in and around Auroville, we advise everyone to drive carefully and consciously. We remind everyone, and particularly the parents and the school boards that children below 18 years old are not allowed to drive any bike or scooter. We also remind everyone not to drive without a valid Indian driving license. The penalty for doing so, especially in case of an accident, is very heavy and complicate solving third party. Driving with your national license will not help in India in case of accident as only a valid Indian driving license is considered legal.

### 1) INSURANCE

**MOTOR INSURANCES** (Motorcycles & cars, etc) and **MEDICAL INSURANCES, TRAVEL INSURANCES.**

Annual premiums of the insurance policy for renewal should be paid to the insurance company in time. No claims for Accident compensation can be made if you have not paid the Annual Premium. We advise people to pay the premium before the expiry date of the policy in order to avoid inspection of the bike. If you are going temporarily out of Auroville when your insurance expires, please bring the papers to us in advance to renew it. Thus we can do it while you are not in Auroville. Do not pay the insurance in your name as long as the vehicle has not been registered in your name. Name in registration certificate and in insurance policy should be same. If it differs, you could not claim insurance.

We undertake the following insurances for Aurovilians and friends of Aurovilians:

- i) Motor Insurances
- ii) Medical Insurances
- iii) Travel Insurances ( while traveling abroad)

**Note: To all guests, Newcomers & Aurovilians. Please check the insurance when you rent a vehicle (scooter, moped, or motorcycles) from the rental shops. If you drive your vehicle without insurance, you cannot claim the overseas mediclaim insurance in case of accident.**

#### 2) New Indian Driving License

We request the people who do not have an Indian driving license to get the license through us. We will help you to get motorcycle and car licenses.

#### 3) Renewal of Indian Driving License

For renewal of Indian driving licenses, people need to submit the original license and three photographs. You can renew it within one month before or after the date of expiry. However, if you come after one month, you will need to pay a penalty (fine). So, try to avoid paying penalty fees. The applicant must come, on the day of the trip to the concerned Regional Transport office.

#### 4) Purchase of New Vehicle (Two & four wheelers)

Auroville vehicle service strongly advises all Aurovilians who are residing in Tamil Nadu territory (of Auroville) to register their new vehicles in Tamil Nadu only. The purchase of the vehicle can be made directly in Tamil Nadu with the help of Vehicle Service. In this regard, AV Vehicle Service assists the Aurovilians to follow the necessary procedures.

**Strong Advice to avoid buying a vehicle Registered under Pondicherry State (PY-01)**

**Buying:** Do not buy vehicle from Pondicherry state, when your residence is in Auroville. Your official address in the residential permit for the Indian government is Auroville. If you are buying a second-hand vehicle with a PY registration, you can't register the vehicle in your name. The insurance and vehicle will be in the previous registered owner's name only.

**Selling:** When you sell your vehicle, be sure that they change the name in the registration and in insurance paper. In Auroville when you sell a vehicle with a PY registration to friends or workers, do not worry about the next steps. In Auroville 99% drive on the previous owner's name because they are originally residents of Tamil Nadu and bought the vehicle from their friends or owners with PY registered vehicle.

**Avoid buying a vehicle from Pondicherry and avoid selling your old vehicle to non-residents of Pondicherry.**

#### 5) To all old vehicle holders (More than 15 years old)

People using a vehicle of fifteen years or more [2 wheelers] should contact us as soon as possible. The certificate of the bike is valid for fifteen years from the date of purchase as new from the showroom. Therefore, to renew the registration for the next 5 years, the vehicle needs to be re-painted and a full servicing must be done. The vehicle needs to be taken to Transport department for Inspections. It follows the same every five years. So, keep the papers of the bike in valid order as well as the insurances.

For more details: Contact **Raju**, Auroville vehicle service, Town hall, Auroville.

Ph: 0413 2623 302 and 9843734825,

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

Office hours: Monday - Friday: 09.00am - 12.30 pm, 02.30pm - 4.30pm/ Saturday : 09.00am - 12.30 pm

## POSTINGS

### Vedic notebooks and 2015 Diaries at Freeland Bookshop

We have a beautiful selection of Vedic Cosmos notebooks and diaries (Ganesha Journal, Wisdom of the Rishis, etc.), along with some other interesting designs in all sizes. Also worth a look is our ever growing stock of books on all subjects: organic farming, yoga, ayurveda, children, education, green architecture...to name just a few. Come and visit any day from 10 to 1 or from 3 to 6. You will find us on the Edayanchavadi Road, right after the Visitors Centre Parking. Looking forward to seeing you, *the Freeland team*

### Meeting regarding the "volunteers' tax"

A group of concerned Aurovilians would like to meet to share our perceptions about the new policy of taxing the volunteers. All are invited, also volunteers that want to share their point of view. Also and specially we would appreciate the participation of those who took this decision to implement such a policy to share with us what criteria was used and why, without consulting with the community at large. **We'll meet at Solitude farm on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 4.30 pm. Cookies and tea will be there.** Please come to an open, sincere and

friendly exchange. The time has come to face our discrepancies in a total New Way. *Ricardo*

### Subsidised Taxi to/from Chennai

Dear Aurovilians,

We are offering a subsidised taxi drive from/to Chennai for Aurovilians. We would be happy to subsidise half of the return fare in exchange for dropping a bread delivery to my office at the entrance of Chennai on the ECR.

Here are the conditions for enjoying a 50% discount on your taxi ride:

- The taxi ride needs to take place during the week days as we require a fresh delivery of bread.
- The taxi must leave after lunch and before 5 pm from Auroville (that's when the bread order is ready).
- About 2 large bags of bread (60 to 80 breads) will have to be picked from the Bakery.
- The taxi will need to make a stop at Thiruvannamiyur in Chennai (the end of the ECR when you enter Chennai).
- We currently have a once-a-month delivery (1 taxi ride per month). We may increase this in the future.

You can call me on my mobile, +91 90 43 02 82 21 to arrange for a taxi ride. Kind regards, *Aurovrata*.

## AVAILABLE

### 2 Motorbike jackets

One woman's jacket and one man's jacket, with all patented protections - almost brand-new. If interested please call Jean-Marc M.: 94432 63079.

### Aluminium and glass window frames

Aluminium and glass window frames (4) 82 x 190cm largest window (1), 82 x 168 medium (1) 168x76cm small (2). If interested, call Deoyani at 9585162922, [dsarkhot@gmail.com](mailto:dsarkhot@gmail.com) - Thanks! *Deoyani*.

## Teak Wood

Late December, after the big rain, a thirty-five year old Teak tree fell. Some very nice pieces of wood, but costly as good teak always is. Interested, please stop by Alchemy, or e-mail: [Francis@auroville.org.in](mailto:Francis@auroville.org.in) - Thanking you, *Francis*

## Giant mountain bike

I've used it for one month only and it is in a perfect state. A great bike at a very attractive price. Please check with *Sukrit* at AuroVelo.

Mobile: 9443658128. Landline: 2622380  
*Diksha*

## Technical assistance Guide

I am an electrical, electronic engineer and also did some mechanical. During my recent research I've found that many people in AV have problem with their technical stuff like computers, phones, motors, batteries and even light vehicles which cost lots of money in the end. So, I can advise and fix all kinds of daily life technical issues, and give a basic guideline to save money and keep the environment clean by repairing it,

which one can do themselves. Contact *Vikrant*: mail: [viekie012@gmail.com](mailto:viekie012@gmail.com), Ph.9940072682 (kindly call after 5 pm Monday- Friday or leave a text)

## Honda CB twister

I am selling my Honda CB twister, 2010 model, electric start, disc brakes and only 11000km done. Contact *Vikrant*: ph. 9940072682, email: [viekie012@gmail.com](mailto:viekie012@gmail.com). Kindly call after 5 pm - Monday-Friday or leave a message.

USB modem HUAWEI: E303F 14.4 Mbps 3G. + Soft Wi Fi Hotspot. One-month old. Contact *Juan*: 944 34 34 182.

## Puppy

A two-month old, brown white, female puppy is looking for a home. Contact 8940563985

## TVS XL Super/ Hero Honda Splendor

Contact *Boobalan*, Siddharta Forest: 9787084506 or [boobalanbullet@auroville.org.in](mailto:boobalanbullet@auroville.org.in)

## LOOKING FOR ...

### Volunteer for the AV Health Service

Dear Friends,  
AV Health Services is looking for a volunteer to live in (free accommodation) and help a senior gentleman. The requirement is for someone (male) to help him prepare dinner, eat with him and then spend overnight. No daytime work. If interested call/email us 262 2425, [avhs@auroville.org.in](mailto:avhs@auroville.org.in), or call Dany 978 762 6452. Happy 2015 from your AVHS team

### Spanish guitar

I need it just for a couple of months. Many thanks!! *Mila* 7598213931

### Anybody flying to The Netherlands

Is there anybody flying to The Netherlands soon that could take a small package along and post it in NL? It would be great! It's a very light small package. Mail: [manuela.auroville@gmail.com](mailto:manuela.auroville@gmail.com) or sms 8098900471 - Thank You!

### A partition screen (standing wall) and a bed and/or mattress

If you have a partition screen and/or a bed/mattress unused somewhere - I would be interested to put it into function. Would also be happy to borrow it from 17th January to 14th February only. Kindly contact *Ulrike* 9626561256 or 9442192906. Grateful.

### Musicians and creative people

Eco-musical performance group 'Phoenix' is looking for a music teacher who takes interest in using recycled instruments. The students are the youngsters of the bio-region of Auroville and they are using Phoenix as a social project. We would like creative and imaginative musicians who like to create innovative music. We are also in need of creators to make interesting instruments with recycled materials.

Contact details: [avsingingfestival@auroville.org.in](mailto:avsingingfestival@auroville.org.in)  
*Creating community culture group, Community Cultural Colors (See See See)* [[www.facebook.com/communityculturalcolors](http://www.facebook.com/communityculturalcolors)]

### Seeking used Western Brand Bicycle

Hello All.....I'm *Noel from Surrender Community*....I'm looking for a used, older model bicycle, western brand (Trek, Cannondale, Schwinn, any others....no Indian brands!), either mountain bike or road bike....even just a frame is fine, which I can build up with parts....Preferably a very simple style without all the modern fancy designs and stuff.....Can't afford to pay much, but if any of you out there have something that you don't use or don't want anymore, or are a collector of cycles and would like your 'extras' to be used (I only cycle here, no motorized transport for me!), please let me know....You can email me at [earthyyoga@hotmail.com](mailto:earthyyoga@hotmail.com), or call me at 2622816. Thanks and best Wishes to All....

