

# News & Notes

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# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

This is the third motion, the descent which is essential for bringing the permanent ascension, an increasing inflow from above, an experience of reception and retention of the descending spirit or its powers and elements of consciousness. This experience of descent can take place as a result of the other two movements or automatically before either has happened, through a sudden rift in the lid or a percolation, a downpour or an influx. A light descends and touches or envelops or penetrates the lower being, the mind, the life or the body; or a presence or a power or a stream of knowledge pours in waves or currents, or there is a flood of bliss or a sudden ecstasy; the contact with the superconscious has been established. For such experiences repeat themselves till they become normal, familiar and well-understood, revelatory of their contents and their significance which may have at first been involved and wrapped into secrecy by the figure of the covering experience. For a knowledge from above begins to descend, frequently, constantly, then uninterruptedly, and to manifest in the mind's quietude or silence; intuitions and inspirations, revelations born of a greater sight, a higher truth and wisdom, enter into the being, a luminous intuitive discrimination works which dispels all darkness of understanding or dazzling confusions, puts all in order; a new consciousness begins to form, the mind of a high wide self-existent thinking knowledge or an illumined or an intuitive or an overmental consciousness with new forces of thought or sight and a greater power of direct spiritual realisation which is more than thought or sight, a greater becoming in the spiritual substance of our present being; the heart and the sense become subtle, intense, large to embrace all existence, to see God, to feel and hear and touch the Eternal, to make a deeper and closer unity of self and the world in a transcendent realisation. Other decisive experiences, other changes of consciousness determine themselves which are corollaries and consequences of this fundamental change. No limit can be fixed to this revolution; for it is in its nature an invasion by the Infinite.

This, effected little by little or in a succession of great and swift definitive experiences, is the process of the spiritual transformation. It achieves itself and culminates in an upward ascent often repeated by which in the end the consciousness fixes itself on a higher plane and from there sees and governs the mind, life and body; it achieves itself also in an increasing descent of the powers of the higher consciousness and knowledge which become more and more the whole normal consciousness and knowledge. A light and power, a knowledge and force are felt which first take possession of the mind and remould it, afterwards of the life part and remould that, finally of the little physical consciousness and leave it no longer little but wide and plastic and even infinite. For this new consciousness has itself the nature of infinity: it brings to us the abiding spiritual sense and awareness of the infinite and eternal with a great largeness of the nature and a breaking down of its limitations; immortality becomes no longer a belief or an experience but a normal self-awareness; the close presence of the Divine Being, his rule of the world and of our self and natural members, his force working in us and everywhere, the peace of the infinite, the joy of the infinite are now concrete and constant in the being; in all sights and forms one sees the Eternal, the Reality, in all sounds one hears it, in all touches feels it; there is nothing else but its forms and personalities and manifestations; the joy or adoration of the heart, the embrace of all existence, the unity of the spirit are abiding realities. The consciousness of the mental creature is turning or has been already turned wholly into the consciousness of the spiritual being. This is the second of the three transformations; uniting the manifested existence with what is above it, it is the middle step of the three, the decisive transition of the spiritually evolving nature.

THE LIFE DIVINE, Book II, Chapter XXV

SRI AUROBINDO

*The  
Ponder  
Corner*

*"We are here to give up all desires and to turn towards the Divine and to become conscious of the Divine. To realize and manifest the Divine in our life is the way, not to become animals, living like cats and dogs."*

*Mother's Agenda, 30. March 1972*

**MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE GREEN GROUP FOR JANUARY 2015**

1. **BUILDING REQUESTS** were received from individuals in Acceptance and Success. It was agreed that in the future anyone making a building request for the green belt will have to fill out the proper forms so the group can see what building methods are going to be used and whether these conform to green belt guidelines. The group is aware that there are some places in the green belt, such as Acceptance, where a different approach may be needed and this is being explored.

2. **LAND ALLOCATION ISSUES**; the Green group looked at two issues, one at the Bamboo centre and one relating to a charcoal project in the wood yard near Cholai farm. It is clear that these sorts of problems will arise while we do not have an agreed land allocation process. We have a draft land allocation process that seems to have been agreed by everyone but has not yet been ratified. It was agreed that efforts will be made to do this as soon as possible.

3. **GREEN GROUP MANDATE**; this long outstanding matter needs to be resolved as soon as possible. The existing mandate will be circulated to Farm and Forest groups for their agreement, after which it will go to the AVC for community ratification. It would be good if the process could be completed before the GB meeting in March.

4. **LAND PURCHASE**; Green group is following up on two possibilities for land purchase in Aurogreen and the Irumbai area. The Irumbai area is particularly important as there are several plots that are for sale which would consolidate Auroville land in this area.

5. **OTHER ISSUES**; that the Green group explored were:

1) **A request for electricity from residents of Discipline** was refused as this is against green belt guidelines. It was thought that residents should either try to improve the solar system or find somewhere to live in the city area.

2) **Farm and forest succession**; there was a report that several farmers are planning to pass on their farms to their children and this is also happening in forest communities. This issue has been passed to the AVC for them to explore in the light of the Auroville Charter.

3) **Green belt plan**; David and Achva Stein came to the meeting to explain how they are going to produce a statutory land use plan for the green belt. They have already carried out preliminary work but this plan will be a plot by plot categorisation of land for either agriculture or forest. This will have to be done in a way that is acceptable to the local authorities; this will mean that Auroville owned lands and those in private hands will have to conform to the same land use schedule. Auroville will be able to challenge developments that depart from the permitted land use as the rules will be the same for everyone.

If anyone would like further information please contact Priya: greengroup@auroville.org.in

**L'AVENIR COMMUNICATION ON ELECTRICITY AND WASTEWATER**Electricity:

In 2010, L'avenir d'Auroville initiated a program to replace all the overhead lines in the city area with underground cables owned by Auroville.

This project was set in motion in order to improve cable maintenance and reduce the number of incidents brought about by trees and branches falling on the overhead power lines, especially during the rainy season.

A major objective is to be recognized as a high tension user - the first step towards managing our own grid and gaining

independence from the TNEB. The main reason behind this is that Auroville itself can determine the connections as well as the capacity and the nature of the power - including alternative energy - that is allowed into the network. This will become all the more necessary as the population - and the need for an increased energy supply - grows. It will also allow us to wheel the wind power produced by Varuna in Coimbatore as well as feed our grid with other sources in the future. Furthermore, it is most efficient to bring high tension as close as possible to the place of consumption, thus reducing and preventing voltage fluctuations and, on the long run, power cuts. Once we are recognized as HT users and possess our own autonomous grid, it will be possible to feed it with non-conventional energy sources (such as solar power, biomass, etc.) produced by Auroville and channel its distribution throughout the community.

In the future, when our energy consumption increases, a possible requirement would be to have our own independent sub-station. This proposal is under study in order to determine whether it is really necessary and, eventually, its best location. The TDC is also reviewing the option regarding an electrical sub-station to improve the distribution in the Kuilapalayam and Bommappalayam areas.

The Matrimandir has already been connected and high-voltage cables have been laid in the Residential Zone and part of the International Zone.

At present, we are installing transformers in sectors 1 and 2 of the Residential Zone that will shortly be electrified.

The next step will be to install new transformers in sector 5 of the Residential Zone, in the International Zone and in the Industrial Zone. Moreover, the volume of the transformer-room will be halved for all impending projects (Arati or Vikas for example).