### A second-hand laptop

In good working condition. Our Gardeners' son is studying engineering in Chennai and is looking for a good second-hand laptop for his studies. Anyone who has one and willing to sell it, please let me know. [Dorle@auroville.org.in](mailto:Dorle@auroville.org.in) / 2622509. Thanks, *Dorle, Madhuca*

### Printing work

Hi, friends, do you have any printing job? I will do vouchers, bills, bookwork, advertisement leaflets and all kinds of printing and binding work. Thanks, *Jayamoorthy* - 9443755082

### Second hand laptop

To better support our sound-system for the OM-choir. Kindly phone *Kayananda*: 2623038 or send an Email: [Kayananda@auroville.org.in](mailto:Kayananda@auroville.org.in)

### Someone coming from Munich

Stephanie is looking for someone who will be coming from Munich to Auroville any time soon or in the next months and could bring a portable massage table for her osteopathy treatments. If you know someone, or have friends who will be visiting, please contact [osteopathy.auroville@mail.com](mailto:osteopathy.auroville@mail.com). *Alba*

## LOST & FOUND

**Samsung cellphone (lost):** If found please contact *Oaljeet*: 9899221409

**A women's scarf (found):** with printed flowers, found the 10th evening in Visitors' Center after the "Genius brothers show".

Contact *Moghan*: 9751110486 - [moghan@auroville.org.in](mailto:moghan@auroville.org.in)

**I Phone 5 C (lost):** In Kotakarai area 8.01.2015, I PHONE 5 C, white colour. Contact *Juan*: 944 34 34 182

**A white sweater/pullover, long sleeves:** On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of January I laid that sweater together with a blue jacket and

my pants on the bench in the changing room of Pitanga for the yoga class.

I guess, somebody of the Aikido classes, or the kids' yoga class, or another yoga class confused my sweater with a white t-shirt which is still in the changing room since one week? Of course, i know i should not be attached to such worldly items, but - yes, i would be grateful to have it back. Please could you check whether by mistake you or your kid took home my sweater? Thanks a lot, *Biggie*

**Mobile phone (lost):** .Black folding (shell) Samsung. Contain English / Hebrew push buttons. Please call: 9047089542 - Zeevic

## THANK YOU

### Special thanks to All my friends

Special thanks to all my friends for making my 10th Birthday so special. I was happy to see thousands of happy people together on my birthday, truly a moving experience.

My special thanks to:

Lison, Fif, Krupa, Jill, Uma, Vivek, Raja. Amudha, Akash, and Probir.

PONDY CAN and NCPC - (National coastal protection campaign) for giving me a new assignment for Coastline protection.

FIF, Himesh, Elene and Komali Medi Clown Academy for puppetry.

Krupa and Sankalpa Art Journeys for creative input, Liisa, Anne and Soili from Finland for Grand play / Priya Muthukumar of Storipur and Paula Murphy for storytelling.

Torkil for Art installation.

Riju for her constant presence.

Gilbert for his communication support.

Doris, Francis and Ado for photography.

Deepika and Faraaz for space layout.

Mita and Partha for Performance support.

Jesse and Joel for holding the stage and sound system.

Musicians and artists, healers and volunteers, New Zealand students for supporting stall.

Steffi for keeping my birthday live on Net.

Elumalai and Bharat Nivas team for their support.

Aster Ji for having trust in us.

Rosana, Younge and staff of Upasana for volunteering their time.

All the Individuals for their financial support to the project.

Your little Tsunamiika [\[www.tsunamiika.org\]](http://www.tsunamiika.org)

### Tsunamiika's return-trip to her origin.

"*Tsunamiika, Daughter of the Ocean*" musical play on Saturday in Bharat Nivas Auditorium closed a 5-year circle in our ISIS theater. Anne, Soili and Partha had their Tsunamiika premiere with two cultures and three languages on the stage by dancing, singing, playing and acting. The air was full of tense and excitement.

Actually before our theater's 5 years trip, the first circle of Tsunamiika started already ten years ago with the idea of Uma

and the hands of fisherwomen, continued with the Tsunamiika story by Manoj. I found the beautiful story of Tsunamiika 5 years ago during Tsunamiika's five years anniversary.

In Finland we started to prepare a musical play, I wrote the text and lyrics, Suvi composed. It was a sunny winter day outside with lots of snow and minus degrees. Sampo designed the set, starfish and the spirit of conch, Eeva and Emilia designed the costumes. All elements, props and costumes we made with recycled materials in Finland. One costume was created in India by Shilpa in Upasana: of course the Sun, Suriyan! Three years two Finnish actresses Suvi and Susanna performed the play in different venues in Finland: theaters, schools, festivals...

A new cast was needed to travel to India, for the 10 years anniversary, to perform the play in English. New performers: Anne, dancer and Soili, musician came on-board. Thillai translated the text into Tamil and we got Partha to play the Tamil speaking narrator. It was a big fortune to get Partha, such a smart, playful and big hearted man in our team. His role was called Fortune carrier, and such he was!

It was a great pleasure to work together with our India-team! We had real fun. We all enjoyed the active work during the ten hot days. Thank you all! Jean, Joe, Sh..., Prakash, Aurelio, Jawed, Vivek, Thor, Chinmayee, Mita, Fif, Gaurav, Amuda, Raja, Akash, Jill and all you whose name we did not learn yet. We needed a lot of help to get all instruments, new set elements, costume and set corrections, the sound, the lights, the projected text, flags, the entire play on the stage in 10 days. A big thank you to Uma, Lison and Manoj!

All these circles faced each other on Saturday night. The Tamil fisherwomen in the audience, the Finnish lament on the stage... The tense and excitement transformed to a common sorrow, deep senses, joy and light. Those we shared in the darkness in the auditorium. Tsunamiika had returned home!

It was a great honour to be part of the huge Tsunamiika event on the 10th of January.

Full of gratitude, On behalf of ISIS theater - *Liisa Isotalo*, director of the musical play "*Tsunamiika, Daughter of the Ocean*"

*Submitted by Uma*

## APPEAL

### Calling all adults! Join us for Nature Camp 2015.

It's that time of year again! Auroville Nature Camp 2015 is only a few months away and we've begun preparing for camp already. As part of this preparation, we're currently looking for adults with the motivation and skills to help us with

infrastructure - essentially to go a little early and be a part of building up the camp for the kids.

We're also on the lookout for camp counselors, or the adults who attend camp with the students. An ideal camp counselor would be one who is: mature and responsible, likes to work with children in the outdoors, and one who is willing to share

their own passions with young people in an outdoor setting.

Does this sound like you?

There will be three camps of 11-days next summer, starting in May and ending in mid-June. Camp is situated in the beautiful hills of Kodaikanal. The cost per adult is Rs 3,000, and all food, lodging, and transport will be provided.

Adults: if you are interested in helping out, either with camp set up or as a counselor, please write an email with your name, age, community, your contact number, a short paragraph on why you're interested in joining Nature Camp and what skills/activities you could contribute to camp. Please send the email to: [naturecamp@auroville.org.in](mailto:naturecamp@auroville.org.in) by the end of January. (Students: hold on a little longer, we'll let you know when it's time to sign up!). We look forward to hearing from you!  
AV Nature Camp Team

### An appeal for Goupi

Goupi is going for a bilateral (both hips) replacement. This operation has been long overdue and finally he will go for it this Monday (12 January). He will be staying in NOVA Specialty Hospital in Chennai for 1 week. The total cost for this will come to 5.5 lakhs and the Auroville Health Fund is having problems covering the full cost. This is an appeal to the community to help Goupi cover this necessary operation. **Any of you wanting to help please put the money into account 252089 "Goupi Operation» at the financial Service.**

With Love and Gratitude,  
Goupi and Li Mei

## ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

### House sitting1

Hi! I'm looking for a house or apartment for or house-sitting for a small or long term, I'm newcomer serious and responsible, Matrimandir work, are single- [roberto@auroville.org.in](mailto:roberto@auroville.org.in)

## TAXI SHARING

January 18th: Sunday - Leaving from Auroville at 9:00 am to Chennai airport on 18th Jan, Sunday. Taxi can be shared both ways & only 1 person is going. If interested, pl contact Lalit <[lalit@auroville.org.in](mailto:lalit@auroville.org.in)> Phone: 9443790172

January 28th: Going to Chennai airport around 2-3 pm, possible to start earlier. Please call Francis: 7598146288 or [mangin.clement04@gmail.com](mailto:mangin.clement04@gmail.com)

January 30th: Leaving Chennai airport for Auroville, arrival time 3.45 if interested have contact Rolf: [cosmic@auroville.org.in](mailto:cosmic@auroville.org.in)

January 31st: I am arriving at Chennai airport around 8.30 am. Taxi available both ways. Empty taxi will leave Auroville around 5.30 am. Contact: [sylas@auroville.org.in](mailto:sylas@auroville.org.in) or 2622987

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

### Center Guest House Management

The Guest Facilities Coordination Group (GFCG) seeks highly responsible persons with an interest in taking on executive responsibilities and active management work for Center Guest House.

Please note that *only Aurovilians who meet the following criteria will be interviewed:*

1. Ready to make a full-time commitment, with presence in AV throughout the year
2. Ability to work harmoniously in a multicultural team and manage 15-20 workers
3. Demonstrated track record of ethical behavior, including compliance with Indian laws and official Auroville policies
4. Capacity to maintain high standards of hygiene and food service
5. Willingness to participate in the meetings and work of the GFCG
6. Good spoken and written English (Tamil is a plus!)
7. Basic computing and bookkeeping knowledge

Please submit a written application to [gfcg@auroville.org.in](mailto:gfcg@auroville.org.in), and tell us a bit about why you are interested in this work, as well as your relevant skills and experience. Maintenance is available. We look forward to hearing from you before Saturday, 24 January.