The TDC has commissioned a master plan for future electrical installations. A summary of the master plan will soon be published in the N&N and Auronet for feed-back and clarifications. The full document (102 pages) can be consulted at L'avenir office or shared via Google drive on request.

Wastewater:

Regarding the wastewater treatment, a cluster development is being formulated in the Residential Zone in sectors 1 and 2 so as to connect the pipelines of all the new housing projects and set up a common Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP).

The main advantage is that it will require less space than numerous smaller individual plants. Furthermore, this project will bring about economies of scale and reduced costs for housing projects. It is also likely to fully solve the current critical environmental issue regarding the sewage sludge treatment and the end-water quality, eventually allowing us to reuse the reclaimed water (treated wastewater) for gardening.

The TDC has commissioned a study and is currently preparing provisions to set up a common WWTP with a capacity of 1000 PE (Person Equivalent), expandable in future to 5000 PE when the population increases. The Government of India might provide a grant for this project.

The precise final geographical location of the WWTP is still under study, but the global area has been tentatively identified between Sharnaga and Samriddhi. The route of the pipe will follow the Vikas road radial. The residents along the way as well as the Green Group will presently be contacted for a more detailed presentation.

**NB: The technical aspects (such as the piping and pump systems to send the treated water back uphill) are not included in this study.**

For more information, please contact L'avenir [avenir@auroville.org.in](mailto:avenir@auroville.org.in)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ID CARD

All names below are requested to pick up their ID Cards immediately and latest by the end of this Month!

	SURNAME	Auroville Name	Community
1	MCCARTY	Miki	Arya
2	KENNY	Erin	Samriddhi
3	ELLIS	Jamey	Sadhana Forest
4	BAELUS	Anja	Samasti
5	TRAUWAEN	Roeland	Samasti
6	NIGHTINGALE	David	Luminosity
7	PATER	Dhanya	Verite
8	PAL	Debu	Djaima
9	VINK	Brigitte	Pony Farm
10	AYARZA DUGAN	Jorge	Windarra Farm
11	ELOUARD	Pierre	Transformation
12	FAYON	Stephan	Botanical Garden
13	STOLL	Ancolie	Aurobrindavan
14	GODEFROID ep. MARTIN	Jo	Swayam
15	NOURRY	Veronique	Anusuya
16	BORG	Matteo	Sharnga
17	LABORDE	Yves	Udumbu
18	HACH	Dorothee	Certitude
19	PFUNDER	Hans	Silence
20	BRETSCHNEIDER	Ulrich	Creativity
21	KAI	Michael	Aurobrindhavan
22	DAMIAN	Sahasini	Siddharta Farm
23	NAGY	Bogi	International House
24	ERDELYI	Zsolt	International House

	SURNAME	Auroville Name	Community
25	NAGAPPAN	Grace	Pump House
26	KANNAN	Muthu	Lakshmiapuram
27	RAMACHANDRAN	Ramalingam	Sustenance Farm
28	RANGANATHAN	Govindaraj	Promesse
29	RAVI	Jothi	Aspiration
30	RAVI	Ashok	Aspiration
31	NARAYANASAMY	Muthu	Auromodele
32	MULCHANDANI	Poonam	AV Botanical Garden
33	PERUMAL	Tharani	New Creation Field
34	MUNUSAMY	Rasu	La Ferme
35	KUMAR	Sumeet	Sukhavati
36	GANESH	Nandini	Mudaliarchavadi
37	DHARMARAJAN	Vijay	Sve Dam
38	NISAR	Aditya	Arc-en-Ciel
39	THARANIRAJAN	Malliga	New Creation Field
40	DEVIR	Efrat	Happiness
41	GRASSI	Emanuele	Creativity
42	TRETIKOV	Sergei	Invocation
43	VYGODSKAYA	Victoriya	Djaima
44	YAFAROV	Igor	Djaima
45	ERNI	Nico	Quiet
46	BERCHIER	Linda	Arati 3B

Thank you - Auroville Foundation [Ph: 2622-222 (Aurora)]

## March Retreat

**Learn to Discover and Express Your Inner Truth: A Workshop with Dr Monica Sharma** as part of the preparation work for the March Retreat facilitated by Aromar Revi

**WHEN:** 9 am - 5 pm, Monday, Jan 26, 2015 / **WHERE:** Unity Pavilion

**WHOM:** Everybody who wants to be part of the shift towards a better Auroville

The Retreat Organisation Team would like to invite all Aurovilians seeking to effect true and meaningful changes within themselves, in Auroville and in the world, to register for this event. Two mainstream activities in Auroville are melting together, leading towards the March Retreat.

Practitioner coaches (Helena, Bridget, Uma, Sanjeev R, Jaya and others) trained by Monica Sharma over the last 2 years will co-facilitate the March retreat with main facilitator Aromar Revi and the Retreat Organising Team.

This special Monday event is a great opportunity for all concerned people to come together for a wisdom sourced action.

It is a great opportunity to meet up with others, who are already participating in the preparation leading towards the March retreat.

You are specially invited, if you have been already part of some of the activities that have been convened for the purpose to prepare for the retreat. Or to just be creative and start new ways of coming together, with a special call to artists and youth.

#### Activities at present:

- "Talk about Auroville" - by being part of the room discussion or contributing via email
- "Walk through Auroville "
- "Dive into Auroville"

Just to give you an idea who is already actively involved in whatever way see the list (more than 200):

Abha	Dany	Jan	Michel	Rita	Min
Aikya	Davaselv	Jana	Min	Rosa	Mike
Akash	Debdatta	Janna	Mirajyoti	Ross	Lalit
Alan	Denis	Jaya	Mita	Roza	Pk
Aloka	Divakar	Jesus	Monika	Sacha	Inge
Ambre	Dominique	Jill	Namah	Sandyra	Alan
Anbu	Dominique	Jocelyn	Namrita	Saraswati	Martin
Andre T.	Dorothee	Julia	Naradi	Saravana	Slava
Angad	Elisa	Julian	Noel	Saroja	Helena
Angelika	Eugen	Lines	Olivier	Sauro	Margarita
Anita	Fabian	Jurgen	Otto	Sebastian	Manoj
Ann	Fabienne	JV	Padmanabhan	Shankar	Toine
Anna	Ganesh	K V Babu	Karin	Shanti	Nicole
Anna	Gijs	Kripa	Partha	Shiva	Gilles
Ashesh	Gino	Kumar	Pashi	Sigrid	Aurelio
Aurotaranti	Giorgio	Lalit	Peter	Sindhuja	Anandi
B	Grace	Lara	Petra	Sophie	Daniele
Banumathi	Gunasekaran	Lijun	Petra Mo	subramanian	Vikram
Benito	Guy	Lyle	Prabhu	Sundar	Uma
Bernard	Heinrich	Manohar	Prakash	Susan	Arjun
Bertrand	KW	Manoj	Prakash	Susan	Arjun
Bhaga	Helena	Manoj	Pushkar	Susmita	Ananda
Bhaga	Helmut	Marc	Rakhal	Suzie	Pashi
Biggie	Hemant	Margarita	Rama	Narayana	Swaha
Celestine	Shekhar	Margit	rauf	Tim	Carel
Celestine	Holger	Margit	rauf	Tim	Toine
Chandresh	Inge	Marlenka	Rena	Tom	Alain B
Charu	Ingrid	Martin L.	Rene	Tony	Mandakini
Claudine	Katharina	Matriprasad	Ricardo	Torkil	Jaya
Clemens	Isha	Mawite	Rik Mody	Uma	Auroananda
Cristo	Isha	Mawite	Rik Mody	Uma	Auroananda
Cristo	Jai	Michael	Rita	Ursula	Ulli
Ashoke C.	Gilles	Deoyani	Jocelyn	Vani	Jean Yves
Frederick	Louis	Kripa	Sophie	Venkat	Sanjeev Ranganathan
Elvira	Mona	Joseba	Bridget	Veronique	Joss
Srinivasmurthy	Satprem	Dominique	Aster Patel	Vladimir	Lavkamad
Noel	Peter CS	Venkat	Toby	Volodymyr	Deepti
Olivier	Lata	Rakhal	Sauro	Yuval	Aviram
Meenakshi	Sonali	Sahasini	Divya	Yves	Jurgen

The list is enlarging every second. Sorry if your name is missing - Everybody is invited to join into this energy field - If you feel the call to come into action, join!