### Guest Accommodation Service Coordinator

The Guest Facilities Coordination Group (GFCG) seeks a Coordinator for the Guest Accommodation Service. This full-time position is for someone who can be both friendly and efficient interacting with guests, and enjoys the fast pace of the busy season.

The work also involves:

1. Maintaining up-to-date information regarding Auroville's guest accommodations
2. Registration of new guest facilities
3. Educating new guest house managers re: Guest House regulations
4. Training new staff and volunteers at the Accommodation Service
5. Overseeing the Accommodation Service staff schedule
6. Participation in GFCG meetings
7. Supporting the administrative work of the GFCG

Good written and spoken English is required (all other languages helpful), and computer skills are necessary.

Please submit a written application to [gfcg@auroville.org.in](mailto:gfcg@auroville.org.in) that includes details regarding your relevant skills and experience. Maintenance is available.

### Sales Girl

We are looking for a Sales Girl for full time in our Shop at Visitors' Center.

Basic English and experience is required. Please contact: Anuyta 2622161/ 2622193 / email: [auromode@auroville.org.in](mailto:auromode@auroville.org.in)  
Thanks and Regards, Anuyta Auromode

### Position available with Eco Femme

Eco Femme is an emerging social enterprise based in Saracon campus, Auroville, which has the following mission:

We are a global women's empowerment initiative. Rising from rural India, reaching out to women around the world, we promote and revitalize menstrual practices that are healthy, dignified, affordable and eco positive.

You can read more about us here: [www.ecofemme.org](http://www.ecofemme.org)

Eco Femme is seeking to welcome a competent person who would be interested to be part of our dynamic and growing team to fulfil the following position

**Full time office administrator and production manager:** There are 2 strands to this role - part of your focus would be to take on responsibility for book keeping and accounts and general office administration and the other part would be on day to day management of production processes

**Concerning book keeping and office administration:** You will play a crucial role for ensuring office is running smoothly and day to day book keeping requirements. You will also be responsible for managing and potentially setting up new systems & structures for finance and office administration based on the growing needs of the organisation which has both for profit and not for profit activities.

**Concerning production:** While our products are stitched outside, you will play a crucial role in overseeing the entire production operations, co-ordinating processes from sourcing to ensuring smooth and seamless coordination between Eco Femme and production units until product is ready for customers.

**Qualifications:**

- Graduate in Finance or related field
- Excellent organisational skills

- Reliable & resourceful personality; good interpersonal skills and proven ability to work harmoniously in a team
  - Strong skills in computing including Tally and excel
  - Excellent communication in English and Tamil
- For more information, please write to [jessamijn@auroville.org.in](mailto:jessamijn@auroville.org.in) including your CV

**Auroville Bamboo Research Centre**

**Welcome! Seeking Volunteers to help in establishing our new Bamboo Forest Plantation and Nursery.**

Work Includes: Permaculture Techniques (Planting Fruit Trees, Garden Vegetables and Flowers, within the new Bamboo Forest area)  
Bamboo Construction; i.e. (Huts, Composting Toilets, Installations of Fencing and Gates etc.)

Interested? Contact: David, email me on: [davharris@btopenworld.com](mailto:davharris@btopenworld.com) or phone whichever of my mobiles work: 8946563004 or 9976944655 for more details.

**A U R O V I L L E R A D I O**



Dear Friends,

The Auroville Radio enjoyed hosting an event together with the Genius Brothers and the French Pavilion and AVI France at the Visitors Center recently. Hopefully we will have similar events in the future. If you would like to support the Radio and its immediate needs and long term objectives of creating a Media Lab your contribution to the Radio account #251369 is greatly appreciated.

We are always looking for volunteers to join us in the task of creating content. We are also looking for people trained in website development in order to implement our project to merge the TV and Radio site into a single

site. Students and journalists are welcome to join us in sharing their experience and their time to improve our work.

In January our team will be working together to re-focus and re-structure our goals and talents. The sound barrier issue is on the way to concluding, so soon the sound will no longer be an issue.

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 No. 11 (Performing Arts 09/01/2015)**

This week a message from the French pavilion, and we discuss art and artists and their role in society and Auroville -[English, 17 Minutes]

**Across the Universe (Performing Arts 09/01/2015)**

Vox Mundi Ensemble with Silvia Nakkach thrilled numerous audience last night at Pitanga with their voices and songs - [English, 59 Minutes]

**Lionel explique les graphs 2014 (Governance 08/01/2015)**

Lionel explains the graphs made for surveys based on Auroville's population that can be used according to the need. - [French, 36 Minutes]

**Roland et Wazo special edition (Culture 08/01/2015)**

Wazo parle des humoristes dans la societe et particulierement dans notre communautee d'Auroville. -[French, 12 Minutes]

**Hommage to Humour Sat 8 VC (News from Auroville 08/01/2015)**

Artists of Auroville open mike at VC on Sat 8PM - Come Fri at 7 to be or contact Wazo. -[English, 5 Minutes]

**Tsunamika, Communication (News from Auroville 08/01/2015)**

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

Feturing Fif, coordinator of events for Tsunamika Turns Ten on Saturday 10th at Bharat Nivas, Pavilion of India, IZ. -[English, 20 Minutes]

**Dominique & Francine: Matrimandir (Literature 06/01/2015)**

Dominique Darr et Francine Finck interview sur la publication du livre Matrimandir -[French, 17 Minutes]

**Jean-Francois Noubel in English (Research 05/01/2015)**

Conference in English by Jean-Fran -[English, 116 Minutes]

**10 Years of Tsunamika (News from Auroville 05/01/2015)**

On Saturday 10th at Bharat Nivas celebration of 10 years of Tsunamika with the peek with theater play. -[English, 12 Minutes]

**Ultimate Frisbee Camp (Kids & Youth 04/01/2015)**

The Ultimate Frisbee Camp was supported by the NGO Pudiyador and held at the Dehashakti Sports Ground in Auroville. -[English, 58 Minutes]

**Sitar Harmonium Concert (Music 04/01/2015)**

Sujoy Basu played the sitar along with Suvendu Banerjee on Harmonium and Arindam Chakravarty on Tabla. -[Music, 72 Minutes]

## EATING OUT

### Lunch at Solitude Farm

MON-SAT 12.30-14.00 - Smoothies, Thali, Wraps, Salads, Juices...

The lunch scheme is an amazing opportunity offered to Aurovilians. For those on the Lunch Scheme eating at Solitude Organic Farm Cafe, it is not only a place to eat, but a commitment to the Farm and to an understanding to where their food is coming from.

We now have a regular group for Lunch Scheme who eat either 3 times a week or everyday including the TLC school who take lunch twice a week.

We cater to the growing demand for organic, vegan, gluten- and sugar free food

We help the curious and inquisitive customer to discover the essence of local food and help them reconnect to where their food is coming from

A menu highlighting the nutritional and medicinal benefits of the ingredients is being prepared

We provide access to healthy organically grown local food. Our food has zero food miles and this gives a sense of participation to our customers that they are reducing their carbon footprints. The ingredients we use such as red rice, ragi, varagu (millet), toor dal, our seasonal fruits and vegetables reflect those that have been grown for hundreds of years on this land and have a cultural and ecological relevance

The lunch changes everyday, and ranges from dishes from wild fresh green salads, green papaya, ragi and tapioca flour dosa, banana flower vadais, banana stem, plantain, tapioca chips, tapioca gnocchi, falafel and so much more!

The cafe reflects the farm's philosophy that we, the land and the bio-diversity of plant, animal and insect life surrounding us are interconnected. We feel that simple, nutritious food

grown, harvested and eaten at the same location is best for our body and soul.

There is a great delight in creating the daily menu and we welcome you to come and join the lunch scheme which is open to all Aurovilians, Newcomers and long term volunteers.

The scheme requires participants to commit for a minimum of three days a week for three months. More days is also fine.

For the next three months the price for the lunch is 100 rupees/meal. If you get your lunch scheme paid for via the central fund you have to top it up by 50 rupees.

For more information contact

[krishnamckenzie@auroville.org.in](mailto:krishnamckenzie@auroville.org.in) or come and meet us at the café!

*"Food and medicine are not two different things: they are the front and back of one body." -- Masanobu Fukuoka, The One-Straw Revolution*

### Opening Jolly Kimbap delivery for tiffin

Kimbap is a Korean version of sushi. It is rice rolled in seaweed/nori with diverse and fresh ingredients in the middle. We are open only for home delivery at lunch time.

Menu: Vegan Kimbap/ Vegetable Kimbap/ Tuna Kimbap / Cheese Kimbap/Salad Kimbap/ Chicken Kimbap/ Multi Kimbap/ Mini Kimbap

Ordering for birthday parties, celebrations, events, etc... is available.

Running day: Monday to Saturday (Closed on Sunday) - Delivery Time: 12 noon to 2 pm

Book one day before by only SMS/ Order the day by calling: 97517 83912

*Jolly Kimbap located at Adventure*

## GREEN MATTERS

### The fifth year of Walks to Auroville Farms and Forest

Sunday  
**walk**  
Farms & Forests

The Auroville Green Center is happy to announce the fifth year of Walks to Auroville Farms and Forest. They are open and free for Aurovilians, volunteers, guests and visitors.

Below the first in a series of 14 Sunday walks for 2015 (from January to April)

Every week these walks will be published in the News and Notes, on the AuroNet and the familiar green posters (showing a month of walks ) will be posted on major noticeboards throughout the community; they will show the timings (mornings or afternoons), location, route description and contact information.

Sunday the 25th of January, 3 pm, Annapurna with Tomas.

Annapurna is Auroville's largest farm with 135 acres of heavy black cotton soil; in addition to rice, the crops are monsoon fed; millets such as varagu and kudravalli, rosella, mustard, sesame, pulses, firewood crops and fodder.

The stewards have created water catchment ponds from which they irrigate most of the land without tapping into groundwater reserves. Besides growing food for Auroville, Annapurna is processing the grains of most Auroville farms and a few bioregional farms. They produce milk, curd and a variety of cheeses from milk of their own organic dairy.