To register for this special event please send an email to the Residents' Assembly Service at: [raservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:raservice@auroville.org.in) as soon as possible latest till Saturday 24th evening.

For information on how you can offer your support to the organization of the March Retreat, please contact us via email: [retreat@auroville.org.in](mailto:retreat@auroville.org.in) or just call us on any of our numbers: Inge 8870 288 502 / Jesse 948 6623 749/ Selvam 994 3911 149

Kind regards - *Your RAS Team*

## **FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N NO- 583 dated 24.01.2015**

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

#### **AUROVILIANS:**

**Arati DUTTA** (Indian from Orissa) - Staying at Vikas, working as teacher at Aha! Kindergarten.

**Hilary SMITH** (USA) - Staying at Brihaspathi, working as librarian/communications manager at the Earth Institute, as a librarian at Future school, and as a team member and riding instructor at the Red Earth Riding School.

**Grace MUSUMECI** (Australian) - Staying at Grace, working to transcribe audio recordings of classes at Savitri Bhavan and as a teacher/teacher trainer at LEC and Aikiyam schools, as well as creating educational materials for SAIER.

**Gandhi MURUGESAN** (Indian from Kulapalayam) - Staying at the Visitor's Centre, working as assistant manager of the Cafeteria of the Visitor's Centre.

#### **CHILD OF AN AUROVILIAN:**

**Buddhan.G** (Indian from Kulapalayam) - born on 02/01/2009, studying at Transition school.

#### **RETURNING AUROVILIAN:**

**Felix Martin JANSSON** (Swedish) - Staying at Victory, working as a team member of the nursery section at the Botanical Gardens.

#### **NEWCOMERS:**

**Fanny CANETTE** (French) - Staying at Grace, working as a secretary for organic certification for the Farm Group and as a French teacher at NESS.

**Erik JANSEGGERS** (Belgian) - Staying at Grace, working as a farmer at Pebble Garden and Discipline Farm.

**Joke Van HOYE** (Belgian) - Staying at Arati 2, working as a receptionist at Pitanga.

We have identified a lack of clarity in the communication and confirmation of status, as the announcements done in the News and Notes are FOR FEEDBACK ONLY and sometimes, after announcement, there can be either an extension of status, or a decision to stop the process. We are have therefore added an additional section to confirm the status of persons previously announced.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER STATUS:**

**Antonello GIGLIO** (Italian)  
**Sabrina PRASSEDE** (Italian)  
**Jelger MUylaert** (Belgian)

#### **CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER TO AUROVILIAN STATUS AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT IN N&N AND DUE CONSIDERATION OF FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS:**

**Anatoliy STAROZHUK** (Russian)  
**Snehaprava ROUT** (Indian from Orissa)  
**Surendra ROUT** (Indian from Orissa)  
**Chaitanya BAETENS** (Belgian)

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

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

Julien ARMAGNAC (French)

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

Dear Newcomers,

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

We are open for B-Forms and Recommendation letter matters, on appointment only.

For all other matters, the office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10-12am, except for every last week of each month when we are closed to the public in order to focus on internal office work.

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

## Security Advice

Dear friends,

This is to inform you that during the month of December, 2014, 3 thefts (near Farm fresh, Mango garden, SriMa), 1 attempt theft (Nilathangam), 2 harassment incidents (near Sadhana forest, near Pitchandikulam Bridge), 3 attempt harassment incidents (near Gaia, near Courage, near Realization), 1 accident (near Certitude), 1 physical violence (near Youth Centre) and 1 suicide case (Buddha garden) occurred in different areas of Auroville.

We request all Aurovilians/Newcomers/Guests to be more conscious of their valuable belongings and use additional locks for their vehicles and houses to lower the risk of thefts.

We recommend that women avoid travelling alone at night, and to store our security numbers in their phones to report any incidents as soon as possible.

Women of all ages and modest dress codes have reported harassment, so be on your guard at all times. Be wary of three boys on a bike and do not stop for local men asking for directions. For post-incident support and counseling you may call the Women's help line (open in the morning) at 262-2425 or email AV health services [avhs@auroville.org.in](mailto:avhs@auroville.org.in).

For escort (for people with bikes/cycles only), call Ramesh.V at 9443090107 / 9443362691. Please note that the guards cannot leave their posts without prior permission from Security management.

If you are leaving town, please inform your neighbours to keep watch over your houses/apartments. Kindly inform your watchman / gurkhas or house sitters to contact us immediately when there are any people / incidents to be reported.

*We recommend all residents and guests to travel in and around Auroville:*

- 1) *With Xerox copies of your documents only. Leave the originals in your guest house safe.*
- 2) *Not to carry large amounts of cash or valuables on your person unless absolutely necessary.*
- 3) *To secure/ tie up your bags properly or to keep bags on your person instead of in cycle baskets.*

AV Security Service (Day & Night Security: 9443090107, 9443362691)

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



### ACRES FOR AUROVILLE - Update N° 3

*"A harmonious collective aspiration can change the course of circumstances"*  
The Mother

#### ACRES FOR AUROVILLE begins its collaboration with Auroville's new LAND BOARD!

Acres for Auroville is an inspired action initiated by Auroville International in collaboration with Lands for Auroville Unified-LFAU. Launched on Sri Aurobindo's birthday, its first phase aims at acquiring land that is urgently needed to: protect the consecrated atmosphere of the Matrimandir area from speculators, build the International Zone in line with the Mother's vision, and consolidate the City Center.

New Year 2015 kicked off in a most positive and encouraging way with the first meeting between the A4A team and the new Auroville Land Board. Held at the Auroville Foundation Office on January 5<sup>th</sup> it was characterized by joy, harmony, and shared energetic commitment. (Catch the mood from the photo!)



record of dedicated work in vital areas. Acres for Auroville is happy to be able to give this new Land Board a "Welcome Gift" to initiate its work - the funds contributed by over 125 A4A donors since August 15<sup>th</sup>.

The A4A action continues with confidence and optimism, and we thank friends everywhere for their solidarity - the collaboration of AVI centers, devotees from within India and around the world, and of course, from Aurovilians. The Sri Aurobindo Sadhana Peetham-Auromere in Lodi, California is keeping up its pledge to donate 10% of its profits. A4A's most recent contributions are particularly moving as they have come from two senior disciples of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram (92 years-old and 85 years-old), who each wanted to do something for the great Dream. This New Year brings with it new hope for the work!

Friends, we invite you to join us! Let's give the Land Team the resources they need for their work!

Together, let's build a beautiful 50th birthday gift for the City of Dawn!!

Aryadeep, Mandakini and Sigrid - The ACRES FOR AUROVILLE team

For background: last August, Auroville's Governing Board felt that acquisition of missing Auroville land was so high a priority that new means were needed, and it decided to consolidate the various land groups into one team to facilitate this essential work. This decision "coincidentally" came at the same time as the launch of the Acres for Auroville campaign. The time was right for a new wave of energy!

The choice of the new Land Board team was given to the community. It chose seven seasoned Aurovilians - Divya, Gérard, Suhasini, Alain, Kannyappan, Prasad, and Sandeep - all with a track



While during the holiday season not much news was forthcoming from the Centres, we here club together the tidbits that did reach us during that time.

**RUSSIA** = AVI Russia now has a Facebook page, check it out: [www.facebook.com/aurovilleru](http://www.facebook.com/aurovilleru)

**USA** = Here's the link to AVI USA's latest (Connect Vol1 Issue3, autumn 2014) newsletter: <https://aviusa.org/news> Apart from editorials and financial overviews, the letter gives an update on the AUM meeting, on Sacred Groves, personal observations by Aurovilians Aviram, Audrey and Lara. This issue also describes a new feature, 'Make a Tribute Gift', enabling friends and well-wishers to offer gifts in memory of someone who has passed away. Through this arrangement, the Centre remembers with gratitude some 44 listed members of the Auroville family who have contributed to the project and left before us - a good number of Aurovilians among them.

**ARGENTINA** = Anandi, AVI Argentina liaison, contacts us from Guadalajara (Mexico), where she via a recently held **Book Fair** made contact with publishers from Mexico and Argentina in order to get the Eternity Game and her Monoso booklet published in Spanish. Anandi is also participating with Guadalajara's **Carpe Diem Foundation** in preparation for the next **Multicultural Universal Dialogue** in May of this year. Carpe Diem is an association founded by a mixed group of humanists including an architect, psychologist, businessman, linguist, an Anglican priest and member of a Jesuit university.

**CANADA** = The Canadian centre loyally and persistently continues with the **Vision Future** project, set up to help young Newcomers –in collaboration with **AV Entry & Housing groups**– with their housing when they become Aurovilians. For the two first Vision Future candidates, from France, the funding goal of Rs2 lakhs each for their housing deposit had been collected through donations via **AVI Canada, France, UK and USA** in around two years' time. Recently a new candidate has been chosen, this time a young man from Ethiopia.

**JAPAN** = Our good friends Arjunan and Naomi from AVI Japan informed us that their company is opening a head office in Kolkata, where they have been offered a job opportunity. So Arjunan, who hails from Tamil Nadu and lived in Auroville, will be returning to India. While we wish him and family a smooth transfer and success in their venture, we will miss them as our representatives in Japan.

**ACRES FOR AUROVILLE** = The **A4A** fundraising campaign for land in Auroville's centre area is steadily continuing with the united support and energy of all AVI centers and has made encouraging progress in the six months since its launch on Sri Aurobindo's birthday last year. See the update posted elsewhere in this issue.

**GERMANY** = End of December 2014, the Sri Aurobindo Center Berlin, represented by Isa and Georg (both AVI Germany board members), was invited by the Rosicrucian Foundation to prepare a two-day conference in the spring, also together with representatives from the Sufi movement. Title of the conference will be 'Der Klang der Weltenseele - Spirituelle Wege im 21. Jahrhundert', **The Sound of the World Soul - Spiritual Paths in the 21st century**.

Also in December, Georg continued in the Berlin Center with his in-depth series of talks on human history as a gradual unfolding of the Divine Consciousness according to Sri Aurobindo's vision, focusing on the growth and individualisation of Europe, and the German soul & inner being in particular.

**AUROHOST** = At the beginning of January 015, AuroHost – Hosting traveling members of the Auroville worldwide family – informed us that, by now, some 110 participants from 18 countries have signed up as either Traveler or Host (or both) of

which 46 are from India, 22 in USA, 11 in Germany and 6 in France.

*As the main AVI General Assembly meeting will be held in USA this year (August, Woodstock), there won't be an AVI meeting held in Auroville itself. However, during the coming months, some impromptu meetings may take place with AVI members who are in the City of Dawn. Please contact Vani in case you're interested.*

*For all AVI matters, contact Vani via [vani@auroville.org.in](mailto:vani@auroville.org.in)  
This column is maintained by [mauna@auroville.org.in](mailto:mauna@auroville.org.in)*

## Calling all kids! Time to sign up for Nature Camp!!

Attention all Nature Campers! We are excited that Nature Camp is right around the corner. We have three camps this year, all being held in May and into the middle of June. We'll announce the exact dates soon. But for now, it's time to sign up! Please find the adult at your school who is responsible for Nature Camp sign ups and put your name on the list straight away! (And if for some reason you can't find that adult, please email Jocelyn directly: [jocelyneb2@gmail.com](mailto:jocelyneb2@gmail.com))

Cost of the 11-day camp in Kavunji in Kodaikanal is Rs 3,000, and Rs 2,000 if your parents are on a maintenance. (Actual costs of sending one person to camp are Rs 4,850, so that's a deal!) Please note that payments for all participants must be received by March 15 into the **collection account number 0009**. If you haven't paid by March 15, your name will be removed from the list. If you have already paid but for some reason cannot come to the camp, please inform us before March 15 for a refund. **Please note: there will be no refunds given after March 15.** This helps us with our planning and ensures that last-minute cancellations are minimized. We appreciate your understanding around this.

We look forward to another beautiful time at Kavunji together. We'll update you again soon. And if you have any questions, please contact us at: [naturecamp@auroville.org.in](mailto:naturecamp@auroville.org.in)

*AV Nature Camp Team*

## Movies at the Auroville Library

The Auroville Library is happy to introduce a collection of high quality movies, mainly art and educative feature films from all over the world.

These films (almost 600 already and the collection will be enlarged over the years) are all presented in high definition transfer (HD), a much better quality than the usual DVD we all know, and which will allow you to experience the picture in a format close to the original silver print.

The collection has been created for educative purpose for all those who love cinema in its art form and propose to introduce famous classic filmmakers such as Akira Kurosawa, John Ford, Satyajit Ray, Jean Renoir (...) but also contemporary directors like Francis Ford Coppola, Werner Herzog, Majid Majidi, Pedro Almodóvar and many others. It also includes a series of extremely interesting documentaries on various subjects (both in HD and DivX).

The movies are to be downloaded on pen drives (memory sticks) or hard disks, preferably with USB 3 for better speed; they should be formatted to NTFS.

A hardcopy of the movies list is available at the front desk and a softcopy could be provided on request by e-mail. People interested will have to select the movies they want and leave at the front desk their pen drive/HD with their name and email address.

Depending of the amount of the requests we will allow people to take 3 to 5 movies at a time. As each movie is between 5 to 10 GB it takes quite some time to transfer the data (even with USB 3). People will be contacted by email when ready.

The organization of this collection is done with a minimum of means. Therefore, one should be aware of the limitations we may face in its organization. Things will evolve over time if this collection finds its amateurs. *The Auroville Library*

## Automated Weather Station - 2014 Rainfall Data in Auroville

RAINFALL IN AUROVILLE

Months	2014 Rainfall in mm	2013 Rainfall in mm	Mean 32 yrs Rainfall in mm
January	0	0	13
February	59	3	18
March	0	46	16
April	0	2	17
May	171	0	47
June	120	61	45
July	29	20	75
August	100	202	130
September	157	142	149
October	431	50	268
November	190	220	354
December	79	172	165
Total	1336	918	1296

Since October 2013 Auroville has an Automated Weather Station (AWS) which has been installed in Murty's farm under the umbrella of CSR and donated by ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) as part of the initiative to install some 160 AWS in Tamil Nadu alone. Similar initiatives are underway in other States of India by the government. However our AWS is one of the few which is working for all parameters and constantly monitored by us.