Directions to Annapurna: (here goes for the adventurous!) From the Solar Kitchen the distance is 10 km, it takes about 30 min to get there by bike and longer by cycle. At 2.15 pm people can meet at Solar Kitchen and travel together. A shared transport can be organized, but contact us before Friday 23rd Jan / email us at: [avgreencenter@auroville.org.in](mailto:avgreencenter@auroville.org.in) or sms (only) to 944 227 0640

Follow the road from Solar Kitchen to Certitude, take a right turn, and continue past Reve, Udavi and AuroOrchard, till you hit the National Highway45. Cross this wide road and take the smaller road to Kootroad/Trichitrabalam. Take the left on the Y-cross in Kootroad towards Vanur/Mailam. Follow this road for about 2 km and you will get to Sederapet (bars and petrol bunk on your left). Continue and after a hundred meters another petrol bunk on your right (Indian Oil), continue for another 1 km and yes another petrol bunk on your left (BP petrol). Annapurna is opposite the BP petrol Bunk on the right side of the road, a green gate with the name on it . Follow the path in about 1 km and you will see the farm buildings. Should you get lost phone Tomas 94896 93801.

# Notes

## An Anthropologist

*"In its first dawning in the Renaissance, humanism seemed like a magical enlargement of consciousness..." (A.Schultz: "A Theory of Consciousness", New York, 1973, p.526).*

During the last days of December, 22 guests lived in Aspiration Guest House. Caroline Brousse (23) from France was among them. She is a student, studying anthropology. For some years many engineers visited our Guest House but it was the first time I met an anthropologist. After the industrial revolution "Summa Technologica" required more and more servants, slaves. The sciences about the human beings are not so popular.

There is an old expression: "*do ut des (Latin)*" - I give you but you must give me too. If we receive something, it needs to be paid for. Techniques makes our life easier but what does it take from us? Maybe humanism. Devices require our attention, time and something more.

We have two Aurovilles: one of them situated near the ocean and the second one (Nature Camp) - in Palni (or Palani) Hills, not far from Kodaikanal. The difference between the two Auroville is great from an anthropological point of view. For example, about the first one we can read in the *News & Notes* (27.12.14, p.6): "It is urgent to do something about the growing trend of private car ownership in Auroville". After some time our city could be similar to any town, like Pondy: "It's hard to find in Pondy a parking place even for bikes" (same page).

In the Nature Camp techniques do not come between the people and their environment. The Mother Gaia embraces her children, she gives them joy and power. There is a symbolic Greek legend about a fight between Hercules and Achilles. When Achilles touched the ground, he received new energy. But Hercules raised his enemy in the air and won the fight. Techniques are like Hercules, it raises mankind from Nature. I met Caroline Brousse and felt that any anthropologist may see that the industrialization isn't favourable to humanism.

Boris

## A few ideas

Only for those who truly feel that we are not in the right track for progress. Real and drastic steps have to be taken.

There are directions which can have a great dynamism for moving ahead. Let us keep in mind that we all came, with a will, to open ourselves to the New Consciousness. Our dedication to the Truth will reveal in life new perceptions, which will bring harmony in our collective march towards the future,

As we are the only makers of rules (within Auroville), it is time to come back to square one and do some introspection, see where we are and where the knots are in order to untie decisions which are keeping us in the past. Let us keep only rules which are wide enough to evolve, stimulating a free and collective awareness.

### A few ideas:

The approach of the Entry service should be as simple as possible. A service is an administrative desk to keep records and guide people into the actual Auroville. The reality belongs to those who act in all spheres of life. A Newcomer or a candidate who wish to be part of the adventure should follow simple rules: One year of probation period, find an area of work, mainly being part of the collective life or its development, finally find a place to stay. The criteria for admission should be, with the help of the contact person, where the aspirant has lived and the place where he has worked. A suggestion: he or she should not change the work she has chosen for becoming an Aurovilian, unless the motives to change are acceptable. First of all we should be convinced that it is not what we do which is important; it is the attitude, in order to open ourselves to the Truth and serve the collective.

The education as it is practiced is just following the routine of the past. When we say education, immediately we have all those subjects in mind and it is what we learn in school, even though it is good in the normal life for the future of children believing only in education. In Auroville Education, yes; but first an inner education, in order to help children with discovering what real life is from inside to outside. If we were able to include those approaches then all the education would become a play of life, only to be used, without giving it too much importance. If we can admit that all life has its origin in the supreme Consciousness, then the books of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother are the real basis for the future evolution of mankind. In a nutshell we have to discover new approaches to education, and it has to come from inside not from our mind. All could emerge when our mind is quiet and opened.

There is a wrong perception about work. It is not what we do; it is the attitude in doing it. Most of the work done by units is mainly for the maintenance of the executives. The ideal could be that there are no employees as describe by the law. All workers would become citizen workers and get all facilities on the material level, like the Aurovilians. Aurovilians would delegate their power to the best workers and all accounts would be transparent and profits if any would be equitably shared with those who are doing the work and be a part of Auroville at large. This could be a true integration and a process to create this Fraternity which would bring about an atmosphere of constructive exchange and progress.

We should not imagine that it is for the Aurovilians to build the Auroville town. We should get the approaches from all the countries that would decide to adopt the Auroville project as an experience to discover solutions regarding the slow disintegration of all the aspects of life in the World.

If we in Auroville could be convinced that a New Consciousness is at work, we should give up any other practices to get in touch with the Force behind, then a collective Consciousness would emerge and it would be enough for the Truth to elaborate the basis for a new life made of harmony, beauty and true love.

For a start, we should invite all the big businesses of the World and India, to set up a training or a research center. Surely they would come in touch with the Ideal and, they may, in due course, contribute to the material manifestation of Auroville and bring a lot of financial support.

We don't have to convince anybody, only our sincerity in our aspiration to the Truth will create the proper atmosphere and if it is done, many will follow.

Andre [New Creation 25.12.14]

# For your calendar



## AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

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

Every THURSDAY at sunset - from 5.30 to 6.00 pm (*weather permitting*)

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset and heavenly music in the very Center!

Reminder to all: The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such. We request everyone not to use cameras, i-pads, cell phones, etc. Dear Guests, please carry your guest cards with you and note that access is only for the Amphitheater, from 5.15 pm. Please be seated by 5.25 pm, no late entry. Thank you.

*Amphitheatre Team*

## SILENT MEDITATION FOR AUROVILLE

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

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

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

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

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*

### "Walk through Auroville" - Residential zone

Everybody is invited to join....To walk the full walk or the meet up in between

A space to share our concerns and inspirations

A space to express our being in walking, dancing, painting or

A space to listen to each other's points of views .....

How can I participate **in action** to manifest Auroville

What support the collective can provide to me to grow

**When: Saturday 17th January, 2015 @ 3 pm**

**Starting Point: La Terrace**

3:00 - 3:30 pm introduction and start

3:30 - 4:00 pm walk through Mahalakschmi Park, Arka, Surrender, Grace, Invocation, Aarati, Realization, Vikas, Creativity, Luminosity reaching in Swayam

4:00 - 4:30 pm rest in Swayam --- space for exchange of ideas

4:30 - 4:45 pm walk to Sharanga

4:45 - 5:15 pm rest in Sharanga --- space for exchange with Kavitha and other Youth

5:15 - 5:45 pm passing Samasti, Prarthna, Progress, Humility, Kailash youth center

5:45 - 6:00 pm sharing and closing in La Terrace....

Aroma Revi the main facilitator of the Auroville Retreat in March is invited to join us.

A space to come in contact with the community and listen to our concerns.

Love, Kavitha & Inge (RAS)



### Auroville International Potters Market 2015

Dear Community

You are all invited to the first Auroville International Potters Market 2015

10:00 am - 6:00 pm, January 30th - February 1<sup>st</sup>

At the Visitors Centre

Showcasing 38 potters from (See picture):

## "Dive into Auroville" - Peace

Everybody is invited to join....  
A space to reach out to the "Divine in Action" manifesting PEACE  
A space to scan through my own activities in regard of PEACE ....  
A space to reflect on my own actions: are they based on PEACE and creating PEACE  
A space to express whatever evolves out of silence  
A space to share our concerns and inspirations  
A space to listen to the voice of silence

How can I participate from the space of silence to manifest Auroville  
How the collective can support my inner work to allow me to grow

**When: Sunday 18th January, 2015 @ 3 pm - 6 pm / Where: Unity Pavilion**

Aroma Revi the main facilitator of the Auroville Retreat in March is invited to join us.  
A space to come in contact with the community and listen to our concerns

Love, *Inge* (RAS)

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## The Teachers' Center

As a service for Auroville schools and teachers, the Teachers' Center has come into being. At the teachers center we want to work actively with identifying needs in the field of Integral Education in Auroville. Through collaboration, networking, research and innovation this service wants to provide teachers' training, advisory services, and support for teachers and schools. The center is also in the process of building up a resource center/library with didactic materials to support and inspire teachers in their work.

We would like to invite all teachers to the first in a series of gatherings, "conversations on integral education". These gatherings will be held every other Thursday, from 4-5.30 pm, and the topics will relate to integral education, with the purpose of bringing educators in Auroville together around different topics.

We would like to welcome you to the first of those gatherings, an informal inauguration of the teachers' center, with a slide-show on education from the early years in Auroville.

**When: Thursday 22 January, from 4-5 pm / Where: The Teachers' center, SAIER building.**

We look forward to seeing you!  
Heidi Watts, Francoise, Lisbeth, Arati, Auroasha and Maya

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## 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 lacs 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](mailto:lilaloka@auroville.org.in)

Lilaloka Team:

*Anna, Enricho, Rosie, Sandrine, Stacy, Rajan, Yvelise*

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## Café Auroville presents

"Les Dialogues en Humanité"

Theme: Dialog and Human Unity

**Tuesday, February 3rd 2015/ Venue: Banyan Tree, Visitors Centre, 10 am - 4 pm**

All are Welcome!

Most of humanity's problems are self-generated.