We can avail data of Wind Speed and Direction, Temperature and Humidity, rainfall, sun duration (hrs) and atmospheric pressure on an hourly basis via satellite.

Below is the total rainfall received from Jan - Dec 2014 - 1336 mm which is 40 mm more than the average of the last 32 years.

*Submitted by Mona (Yantra), Tency(CSR)*

## POSTINGS

### Auroville bakery closed for Republic day.

Auroville bakery will be closed on Monday (26.01.2015). Please pick your Monday order on Saturday 24.01.2015.

Due to increase in the price of raw materials the price of the bakery products will be increased from 26.01.2015.

*From Bakery team.*

### Belarus citizens meeting follow-up

This is to inform the community that based on the "all Belarus citizens" meeting from 14 January 2015 Vera Lipen was selected as a representative to coordinate all the work related to the national pavilion in the International Zone of Auroville.

### Evolutionary Café

Next week's session is postponed due to the Auroville Retreat needing to use the Unity Pavilion - *David and Ulli*

### Nandanam Kindergarten announcement and call for volunteers

Dear Friends, Nandanam Kindergarten is organising a fun filled fund raising event on the 7th of Feb 15, from 11 am till 4 pm. This event will try to cover the cost of making an open safe play area for the youngest group of children. There will be events and work on:

- 1) Kids Corner with games and activities
- 2) Food Stalls with ethnic food.
- 3) Flea Market with donated items in good condition.
- 4) Donations

In each of these areas, help is required in organization and implementation, so please come forward to participate in the area/s that you are passionate about or skilled for. After all, the entire two phases of Nandanam Kindergarten were built with such very efforts!!!!

Looking forward to a great response - the *Nandanam Kindergarten Team*

### Chemical encroachment

For decades people have worked to build up the greenbelt and keep it protected, which benefits all of us. I was surprised to read that a greenbelt community which is facing the pollution of its water has been asked to solve this problem on their own;

even so Auroville itself is the culprit. Runoff from sludge will not only spoil the water with bacteria, but there are also traces from all the stuff we use to clean body, laundry, houses, natural and chemical dye from fabrics, not to mention medical drugs and what not. Water once spoiled never can be changed back to its natural condition. We spoil the environment because it often is more costly and time consuming to do otherwise, but once it is done, it is done and the clean-up will cost us dearly.

*Lisa, Invocation*

### Design Cafe - Svaram Campus

We wanted to inform the community about an interesting and rewarding experiment in collaborative planning which brought together a small but diverse group of participants for a concentrated session of 3 hours. Working with the modality of the "World Cafe", wherein each voice has a chance to be heard, on a proposal of a holistic model for an enterprising development initiative, this was a joyful and fruitful attempt to gather interested parties, architects, designers and neighbours together.

Thanking Unity Pavilion. For offering the right atmosphere and all participants for their Sunday morning engagement and courage to try to work in a mutual enriching and supportive way.

*Aurelio, David, Ganesh, Mona*

### No smoking at La Terrace and Solar Kitchen

Kindly note that La Terrace and Solar Kitchen are No Smoking Zones. Anyone who needs to smoke should go outside the premises.

Thank you for your cooperation - *La Terrace and Solar Kitchen*

### TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville: correction

The announcement of the AWS bore well is for one bore well only. We apology for the wrong information posted in *News & Notes* last week (17.01.2015). The Bore well proposal has followed all advices given by experts and will be executed accordingly. This bore well is an enhancement of the bore wells in function AWS and aimed for the coming projects (Kalpana, Sanjana, Maitreye II etc.).

## AVAILABLE

### Child bicycle / motorbike helmet

We have a child pink bicycle and a red motorbike helmet for age 4-6 children who want to start cycling. If somebody is interested, please contact *Jane*: [1483195304@qq.com](mailto:1483195304@qq.com)

### Brand new Samsung mobile

I have a Samsung mobile model number GT-C3590. I just bought it but due to some personal reasons, I want to sell it. It's brand new with all the accessories. If someone is interested, please call 9943517903

## LOOKING FOR ...

### People for Jammin' & Juggling

Hi friends, we want to create an open space where everyone is welcome to join for juggling and/or having a good music jam together on a regular basis. Have you ever looked for an opportunity to easily meet juggling people and musicians like you in Auroville? Then join us! We only need to find enough people to bring fun, instruments and juggling equipment and off we go! :)

If you are interested, please contact *Max*. 9159875098 / [anamaxxx@gmail.com](mailto:anamaxxx@gmail.com)

### Volunteers to help with the Potters Market

The "White Peacock" clay club" is searching for dedicated volunteers to help with the Potters Market clay activities. If you are willing to spare a couple of hours with children and clay, please call *Saraswati*: 04132622769

### Different wooden, glass and ceramic beads

White Peacock' clay club is looking for different wooden, glass and ceramic beads. If you have some beads with fairly big holes or the necklaces hanging around, we would love to pick them up and will give them a second life. Please call *Saraswati*: 2622769 or deposit them at the Free Store with the note "for White Peacock activities". Big thanks and a hug.

### Nokia charger

Hi, I'm looking for a Nokia charger (small pin). I'm sure there must be one out there somewhere that's not being used. : ) Thanks for contacting me *Jurriaan*: 8098162463 or [jurriangelo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jurriangelo@yahoo.co.uk)"

### Animal Rescue Centre dogs need a home

I have been volunteering at the animal rescue centre here in Auroville for nearly a week now and have completely fallen in love with ALL the resident dogs. Most of them are not well because of the distemper and parvo virus going around. Every time I am amazed how love and caring for these dogs makes a huge difference to their wellbeing.

That said, the centre is in desperate need of some help, on a management level, work and responsibilities of paid workers, medical supplies and additional food supplies for the weakest and the tiny pups. Also I would like to put the word out in Auroville about the importance of adopting a dog from the centre, especially with the diseases threatening the healthy ones. There are at least 3 wonderful totally healthy dogs looking for a home. 1 young male adult, named Fredo

### French Tutor / Teacher

Looking for a French Tutor / Teacher for an 11-year old student of The Learning Community (TLC) who was in French schooling during 1-7 years of age and has had some continuation lessons. Two hours per week, or more. Please get in touch!

Kind regards, *Petra Mo. Courage*. 8098958679

### Used netbook

Looking for a used netbook with a clutter free memory and MS word installed (preferably the Office 2007 version). Anyone who knows of or has one to lend or to sell, kindly oblige *Vishal* at 09874611752.

### Food cupboard and shelves

Dear Friends, Aikiyam School is looking for a food cupboard and also for some shelves. If you have either, and could donate them to the school, we would be very appreciative. We will have no difficulty restoring them if they need some carpentry work before we can use them. Thanks, *Aikiyam School Support Group* - 0413-2622-358

### A work room

Hi, I'm a psychomotor therapist and long-time volunteer in AV and I'm looking for a place to work every Friday afternoon from 2:15 to 3:45 pm. If you know any room available around this time and as soon as possible please let me know. Warmly, *Margaux* - [margaux2laborde@gmail.com](mailto:margaux2laborde@gmail.com) or 9943312196

## LOST & FOUND

Two USB sticks (Lost): Hi, has anyone found my 2 USB sticks tied together with a blue ribbon? One is white, the other metal coloured. Thanks, *Jurriaan*: 8098162463 / [jurriangelo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jurriangelo@yahoo.co.uk)"

Flip-flops (Exchanged): Hello, Sunday 18 January, my flip-flops were taken by somebody else after the movie "Broken Flowers" at Cinema Paradiso. A mistake since there was

another pair of flip flops left behind on the same spot, looking quite similar in the dark.

Mine are green with yellow straps. Can the person who is missing his blue with yellow straps Aqualite Ultra flip flops contact me so we can switch back? Much appreciation, *Bob de Riemer*: 95 65 844136

A set of 2 keys (found): Between the library and Surrender. Pick them up at the *News & Notes* office.

## THANK YOU

### To Raju

Thank you to Raju, who disentangled me from my moped, helped me out of the ditch and took me to the Health Center. I will always be grateful... *Julia from Cornwall, UK*

## A P P E A L

### Lilith Fashion School Has A Dream

Lilith Fashion School has a dream and it needs your help to make it come true. Interested? Keep reading.

#### A Short Movie that Needs Your Support

To encourage the school's diligent and enthusiastic students to explore new creative horizons, the school would like to make a short movie (five minutes long), styled by and starring the school's students. The movie would then be used to showcase the work of the school's budding designers. The students have already created a finished storyboard, sourced locations and have begun work on the costumes. Now we just need a little bit of financial assistance. Here's the story:

#### The Story

"The Dream" tells a tale of three hard-working fashion students who toil long hours each day in cramped and poorly-ventilated conditions with limited resources, in the hope that one day, one day, they just might become fashion designers!

But as each dreary day draws to its inevitable close, that dream if anything, seems to retreat further into the distance. At the nadir of their fatigue, and at the last low ebb of their moral, our three intrepid seamstresses, hunched over yet another interminable embroidery exercise, can no longer weather the harshness of their reality, and simultaneously collapse, overwhelmed into a deep sleep.

They awaken, or so it would seem, in a strange fantasy, where three unclad dress-makers' mannequins await them in a vast, empty, well-lit studio. There, they discover that at a wave of their hands and a snap of their fingers, not only do the finest fabrics materialise from thin air, but also fluttering doves, rose petals and icy rivers as their imaginations are transformed magically into startling, fantastical creations.

#### How You Can Help

The school can afford to spend around Rs5,000 on the project. We thought that would be enough, but sadly it's not. So, if you'd like to see this dream become a reality, and would like to support a hard-working, enthusiastic group of young fashion students and a small Auroville school that's really having a go, we'll gratefully accept any contribution, no matter how small.

#### For more information

If you'd like more information about the project, or would just like to chat, don't hesitate to contact us by phone on 948 6623 749.

Alternatively, if you'd like to support the project financially, please transfer any amount to PT number: 0850

Much Love,  
*The Lilith Fashion School Students and Teachers*

## A C C O M M O D A T I O N S A V A I L A B L E A N D N E E D E D

### House sitting 1

Hi! I'm looking for a house or apartment for house-sitting; short or long term. I'm a Newcomer, serious and responsible. I am single. Contact Roberto: [roberto@auroville.org.in](mailto:roberto@auroville.org.in)

### House sitting 2

Anyone looking for their houses to be taken care of, in spirit and in letter, please contact me at your earliest. Vishal: 09874611752

### House-sitting 3

Hi, I'm Margaux, daughter of Yves and Natacha. My friends and I are three long time volunteers and we already have an experience of house-sitting. We are looking for an affordable place to live at two or three from the beginning of February. We are responsible and we will enjoy taking care of your house, garden and/or pets. You can join us at: [margaux2laborde@gmail.com](mailto:margaux2laborde@gmail.com) or 9943312196. Hope to hear from you :) Margaux, Azélie and Florian

## T A X I S H A R I N G

January 24th: a taxi will leave Auroville empty on Saturday around noon to pick up one person at the airport at 2.30 pm. Sharing is available both ways. Kindly send a message to 948 799 1063 or email [tatiana@auroville.org.in](mailto:tatiana@auroville.org.in)

January 27th: To Chennai airport leaving Auroville around 11pm, mobile 8098-074328 email: [maggie@madronacompany.com](mailto:maggie@madronacompany.com)

January 27th: Taxi leaving Auroville around 0.30 am to Chennai airport on Tuesday Jan 27th. If interested please contact 2623763 <avlella@yahoo.com> - Lella B.

January 27th: I am arriving at Chennai airport at 21.45 pm on Tuesday Jan 27th. If interested please contact 2623763 <avlella@yahoo.com> - Lella B.

January 28th: Going to Chennai airport around 8 am. Please call Luis: 8137059763 or email: [luisbujalance@gmail.com](mailto:luisbujalance@gmail.com)

January 29th: Taxi to the airport on January 29, leaving from Auroville around 9 pm. Contact Paulette 2622282, email [paulette@auroville.org.in](mailto:paulette@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

January 31st: Saturday - Leaving from Auroville at 1 pm to Chennai. Time is flexible. Taxi available both ways. If interested contact Clare - [vtjoy@aol.com](mailto:vtjoy@aol.com) 09176791150 - Clare Joy

February 2nd: To Chennai Domestic Airport. Leaving Auroville from the Solar Kitchen at 5 am. Contact Narayan (Luminosity): 7094583569 - Not too much luggage, please!

**Bowen Therapy and Classical Homeopathic Consultations**

Dr. Nora Berczi is offering Bowen therapy (called "the homeopathy of bodywork") and Classical homeopathic consultations in English and Hungarian language based on Sankaran's Sensation method from 19<sup>th</sup> of January to 26<sup>th</sup> of February in Pitanga and in the Integral Health Clinic. If you are interested, please call me on this number: 8870943018 or write to: [berczin@gmail.com](mailto:berczin@gmail.com)

**Ayurvedic doctor at Health Centre**

Dear Community, Dr Geeta Auropremi, the Ayurvedic doctor, will provide consultation on 28 Jan 2015 from 9 am to 12 noon at Av Health Centre, with only the regular charges of Av Health Centre covered by the Health Fund. Please make your appointment by phone at Av HC reception. *Dr Uma for Av HC*

**Integral Health**

*Classical homeopathy hypnotherapy midwifery child care coaching*

Peter, Ingo, Nora and Lisa are available for consultations. Nora is a medical doctor, homeopath and Bowen practitioner from Hungary, returning after volunteering last winter. Mobile 88709430188 / Lisa is a homeopath, therapist and gymnastic teacher from Portugal, mobile 9585172724 / Nora and Lisa both participated in an intense teacher training at Sankarans "Academy for advanced homeopathy." [www.theothersong.com](http://www.theothersong.com), Mumbai / Peter and Sigrid have trained yearly with Dr. Sankaran and team since 1999. Sigrid is teaching this deeper approach of classical homeopathy in Germany since 2004.

*Info session on "Natural Fertility achieved with homeopathy, Aviva Method etc..." and "PC remedies for Diabetes, High Bloodpressure etc..." on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of January, 3 pm at Integral Health, Prayatna*

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

*"Harmony and Samata" are homeopathic remedies carrying the energies of Mother and Sri Aurobindo. The remedies and*

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

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

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

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

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

*Consultations are generally held in English, French and German - Additional languages: Sigrid in Tamil, Nora Hungarian, Lisa Portuguese and Spanish.*

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

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

Please make an appointment beforehand via Integral Health, Prayatna 2623669

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

**Tibetan doctor visit**

Dear friends,

This is to inform you that the Tibetan Doctor and his team will be giving their next consultations on Saturday the 24th 2015. For your appointment call pavilion of Tibetan culture @ 04132622401.