On the basis of this notion, "Dialogues en Humanité" aims to gain better understanding of what human beings are, how we can grow wiser together, gain self-confidence, believe in others and in the future, and achieve greater understanding and justice.

This event wants to encompass maximum cultural and geographical diversity and welcome a variety of opinions and possible answers to the many questions we have.

More details with full programme around the theme of "Dialogues en Humanite" - will be published in the next week's newsletter.

For information: please contact Rolland Katz, Aviram, Didier, Manu and Tapas BHATT  
8940223108 or 9442121315

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## In a Meditative mood

Saturday Evening 24th of January  
 Indian klassikal Jugelbandi concert  
 Kees van Boxtel - bansuri  
 Seraphine Soundarya - Veena  
 We are going to play as beautifully as we can.  
 The concert is at GRATITUDE in Pondicherry

## EXHIBITIONS



## Objets of Contemplation A journey in Ceramics by Antra sinha

At Centre d'Arts Citadines  
 Opening 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015 4.30pm-7pm  
 22<sup>nd</sup> January-3<sup>rd</sup> February 2.30pm-5.30pm except Sundays

## TALKS , SEMINARS

### UHU Seminars 2015 in Auroville

The Vedic Gayatri Mantra  
 In the context of the original Yoga of the ancient Rishis  
 (advanced seminar in Vedic philology and philosophy)  
 Nishtha Muller - Presenter  
Thursdays, Jan 22-Mar 12, 5-6 PM

The Philosophy of Consciousness -Hegel and Sri Aurobindo  
 (advanced seminar in philosophical thought)  
 Rod Hemsell - Presenter  
Thursdays, Jan 22 - Mar12, 6:15-7:30 PM (Rod), Garden Room

Music - Self - Expression  
 Ladislav Brozman - Presenter  
 (advanced seminar in music theory)  
Saturdays, Jan 24-Mar 14, 10-12 AM, Garden Room (21/2 & 28/2 no program)  
 (Preceded by Savitri reading (Rod), 9-10 AM)  
 1. English language self-study support  
 Ruslan D. - presenter and coach

#### Aims and objectives

To assist individuals and self-study groups and enhance the efficiency of their independent study of the English language.

#### Beneficiaries and eligibility requirements

Aurovilians, newcomers, guests, students and workers of Auroville would be the main beneficiaries of the programme. To be eligible to take part in the programme, the students must be on the **pre-intermediate or higher** level in English, or else be fluent in French, Ukrainian or Russian. Otherwise, the presence of a facilitator would be required.

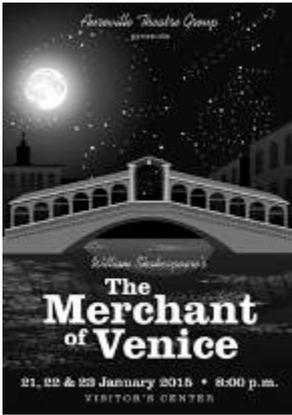
Sundays, 4-5:30 PM, Garden Room  
 (Preceded by Savitri reading (Rod), 3-4 PM (perhaps in Big Hall a few times))

VENUE - GARDEN ROOM, SAVITRI BHAVAN

## CULTURAL EVENTS

### AVI-USA Cultural Program

A Juglebandi of Hindustani slide guitar-Carnatic flute vocal and tabla  
 January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm  
 Unity Pavilion



## The Merchant of Venice

The Auroville Theatre Group invites you to our exciting new production of "The Merchant of Venice" by William Shakespeare, January 21, 22 and 23, 2015, 8:00 pm at the Visitor's Centre.

The cast includes: Savithri Maya as Portia, Jeremy as Bassanio, Swar as Antonio, Rachel as Nerissa, Jerry as Gratiano, Nitish as Lorenzo, Ramesh as Salarino, Shakthi Kumar as Shylock, Amudah as Jessica, Jelger as Lancelot, Juan Felipe as the Prince of Arragon, Javed as the Prince of Morocco, Shiv as the Duke and Tubal, and Sadish as Stephano, Stage Manager: Chinmayee. Costumes by Kiran. Directed by Jill.

### Plot Summary:

Antonio, a Venetian merchant, complains to his friends of a melancholy that he cannot explain. His friend Bassanio is desperately in need of money to court Portia, a wealthy heiress from the city of Belmont. Bassanio asks Antonio for a loan and Antonio agrees, but suggests he get it from a moneylender. In Belmont, Portia expresses sadness over the terms of her father's will, which stipulates that she must marry the man who correctly chooses one of three caskets.

In Venice, Antonio and Bassanio approach Shylock, a Jewish moneylender, for a loan. Shylock nurses a long-standing grudge against Antonio, but offers to lend Bassanio three thousand ducats with no interest. Shylock adds, however, that should the loan go unpaid, Shylock will take a pound of Antonio's own flesh. Despite Bassanio's warnings, Antonio agrees. In Shylock's own household, his servant Lancelot decides to leave Shylock's service to work for Bassanio, and Shylock's daughter Jessica schemes to elope with Antonio's friend Lorenzo. That night, Jessica escapes with Lorenzo.

In Belmont, Portia welcomes the prince of Morocco and then the prince of Arragon also visits Portia. Bassanio arrives at Portia's estate, and they declare their love for one another. Bassanio immediately picks the correct casket. He and Portia rejoice, and Gratiano confesses that he has fallen in love with Nerissa. Portia gives Bassanio a ring as a token of love, and makes him swear that under no circumstances will he part with it. They are joined, unexpectedly, by Salarino, Lorenzo and Jessica with the news that Antonio has indeed lost his ships, and that he has forfeited his bond to Shylock. Bassanio and Gratiano immediately travel to Venice to try and save Antonio's life. After they leave, Portia tells Nerissa that they will go to Venice disguised as men.

Shylock ignores the many pleas to spare Antonio's life, and a trial is called. The duke of Venice announces that he has sent for a legal expert, who turns out to be Portia disguised as a young man of law. Portia asks Shylock to show mercy, but Shylock insists on collecting the bond, yet, as he is on the verge of collecting his due, Portia reminds that the contract does not entitle him to any blood. Trapped by this logic, Shylock's triumph is overturned. Bassanio showers the young law clerk with thanks, and eventually gives Portia the ring with which he promised never to part. Gratiano gives Nerissa, disguised as Portia's clerk, his ring. The two women return to Belmont, where they find Lorenzo and Jessica declaring their love to each other. When Bassanio and Gratiano arrive, their wives accuse them of faithlessly giving their rings to other women. Eventually, Portia reveals that she was the law clerk, and both she and Nerissa reconcile with their husbands. Lorenzo and Jessica learn of their inheritance from Shylock, and the joyful news arrives that Antonio's ships have in fact made it back safely. The group celebrates its good fortune.

## SAARANG

### INDIA SPACE - BHARAT NIVAS

24 JAN -14 MARCH, 2015

*In Sanskrit 'Saarang' means to take delight and rejoice...*

An exhibition-event on the two main Indian classical music traditions: Hindustani Classical from the north and Carnatic Music from the south, an exploration of their history, main features, instruments, the great masters, the *rasa*...

SAARANG will display a wide variety of instruments, host music workshops & talks and live performances.

*Come, explore, discover, learn and saarang!*

### PROGRAMME

24 Jan / 7 pm: OPENING: with Amita Dalal (*sitar*), Joy (*vocal*), Chandra (*flute*)

24 Jan / 8 pm: Sitar performance by Amita Dalal (*Sri Aurobindo Auditorium*)

25 Jan / 10.30 am: Hindustani Classical Music Workshop with Amita Dalal

### Weekly Thursday Workshops

29 Jan / 6 pm: Forms of Music - Tapan Chaudhury & Joy

5 Feb / 6 pm: The Making of Instruments - Aurelio

12 Feb / 6 pm: On Carnatic Music

19 Feb / 6 pm: Tabla Workshop with Rashmi Bhatt

26 Feb / 6 pm: Tala - Jati - Kriti - Krishna Kumar

5 Mar / 6 pm: Carnatic Violin

12 Mar / 6 pm: Hindustani Sarod

13 Mar / 7 pm: Closing event

*Please check News & Notes and AuroNet for any programme changes.*

*Aster, Shilpa, Aurelio, Tapas, Anu*

## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

### WELLPAPER WORKSHOP

21/01 Wednesday - You are invited for a 3 hour introductory workshop to create art and products from waste (mainly recycled newspaper).

#### **Baskets Weaving Introductory workshop:**

Our experienced Wellpaper ladies will teach you how to create the newspaper sticks that are made from rolled up newspaper that serve as reeds for the baskets. You will be instructed and supported during the process. By the end of the workshop you will have made your own basket. You will make the coloring of the final product on your own since it needs time to dry.

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. The workshop is held sitting on the floor.

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

### BEEES & BEEKEEPING IN FARMS & GARDENS OF AUROVILLE AND AROUND

EcoPro and beekeeper Erik Jansegers invite you for a two-day workshop on beekeeping

On January 26th & 27th (9.30 am to 5 pm), at EcoPro seminar hall, Aurosarjan Complex, Auroville.

#### Subjects of the workshop:

Locally available bee species, their importance and their needs;

How to build an environment for bees (flowers, welcoming places for swarms, handling of bee colonies);

Beekeeping in a natural way i.e. as species-appropriate as possible (choice of bee species, choice of beehive etc.);

Harvesting of honey and wax; control of varroa mite and other diseases;

Education & promotion of beekeeping in Auroville.

#### Tentative program:

##### **Monday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>**

Presentations by beekeepers and experts (including Christelle Ledroit, biodiversity expert);

Presentation of different bee hives; beekeeping with Apis cerana;

Possibly visit to a local beekeeper.

##### **Tuesday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup>**

Joint viewing of movies (options: Queen of the Sun; More than Honey);

Discussion with Auroville teachers & students on integration of beekeeping in Auroville schools;

Discussion with Auroville farmers & gardeners on practical follow-up.

Everybody in Auroville interested in the subject is welcome to join. Participation is free (snacks included).

Please register participation in advance to enable us to estimate the needs for space and for refreshments.

Participation in part is possible.

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

7:00 AM to 8:00 AM at Savitri Bhavan - 22nd January (Thursday), 23rd (Friday) and 24th January (Saturday)

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

This workshop introduces you to: Easy-to-do exercises based on yoga for flexibility and toning / Eight simple but very powerful Pranayama practices / Yoga Nidra (Deep Relaxation) to let go

of stress and recharge yourself / Dietary principles for Well Being

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

This workshop is open to all. No registration is required. To make the workshop beneficial to all, you are requested to Please be at the venue by 6:45 am on the first day and at 6:50 on the other days.

Please note that the session on the last day would be ending at 8:20 AM

Please note that the sessions would be held as scheduled even if it rains.

Please have your breakfast only after the Pranayama sessions.

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

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

### YOGASANA CLASSES BY SERGIO MARTINEZ POSE

Venue: Joy Community Guesthouse Hall (Center Field)

Asana classes: Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 4.30 to 6 PM

Special back bending class: Thursday - 4.30 to 6 PM

Sergio has been practicing Yoga for the past 16 years and has been in Auroville for about a year as a long-time-volunteer. From 2002 to this very day, Sergio has been an ongoing devoted student of Acharya Venkatesha, founder of Atma Vikasa Yoga Institute in Mysore. To deepen his practice, he lived in Mysore for 7 years getting the most of his Guru's teachings. Sergio's teaching takes you deep in the understanding of every aspect of Yogasana. His classes are inspiring to help you overcome your limitations and go further to grow into a better practitioner, both physically and mentally. Even though the classes are in group, you get plenty of individual attention; he guides every one with care, dedication and loving attention. In this style of teaching, anyone can come from beginners to advanced practitioners and fit into the group, getting the required attention and the right guidance.

For more information contact Sergio at [omindiayoga@gmail.com](mailto:omindiayoga@gmail.com) or at 9585005339 or Joy Community Guesthouse at [questhousejoy@gmail.com](mailto:questhousejoy@gmail.com) or at 04132622584. Classes will start on Monday January 12th and will continue until summer.

### SELF-STUDY SEMINARS FOR LEARNERS OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Sundays, 4-5:30 PM, Garden Room, Savitri Bhavan

The seminars will start on 25 January.

Those who prefer to study English without a teacher are welcome to attend a series of seminars on the application of self-study methods. The drop-in sessions are free for Aurovilians, newcomers, guests, students and workers of Auroville who already know English at the pre-intermediate or a higher level, or else are fluent in French, Ukrainian or Russian. The students will be given explanations of concepts, methods, techniques, etc., including examples, illustrations and demonstrations, provided with corrections of and comments on their self-learning activities, as well as solutions to their problems.

For more information, email: [ruslan.demchuk@gmail.com](mailto:ruslan.demchuk@gmail.com)

### RUTHANNE TUDBALL'S POTTERY WORKSHOP

Aavartan Pottery will be hosting renowned ceramic artist Ruthanne Tudball for a workshop this week. The workshop is by

invitation only. Ruthanne will be presenting her work (as will a couple of other invited Indian potters)

At Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas - On Saturday the 17th of January, 3.30 pm onwards.

*A brief note from Ruthanne's webpage.... "Manipulating soft clay on a revolving wheel and feeling the material respond to the merest touch is like setting out on an exciting journey for me. The dialogue that goes on between the maker and the clay is carried out through the use of the pots. You pour, you eat, you store, you serve and you drink from them, and sometimes you just contemplate them. All of my work is thrown and manipulated while wet on the wheel....Sodium vapour glazing emphasises the marks and rhythms of making, picks out every line ... When I am throwing I often picture the moving, dancing model and try to capture that imagination.... I see my work as a potter as an active participation in a way of life that is celebrating the beauty of the world around us and the intimacy of human relationships, enjoyment, caring and warmth. I try to use clay with honesty and integrity and hope people respond with their hearts."*

For details, pl email Rakhee or Adil.

### SILENT MEDITATION among FRIENDS

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture - Wednesdays and Fridays: 5 to 6 pm (starting January 16)

We invite you to Silent Meditation with Carsten Marsch who has been practicing Zen meditation since early 1980s with various Zen groups in Europe, USA and New Zealand. He will give a brief instruction on Zazen (Zen sitting posture) at the beginning of each meditation session.

Everyone is welcome and requested to arrive a few minutes early, as meditation will begin promptly at 5 pm.

*"You should sit in meditation for twenty minutes every day - unless you are too busy; then you should sit for one hour." - Old Zen adage*

### HATHA YOGA with JACOB

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 4:45 to 6:15 pm

Jacob has been teaching Yoga to the staff of a Danish national hospital and at a yoga hostel for the past 2 years. He has polished his approach to reach people across many cultures.

You are requested to bring an open mind, a generous heart and a yoga mat, if you have one.

*Above the facilitators: They are guests of Auroville and good friends of Pavilion of Tibetan Culture. Your contribution towards the activities will benefit the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture.*

### INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

21st 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: 'The Supermind'

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

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

Led by Ashesh Joshi. Contact: 9489147202, 2622922

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

All are welcome

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

### SPECIAL ATB WORKSHOP FOR FORMER STUDENTS OVER 21

This workshop is specifically for people who attended ATB classes in Auroville schools and would like to refresh their connection with ATB. This will be an opportunity for us to be together again and enjoy this work.

The workshop will take place in the ATB Hall at Transition on Saturday 31st of January from 3PM to 6PM.

If you are interested please let me know through e-mail: [alokamariona@gmail.com](mailto:alokamariona@gmail.com)

### INK PAINTING ON KOREAN PAPER WORKSHOP WITH WERNER SASSE

17th (Sat.) 3-5pm, Unity Pavilion

Korean Paper ("Hanji") has been famous in East Asia as being of superior quality for almost 2000 years. It is made from the inner bark of the Paper Mulberry. In this workshop we will work with Hanji made for calligraphy and painting, exploring what happens when ink and Hanji come together. Watching the dialogue between paper, ink, brush and each participant as an artist, we will discover the meaning of "Everybody is an artist when (s) he is told how to be". The workshop is open for everyone, with or without prior experience in calligraphy. (If you bring your own brush it would be best, but there will also brushes be provided).

Participation is limited to 25, reservation required, sms: 9489823112 / e-mail: [suh.jinhee@gmail.com](mailto:suh.jinhee@gmail.com)

### LECTURE ON "BEAUTY IN KOREAN CULTURE" WITH WERNER SASSE

17<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) 5-6 pm, Unity Pavilion

Like every culture, Korea has developed a distinct sense of beauty in its 2000 years of traceable history. In this globalized world it is necessary to also try to understand the differences, like the differences between Chinese, Japanese and Korean cultures, which too often are simply lumped together as "East Asia". In this lecture some characteristics of the distinct sense of beauty in Korean culture will be explained using examples from art, literature, architecture, and so on

Werner Sasse is a scholar (Korean Culture) and painter living and working in Korea. Presented by Korean Pavilion

### PREPARATION FOR THE OM-CHOIR (Tuesday) through "THE PERCEPTIBLE BREATH" (ILSE MIDDENDORF)

Frequently visiting breath-pedagogue and teacher Veronika Langguth will guide us during the next Saturday.

*"Chanting OM means to receive your holy life-breath and letting it spread throughout the body. Your diaphragm widens and you chant" - Very often our diaphragm is tense. To chant our best, we have to become aware of certain things. Listening, where in our body the vowel "O" resonates and the sound "M" energizes and soothes.*

Through special exercises you will:

- \* gain awareness of your body including the subtle physical, psychic and mind
- \* release tensions, specially of the diaphragm
- \* learn to sit upright in the right way without getting tired
- \* breathe in the best way to chant without strain
- \* be able to sense your body as a precious instrument of the Divine

Place: Savitri Bhavan, Garden room - Date: 17th Jan. Time: 3-4.30 pm

Donations are most welcome!

(Submitted by Kayananda)

### SEVEN-EYES

The Science of Becoming who you really are

3 Day Workshop with Jerry & Sandhya

Jan 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> 2015, 9 am - 5 pm at Windarra, Sunspace

### A journey of self-discovery and awakening

This workshop will offer you a new way of looking at yourself and others, which contributes to a fundamental shift in consciousness. The approach is through an easy to access chakra based system, called Seven-Eyes. It allows you to become aware of yourself at seven levels of consciousness.

In order to reveal our inner truth we will discover or driving impulses, feelings and conviction. We will be able to see our patterns with compassion and love and experience freedom and happiness by getting more and more in touch with our inner being.

We will explore the seven levels in a joyful, creative and experimental way with dancing, painting, nature experiences and role plays. The journey through the different stages will lead us from body impulses, through image based experiences and expectations, to mind based convictions. We will discover direct contact with our heart space, our higher inspirations, divine wisdom and finally the attunement to our source.

The integration of Seven-Eyes will emerge naturally in our daily reality and we will perceive life through a new perspective.

*Jerry studied clinical and social psychology and worked about 40 years in education, training and psychotherapy. His main interest is personal and transpersonal development. He created Seven-Eyes, a simple but profound system to become aware and integrate the different levels of consciousness. Sandra lives in Auroville. Her life is dedicated to the evolution of consciousness. She shares her knowledge and awakened wisdom since many years around the globe.*

Info and registration: [bodyinlight2015@gmail.com](mailto:bodyinlight2015@gmail.com), phone: Sandra: 944 3619 403, Jerry: 709 4629 714

### LOCALLY GROWN VEGETABLES

Food is a wonderful medicine -all of us know this and are aware of it.

The general idea that all of us have, is that the proper and balanced intake helps the body to be healthy.

One of our Aurovilian staff, who is an expert in local South Indian cuisine, is giving classes regularly since August 2014.

The 10th session will be on 24th January 2015 (Saturday) at 10.30 am, at Life Education Centre, opposite Isaiambalam School.

The item proposed for demonstration is "Vegetable Puffed Red Rice"

The aim of these classes is to make you confident enough to prepare by yourself for your consumption at home. Allowing us to become aware of and using locally grown vegetables, the optimal use of mild spices and oil with good cooking techniques, will enhance the taste and savour, besides help in avoiding spending money on imported vegetables.

Looking forward to see you there, where we will see, learn, do and ask questions!