*Regards pavilion of Tibetan culture.*

**Auroville Ultimate Frisbee Hat Tournament**

© Next weekend!!! ... Auroville Ultimate Frisbee Hat Tournament is on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Jan and 1<sup>st</sup> Feb.

200 participants from across India and 50 Participants from Auroville - beginners and seasoned players, adults and kids, men and women - all playing together this sport that is well known for its values while also being competitive.

**A weekend packed with matches and lots of fun!**  
We will be playing at Certitude, Udavi and 2 fields opposite Udavi!

Photographers and physiotherapists are always welcome!  
Come watch us play and cheer us on and get inspired to join Auroville Ultimate Frisbee! ☺

*We would also like to inform the community that we will be collaborating with organizers from Chennai Ultimate to conduct a workshop 'Brick by Brick', which aims to train and empower young upcoming players from all across India to take up leadership and responsibility in coaching Ultimate Frisbee.*

*We will be hosting the participants (70, including 4 Auroville players) and running the sessions in the field opposite Udavi and Dehashakti sports ground on the 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> of Jan.*

Thank you☺

**Basketball for all**

**At Certitude Sports ground, daily at 5 pm**

The certitude basketball crew would like to encourage/ invite all basketball enthusiasts, players and individuals who want to play/learn basketball to pass by the court and have fun. All are welcome, Aurovilians too. The best times are from 5 pm onwards. The best days are Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Monday and Wednesday could become better days: This is entirely in your hands as an individual with a will and a ball.

Help us make basketball in certitude happen again!  
*Certitude Ball crew*

## TRAVEL

### Latest News from the Travel Shop

Located at Inside India in Auroshilpam

For ticketing - International and Domestic Flights, Trains, Buses and Tours.

As in this season it usually takes a lot of time at the Financial Service, Inside India is providing for most of the financial transactions. We accept all credit/debit cards, Aurocards, will arrange payments online for Financial Service fund transfers, and can accept all foreign currencies for the same rates as F/S.

Emirates have extended their special offer for purchase till 31.Jan.

We're open from 09:00 to 13:00 and again from 13:30 to 17:00

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

## EATING OUT

### From Naturellement

Naturellement and Garden Cafe are closed on 26th January 2015 for Republic day.

*Naturellement and Garden Cafe team.*

### From Morgan Cafe

The Morgan café will be closed for Republic day on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

*Morgan café team*

## GREEN MATTERS

### The processes needed to sustain life on Earth



Two major new studies by an international team of researchers have identified core components of a planet suitable for human life. They have pinpointed key factors that ensure

a livable planet for humans, with stark results. The researchers concluded that we humans are "eating away at our own life support systems" at a rate unseen in the known past, by degrading land and freshwater systems, emitting greenhouse gases, and releasing vast amounts of agricultural chemicals into the environment.

Of nine worldwide processes that are seen as supporting life on Earth, four have clearly moved into 'high risk' state. The primary affecting these are: loss of biosphere integrity, changes to land systems, the high levels of phosphorus and nitrogen flowing into the oceans due to fertilisers, and human-driven climate change. Other areas of concern are atmospheric aerosol loading, stratospheric ozone depletion, fresh water use and ocean acidification.

The research confirms that the changes of the last 60 years are unprecedented in the previous 10,000 years, a period in which the world had a relatively stable climate and human civilisation advanced significantly.

Carbon dioxide levels, at 395.5 parts per million, are today at historic highs, while loss of biosphere integrity is resulting in species becoming extinct at a rate more than 100 times faster than the previous norm. Since 1950, urban populations have increased sevenfold; primary energy use has soared by a factor of five, while the amount of fertilisers used is now eight times higher. The amount of nitrogen entering the oceans has quadrupled. All of these changes are shifting Earth into a "new state" that is becoming less hospitable to human life, and in fact innumerable life-forms as we know them.

From the 1950s onwards, explains one of the scientists, 'when economic systems went into overdrive, there was a massive increase in resource use and pollution. It used to be confined to local and regional areas but we're now seeing this occurring on a global scale. These changes are down to human activity, not natural variability.' The report shows that direct human influence on the land contributes to "a loss in pollination, and a disruption in the provision of nutrients and fresh water". In

the words of the lead author of the two studies, Prof. Will Steffen: "We are clearing land, we are degrading land, we introduce feral animals and take the top predators out, we change the marine ecosystem by overfishing... That direct impact upon the land is the most important factor right now, even more than climate change". The research shows considerable variation in conditions around the world; for example, forest clearing is now concentrated in tropical areas, such as Indonesia and the Amazon, while the practice has been reversed in parts of Europe. But the overall picture is one of deterioration at a very rapid rate.

"It's fairly safe to say that we haven't seen conditions in the past similar to ones we see today and there is strong evidence that there are tipping points we don't want to cross. If the Earth is going to move to a warmer state, 5 - 6°C warmer, with no ice caps, it will do so and that won't be good for large mammals like us. People say the world is robust and that's true, there will be life on Earth, but the Earth won't be robust for us. Some people say we can adapt due to technology, but that's a belief system, it's not based on fact. There is no convincing evidence that a large mammal, with a core body temperature of 37°C, will be able to evolve that quickly. Insects can, but humans can't and that's a problem."

Ignoring critically important life support systems, our economic system is deeply flawed and unsustainable, driving us towards an unknown and perilous future. History has shown how civilisations have risen, stuck to certain sets of values and principles, and then collapsed because they didn't change and evolve. That's where we are today...

These and similar concerns now reverberate throughout the world. Not only the social media discuss them regularly and have initiated powerful grass-root driven actions, people having more and more a real voice; official channels that carry weight are increasingly acknowledging the situation. The IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, established by the United Nations as far back as 1988), the WWF, national governments, and even large companies and institutions including universities and the Vatican, all support serious debate and action, such as disinvestment of fossil fuels.

The two studies, [published in Science](#) and [Anthropocene Review](#), are the work of scientists from countries including the US, Sweden, Germany and India. The findings are being presented in seven seminars at the World Economic Forum,

which is taking place in Davos (Switzerland) right now, between the 21 and 25 January. Quotes from Prof. Will Steffen of the Australian National University and Stockholm Resilience Centre

share green news, concerns, initiatives and sustainable choices for everyday life. Lisbeth, Jasmin & Bridget for the AV Green Center [avgreencenter@auroville.org.in](mailto:avgreencenter@auroville.org.in)

The Green column appears bi-weekly in the N & N and on AVNet, as an initiative of the Green Center. We invite you to

Sunday  
**walk**  
Farms & Forests

Sunday 25th January: Annapurna with Tomas, 3 - 6 pm (please see last issue of N & N, AVnet and posters for details and route description). Meet at 2.15 pm at Solar Kitchen (for assistance Tomas 948 969 3801)

Sunday 1st February: Success with Rik, 9 - 12 am

Directions: From Solar Kitchen about 15 min cycle ride; follow the road past Certitude to the T-junction, keep left and take the first right past Abri, follow the sandy forest road ahead in direction Forecomers; just before the gate take a right to Success. If in need of assistance phone Rik 948 636 3471.