*Life Education Centre team*

### DEEPENING AWARENESS-CELEBRATING LIFE

'WHO AM I' exploration, with Dariya

In Sve-dame, Butterfly Barn, 23-24 Jan. 9am-5pm (see last News for more info)

### SINGING FROM THE HEART

With Upahar In Sve-dame, Butterfly Barn, 23 Jan. 7-9pm

### SOMATIC EXPLORATIONS

With Maggie every Wednesday from 5-6pm in Verite Hall. A gentle, easy and effective way to gain more ease in the body, better posture, flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance, resulting in a decrease of the aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging. Open to all, for further info call 94866 23465.

### BANSURI FLUTE LESSONS

For beginner or advanced player (North Indian Style)

We play on a G-flute. Please bring your own flute with you. Lessons on a E-flute also possible.

Every Wednesday 16.30-17.30 at Sve Dame Near the house of Veronique (0413-2622154)

Teacher: Kees van Boxtel (Holland)

## SCHEDULES

### QUIET HEALING CENTER: COURSES & WORKSHOPS

Shiatsu for Watsu with Antonello Calabrese

Tuesday 20 - Monday 26 January (50 hours)

9.00 AM - 6.30 PM (lunch included)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

Watsu, the abbreviation of WATer ShiatSU, originates from Masunaga's Zen Shiatsu, which was transferred and adapted to warm water by the Californian Shiatsu practitioner Harold Dull. Therefore a deeper knowledge of Shiatsu is highly recommended. Shiatsu is a natural healing therapy, which restores and maintains health by adjusting and balancing the body's primary energy system. In this course, you will gain a deeper understanding of Shiatsu and learn how it can be adapted and used during a Watsu session.

Antonello is president of Watsu Italia and a certified WABA teacher.

Hawaiian Heartworks Lomi Lomi Massage Course: Level 1 with Sang

Thursday 22 - Sunday 25 January (36 hours)

Timings: 9.00 AM - 6.00 PM (lunch included)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

This Hawaiian massage technique focuses on using the hands as instrument of the heart. While learning the basic, full body massage sequence, you will be introduced to the Huna philosophy and practice the spirit of "aloha" (love). Your body will be cleansed through guided meditations to encourage a still mind, various exercises, massages, and a healthy diet. You

will be giving and receiving up to 10 massages. An excellent basic course for anyone, who likes to learn about massage and bodywork.

Thai Yoga Massage Introduction with Kai Esko & Rossella

Monday 26 - Tuesday 27 January (12 hours)

9.30 AM - 4.30 PM (lunch included)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

This workshop offers an introduction to the basic tools of Thai Yoga Massage in a dynamic way; you will not only learn a massage sequence, but also become acquainted with the basic principles of touch through intuitive exercises. Palms, fingers, arms, legs and body weight are used, having an effect on both giver and receiver. The massage is given lightly dressed in thin (best) cotton trousers and shirt (please bring it with you). The massage sequence will be available as a video for download after the course.

Kai Esko practices Thai Yoga Massage since 2004. He studied in Bangkok and Chiang Mai and has been teaching since 2008. He developed a basic learning method, "Intuitive Thai Meridian Massage" and combines the balancing effect of this body work with his dynamic work as a movement teacher and dancer.

Thai Yoga Meridian Massage with Kai Esko & Rossella

Wednesday 28 - Thursday 29 January (12 hours)

9.30 AM - 4.30 PM (lunch included)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

This workshop deepens the experience of the Thai Yoga Massage Introduction. We will explore the main aspects of the

Thai Yoga meridian energy lines and combine them with the tools learned in the basic introduction through a more expanded sequence. The main themes will be: body centering, balancing the left and right side of the body, detoxification of body and mind, and balancing the emotional body. The course is open to students, who have done the basic course, or have previous experience with Thai Yoga Massage or other body work on the floor. The massage sequence will be available as a video for download after the course.

#### Watsu for Babies with Dariya

Tuesday 27 January (8 hours)

9.00 AM - 6.30 PM (lunch included)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

Watsu for Babies is a beautiful and spontaneous way of experiencing the first childhood years and is open to all those who would like to share the joy of being in water with babies. In this course you will learn to discover that emotions, which arise from a spontaneous movement in water, open extraordinary borders; they allow us to live in the present, here and now, simply listening to the breath of the child, both supported by the healing power of water.

Through some exercises from Tantsu and Ai-Chi, you learn to listen to yourself and to the baby you hold in your arms. You will also learn the possible transfers of the Watsu sequence in order to expand it in a creative way for babies. Prerequisite: Watsu Basic or having a degree to work with babies in water.

#### Liquid Flow Essence with Dariya & Daniel

Wednesday 28 January - Wednesday 4 February (60 hours)

9.00 AM - 6.30 PM (lunch included + one evening)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

This 8-day course with the main Liquid Flow sequence is for those who wish to dive deeper into the beauty of aquatic bodywork. During this course, you will expand your basic sequence and experience a deepening of the multilayered effects of this powerful and softening work.

Developed at the Quiet Healing Center, Liquid Flow is inspired and based on the forms and qualities of Watsu, Oceanic Bodywork Aqua (OBA), Healing Dance, and WaterDance. It offers an opportunity for profound relaxation and letting go, building trust, being nurtured and held, expanding inner and outer boundaries, releasing emotions and traumas - ultimately, for freeing body and mind in a flow unique to each client and each session.

Prerequisite: Watsu & Liquid Flow Basic or Watsu & Oceanic Bodywork Aqua (OBA) Basic. Liquid Flow Essence is part of the Watsu India learning program and gives 60 hours of credit for registration as a supplemental class with WABA (Worldwide Aquatic Bodywork Association) and as an elective with Watsu India.

#### In Search of Babies & Dolls

Quiet Healing Center organises a Watsu for Babies course on Tuesday 27th January. For this purpose, we need and invite babies and their mothers and/or fathers to our warm water pool at 2.30 PM for about one hour. We are looking for babies preferably up to one year old or, otherwise, maximum two years. If you are interested to join with your baby, contact our reception at 2622329 or 9488084966.

We are also looking for large-sized dolls or teddy bears that can be soaked in water. Please let us know if you can lend us one for this one-day event. We will return them to you afterwards.

## FILMS



CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY 23 JANUARY- 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

#### "MADADAYO"

Director: Akira KUROSAWA - Japan - 1993

Synopsis: Following World War II, a retired professor approaching his autumn years finds his quality of life drastically reduced in war-torn Tokyo. Denying despair, he pursues writing and celebrates his birthday with his adoring students. Every year they celebrate his birthday, issuing the question "Mahda kai?" (Not yet?), just to hear Uehida-san's answer "Madada yo!" (No, not yet!), in a ritual of self affirmation, and desires of lasting forever.

It's a very "Japanese" film by the film master Akira Kurosawa (his last film) which portrays everyday life and customs in Japan at that time.

Original Japanese version with English Subtitles - Duration: 2h.14'



## THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, January 23rd,  
Friday at 7 pm

#### THE COVE

2009 - 92 min. Directed by Louis Psihoyos [Winner of 1 Oscar and 34 other awards]

In a sleepy lagoon off the coast of Japan lies a shocking secret that a few desperate men will stop at nothing to keep hidden from the world. In Taiji, Japan, former dolphin trainer Ric O'Barry has come to set things right after a long search for redemption. In the 1960s, it was O'Barry who captured and trained the 5 dolphins who played the title character in the international television sensation "Flipper." One fateful day, a heartbroken Barry came to realize that these deeply sensitive,

highly intelligent and self-aware creatures must never be subjected to human captivity again. This mission has brought him to Taiji, a town that appears to be devoted to the wonders and mysteries of the sleek, playful dolphins and whales that swim off their coast. But in a remote, glistening cove, surrounded by barbed wire and "Keep Out" signs, lies a dark reality. It is here, under cover of night, that the fishermen of Taiji, driven by a multi-billion dollar dolphin entertainment industry and an underhanded market for mercury-tainted dolphin meat, engage in an unseen hunt. The nature of what they do is so chilling and the consequences are so dangerous to human health that they will go to great lengths to halt anyone from seeing it.

Parental warning: This film has graphic images and may not be suitable for certain children. Please use discretion.

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

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

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

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

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

## VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

22nd January Thursday 8 pm

#### WHIPLASH (2014)

Genre: Music/Drama / Dur: 1.47mins / Rated: PG13 /

Language: English/Subtitle: English

Dir: [Damien Chazelle](#) / Cast: [Miles Teller](#), [J.K. Simmons](#), [Melissa Benoist](#)

Storyline: A promising young drummer enrolls at a cutthroat music conservatory where his dreams of greatness are

mentored by an instructor who will stop at nothing to realize a student's potential (A must see film for all Jazz music Lovers and others).

23rd January Friday 8 pm  
THE IMITATION GAME (2014)

Genre: Biography/Drama/Thriller / Dur: 1.54mins / Rated: PG13 / Language: English/Subtitle: English

Dir: [Morten Tyldum](#) / Cast: [Benedict Cumberbatch](#), [Keira Knightley](#), [Matthew Goode](#)

Storyline: Based on the real life story of legendary cryptanalyst Alan Turing, the film portrays the nail-biting race against time by Turing and his brilliant team of code-breakers at Britain's top-secret Government Code and Cypher School at Bletchley Park, during the darkest days of World War II.

## ASSOCIATION ALTERITE

At Cinema Paradiso (MMC Auditorium) - Town Hall  
Every Friday from 16/01/2014 to 27/02/2015 at 4.30 pm

A powerful introduction to sri aurobindo and mother's evolutionary action

"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".

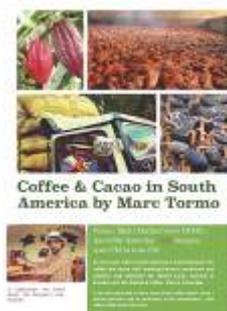
## CINEMA PARADISO

Cultural - Thursday 22nd January, 3:00 pm: Out of the Time (2003) Into the Time (1999).

Korea, Videos (63min and 85 min) of dance performances the world-renowned avant-garde dancer and choreographer Sin Cha Hong, who is based in Seoul and New York, staged with her Korean "Laughing Stone Company". Wonderful presentations of both passionate and meditative scenes.

*Sin Cha Hong*

## COFFEE AND CACAO



Venue: Multi Media Center (MMC)  
Auroville.

Saturday 17th of January, 4:00 PM  
to 6:00 PM

A talk by Marc Tormo after our trip  
to South America.

## THE FRENCH PAVILION PRESENTS:

"Auroville, Retrospective of a Utopia"

(In French with English subtitles)



An exceptional document about Auroville, produced in 1972 by a French television crew

Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 5:00 pm

Venue: Cinema Paradiso

Mother was still in her body when this film was made!

In the 70s, French journalist Jean Pierre Elkabbach was one of the few Western journalists to report on the Auroville project. His 118 minute documentary broadcast on a French channel in 1973 shows what Auroville was at that time: a few houses in a red desert backdrop, some school facilities like Last school, the Pyramids and the "Yogurt Pots", and of course Matrimandir, under construction. This document also includes precious interviews of Roger Anger, Kireet Joshi and Aurovilians like Ruud, Ange, Jean P., Vincenzo, Rod H. and many more. A unique documentary to discover or re-discover...

On this occasion, please note the beautiful photo exhibition of Paulette at the Town hall about this time period, as well as the release of the book of Dominique Darr: "*Matrimandir, un hymne aux bâtisseurs du futur*"

The English translation of the subtitles has been realized by members of the French Pavilion

## AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2015, at 6:30 pm

SHRI KIREET JOSHI: "LET US WORK TO RESTORE THE VEDA" - Part 6

For Shri Kireet Joshi the Veda is primary and fundamentally a book of Yoga and a psychological book in which the truth of psychological powers are described, after a lot of experimentation by the Rishis. For Sri Aurobindo it is indispensable to revisit the Veda and he gave the key for the deeper, higher and inner meaning of the Veda - the psychological and spiritual. He is also expressing that yoga is now necessary for the whole of mankind.

Shri Kireet Joshi elaborates on the processes of conscious growth, on the ways of mind towards Supermind and on the four important gods and guardians of the realm of Supermind: Varuna, Mitra, Aryaman and Bhaga. Their psychological powers are Vastness, Law and Harmony, Tapasya and the Cosmic Power of Joy and they are helping us in our journey to more harmony and perfection. The mantra of Supermind is the Gayatri mantra. Duration: 67min.



## Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film programme 19 January 2015 to 25 January 2015

We are tuning in to the Film Series in the New Year with a spread of films where music plays a key role. Come and enjoy! From now on our Series will only run for a week, from Monday through Saturday.

Melodious - Monday 19 January, 8:00 pm:

• LET'S GET LOST

USA, 1988, Dir. Bruce Webe, Documentary, Music, 120mins, English, Rated: PG

Documentary on the life of jazz trumpeter and drug addict Chet Baker. Fascinating series of interviews with friends, family, associates and lovers, interspersed with film from Baker's earlier life and some modern-day performances.

Melodious - Tuesday 20 January, 8:00 pm:

• RUDDERLESS

USA, 2014, Dir. William H. Macy w/ Billy Crudup, Alexandra Lovelace, Miles Heizer, Comedy-Drama-Music, 105 min, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

A grieving father in a downward spiral stumbles across a box of his recently deceased son's demo tapes and lyrics. Shocked by the discovery of this unknown talent, he forms a band in the hope of finding some catharsis.

**Melodious - Wednesday 21 January, 8:00 pm:**

• **20,000 DAIYS ON EARTH**

UK, 2014, Dir. Iain Forsyth, Jane Pollard, Docu-Drama-Music, 97mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG  
Drama and reality combine in a fictitious 24 hours in the life of musician and international cultural icon Nick Cave. With startlingly frank insights and an intimate portrayal of the artistic process, the film examines what makes us who we are, and celebrates the transformative power of the creative spirit.

**Melodious - Thursday 22 January, 8:00 pm:**

• **INSIDE LLEWYN DAVIS**

USA, 2013, Dir. Ethan Coen, Joel Coen, W/ Oscar Isaack, Carey Mulligan, Justin Timberlake, Drama, 104mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G  
Follow a week in the life of a young folk singer as he navigates the Greenwich Village folk scene of 1961. Guitar in tow, huddled against the unforgiving New York winter, he is struggling to make it as a musician against seemingly insurmountable obstacles, some of them of his own making. *"If it was never new, and it never gets old, then it's a folk song."*

**Melodious - Saturday 24 January, 8:00 pm:**

• **GET ON UP**

USA, 2014, Dir. Tate Taylor, W/ Chadwick Boseman, Dan Aykroyd, Viola Davis, Biography-Drama-Music, 139mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG  
On route to the stage, singer James Brown recalls a life with a turbulent childhood where music was his only constructive release for his passions. A chance demonstration of that in prison led to a new friend who helped get him out and into a musical career. With his fire and creative daring, Brown became a star who defiantly created new possibilities in show business both on and behind the stage in face of racism and conventional thinking. Along the way, James would also become a peacemaker who redefined and raised the African-American community's feeling of self-worth when it was needed most. However, those same domineering passions would lead James Brown alienating everyone around him as his appetites became ever more self-destructive. Only after he hit rock bottom with a serious mistake does Brown realize what he needs to do make his life as the Godfather of Soul truly worthwhile.

**Children's Film - Sunday 25 January, 4:30 pm:**

**MR PEABODY & SHERMAN**

USA, 2014, Dir. Rob Minkoff w/Jay Ward, Ty Burrell, Max Charles, and others, 92mins, Animation-Adventure, English, Rated: PG

Mr. Peabody is a business titan, inventor, scientist, gourmand, two-time Olympic medalist and genius...who also happens to be a dog. Using his most ingenious invention, the WABAC machine, Mr. Peabody and his adopted boy Sherman hurtle back in time to experience world-changing events first-hand and interact with some of the greatest characters of all time.

**Jim Jarmusch Film Festival @ CINECLUB**

**Ciné-Club - Sunday 25 January, 8:00 pm:**

• **THE LIMITS OF CONTROL**

USA, 2009, Dir. Jim Jarmusch w/Isaach de Bankole, Gael Garcia Bernal, and others 116min, Crime-Thriller, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

A solitary man who does not speak Spanish is an underground courier. Two men who are both thuggish and philosophical send him to Madrid with cryptic instructions. Over the course of a few days, he receives his instructions from a series of distinctive individuals who provide words of philosophy or of warning and also give him a matchbox with a tiny piece of paper, which he reads then eats, accompanied by espresso served in two cups. He is quiet, self-contained, focused on his work. He has rules. He encounters and at times transmits a violin, diamonds, a guitar, and a map. Is he a smuggler? Merely an independent conduit? Or, something else?

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](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in).

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**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).

**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.

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## Regarding Mosquitoes

Dear Community,

Mosquitoes are a major problem in Auroville. The two species which can transmit diseases here are *anopheles* (malaria, filariasis) and *aedis aegypti* (dengue, chikungunya, filariasis). Because of mosquitoes, filarial worms that cause human lymphatic filariasis have been rampant in the past, and there have been break-outs of chikungunya and dengue. In the last few months, more than 20 cases of dengue fever have been diagnosed in Aurovilians, and at least 2 cases needed hospital admission for blood transfusion, due to low platelet count. This can all be prevented if we decrease the population of mosquitoes. During rainy season, the likelihood of having stagnant water sources increases, but with some general coordination and guidance, the mosquito population in Auroville can be brought significantly lower; reducing mosquito nuisance, and increasing quality of life in Auroville.

I have set up a project, a timeline, and a budget to tackle problem sites of mosquito breeding in Auroville, and as soon as these have been identified the next step is to potentially set up biological control with predator mosquitoes, if needed. A species of mosquitoes exists, called toxorhynchites, and this project can expand to result in a systematic release of predator toxorhynchites mosquitoes in order to control larval population of mosquitoes. Entomologists recognize this mosquito's potential to reduce pest and disease-bearing mosquitoes. Since the larvae of the predator mosquito depend on the location of their prey, they follow the disease-causing mosquitoes. They may eat as many as 400 larval mosquitoes during larval development. The biological control of mosquitoes using natural enemies is a better alternative compared to the traditional methods of using pesticides, which have an adverse effect on the environment.



The figure depicts a specimen of toxorhynchites. As can be seen, this species of mosquito is easily identified by its very large size.

The adult predatory mosquitoes feed on nectar and other naturally occurring carbohydrate sources and **never take blood meals (they don't bite)**.

In case they will be released in Auroville, this will be announced at a later time, and you will be asked NOT TO KILL THEM.

Anyone interested in the project or if you have any questions, the e mail address is [vbdc@auroville.org.in](mailto:vbdc@auroville.org.in). This e mail address can also be used to report high mosquito densities or if you need assistance in locating breeding sites within your community. After having visited several communities with VCRC (Vector Control Research Center, pondicherry) members, it has been found that mosquito sites in Auroville are often septic tank vents, water receptacles in gardens such as bowls, cups etc; stagnant water in folded tarp, hollow bamboo stumps, and "ponds" where there are no fish. Some communities even have mosquito populations arising from plants which hold rain water for several days. An inch of water is enough to breed mosquitoes. The mosquito will live for several weeks, and females can lay 100 eggs at a time, taking 5-14 days to form adult mosquitoes, which can then fly for several kilometers.

If your mosquito problem persists, you can contact me for help, or ask me to set up an appointment with VCRC and they will come with professionals to assess the situation and give guidance on the matter.

Part of the project will also entail introducing Rapid Diagnostic Tools such as immunochromatography (ICT strips) for identification of malaria, filariasis, chikungunya and dengue. These normally cost up to Rs 500 per test, but they will be made available free of cost, in due time. Access to diagnostic tools will be improved for patients with suspect cases, and this will lead to improved prognosis.

Shortly, a survey will be sent out to all auroville.org.in e-mail addresses, and I ask that people with serious mosquito problems take some time to fill it out, so that problem sites are identified and dealt with first.

Thank you, Inge (Courage)

PS: If you see me lurking about in your garden, please do not be alarmed ☺