Notes 

## Luxury at Matrimandir

Referring to repeating her mantra "Om Namoh Bhagavate", which used to make everything calm and create new transformative vibrations in the cells of her body, the Mother once said to Satprem that repeating the mantra was a luxury. Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> of January evening, to listen to Kim and Heather at Matrimandir recite lines from Savitri in Gregorian mode / Medieval style was a luxury.

Evening 6 pm, you enter the Matrimandir gardens. One of the first things you see is a medium size fountain from which snow-white water rises and falls, a red gold sun is setting on the horizon. The building of Matrimandir appears gorgeous when we see it from within the campus. You enter the amphitheatre at the centre of which is a special floral set up. Kim and Heather appear and commence their "hymn".

As we know, Mother's view and vision of the Matrimandir gardens was that they are as important as the building in the sense that each garden will palpably live and communicate the significance given to it. Well, with Kim and Heather singing lines from Savitri, with each word and sentence, you feel as if you enter the life, the meaning, the significance behind the word, as if a door is opening.

For example, when they "sing" the word "Mother", you feel as if they are opening a door or a window to the Mother's consciousness. When Heather says "Awake" in Gregorian / Medieval style, you feel summoned to awaken something in the invisible realm of consciousness, same thing for "Wisdom Splendour" and every other word or line. But it is important for the listener to know which word or line is being uttered. If you don't know the word or the line, you feel at a loss. I was lucky because I had the text with me to follow the recital. When it got dark, Rita who was sitting next to me gave me her torch. But my two sisters did not have the paper of the text with them and hence they could catch only one word out of some 1,000 or so words sung!

In her article "A Dream", the Mother writes: (In this ideal place) "Beauty in all its artistic forms; painting, sculpture, music, literature, would be equally accessible to all; the ability to share in the joy it brings would be limited only by the capacities of each one and not by social or financial position". Well, the same thing can be said about the Savitri recital by Kim and Heather.

I cannot say that the "Meditations on Savitri" was a perfect title for the programme. It appeared too customary, too common while what Kim and Heather were offering was something uncommon: a new experience of the Epic as I wrote in a poem after their maiden presentation at the Savitri Bhavan on 18<sup>th</sup> of December.

At the end, when I went to compliment Kim and Heather, I could see how other people were impacted. Tapas Bhatt said, "It was coming directly from the divine."

Heather told me that it was a great joy to sing under the open sky, with stars twinkling. That's why I call it luxury. If you object to the word, I would say, "spiritual luxury".

*PS: Kim and Heather plan to sing the entire Savitri in Gregorian mode / Medieval style. Kim even thinks this can be done by reciting certain pages everyday in Auroville. I told him that if you accomplish this feat, it will be your invaluable gift to civilization and to the enrichment of the Auro-culture. But the listener must have the text so as to be able to follow what is being sung. Ideally, even before the programme, the intended listeners should be requested to get themselves familiar with the text.*

Aryadeep

## Tsunamika Event recipe 10 Jan 2015

### Creating abundance of Joy - Ingredients

A good relevant date	38 craft stalls	350,000 rupees
A beautiful idea	12 food stalls	100 days
5 competent team members	5 NGO stalls	Abundance of enthusiasm
One project manager	Few thousand of Tsunamikas	100 Its of Social credit
7-8 skilled technical experts	1 fund raiser	150 Its of passion
Four NGO	1 stress manager	5 Kg of Gift economy
8 media channels	22 bus loads of school children	1 Kg of toughness
80 volunteers	2,500 people	2,500 phone calls
20 artists	2,000 hours of preparation	12 group lunches
6 villages	On line shared data -5 MB	Spread over community support

Start with core team 70 days beforehand, put them together by using more volunteers and enthusiasm, hold them together with online shared data. Meet weekly, keep everyone in a loop, and be generous with telephone calls. Meanwhile activate space of outside communities to build resources as cash. Assign jobs to competent people, give them volunteers to deliver in details, keep a close connection in order to make sure all goes well, start taking help from a stress manager, be tough when last minutes things begin to come in. And soon a big collective celebration is ready - Enjoy

PS: Upasana held the event, funding came from individual sources, we are 50,000 in minus and waiting for the universe to fill the gap. Thank you all for being part of it and holding us.

*Tsunamika event team (Uma, Fif, Lison, Krupa, Jill)*

## 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*

### INVITATION FROM FUTURE SCHOOL

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

For an information and question/answer session on  
**FRIDAY, 13th FEBRUARY at 3:00 pm at the Future School campus.**

Our admissions process for the new school year (July 2015) is open from now until 1st March, 2015.

Best wishes to all for the New Year,  
*From the Future School Team*

### INDIA'S 66<sup>th</sup> REPUBLIC DAY

Dear All, do join us to celebrate with us

**India's 66th Republic Day on the 26th of January 15 at 8:30 am**

Flag hoisting will be followed by snacks and tea.

The day marks the sovereignty of the country, as on this day in 1950 the Constitution of India was adopted, replacing the Government of India Act (1935) as the governing document of India. The 26th of January was selected as Republic Day because it was, on this day in 1930, when the Declaration of Indian Independence (Purna Swaraj) was proclaimed by the Indian National Congress. The signature celebration of the event is the Republic Day Parade, in which this year, the Women armed forces of India, will take part for the first time in the capital city, New Delhi.

Kind Regards,  
*Riju [Cultural Coordinator - Kalai, Bharat Nivas, Auroville]*

## 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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## Exhibition at Aikiyam School

Dear Friends,

We are excited to announce an event at Aikiyam School!

On January 26th there will be an exhibition done by our students of Tamil cultural arts as well as a showing of their science projects.

Please feel very welcome to come and share our pride in our student's accomplishments

We will also be celebrating Republic Day with our usual flag-raising ceremony at 8:30am.

Looking forward to seeing you there between 8:30 and 11:00.

Akiyam School Support Group

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The poster features a central title "Life is about creating yourself" in red cursive, flanked by a vertical column of colorful circles. At the top, there are illustrations of a cartoon character, a row of colored pencils, and the "zenpenhu" logo. Below the title, the text describes the program as a creative drawing session for self-knowledge, suitable for ages 18-99, with a limit of 15 participants. It provides contact information for Kitti and Marianna. At the bottom, there are portraits of Kitti and Marianna, and a cartoon character holding a basket of flowers.

**Life is about creating yourself**

Creative drawing program about self-knowledge  
Easy and effective exercises to express and discover yourself

Age: from 18 up to 99  
Participant: max. 15 people  
Advance registration needed!  
For more information please contact:  
+91 /98 05 98 2976 (Kitti), [kalsang@auroville.org.in](mailto:kalsang@auroville.org.in) (Kalsang)

Where?  
At Pavilion of Tibetan Culture - Garden  
Date: January: 28., 30. and february: 4., 6., 11., 13.  
Time: 3.00 - 6.00 pm

KITTI and Marianna

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## TALKS, SEMINARS

### Insight Seminars present HIGHLIGHTS OF TAMIL NADU

An Introduction to the cultural and spiritual aspects of  
Chidambaram - Thanjavur - Thiruvannamalai - Mahabalipuram

30th January 2015

Presented by: Ela

Time: 3 pm - Venue: Insight Seminar room, ground floor, Inside India building, Auroshilpam (opposite CSR, behind Auromode)

No registration required, free of charge.

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## Insight Seminars present Integral Yoga and Auroville

Full-Day Seminar for Guests of Auroville  
On 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015

The seminar presents insights into the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and its significance for Auroville. It is designed as a structured overview that can serve as a base for further studies and explorations.

Highlights are:

- Vision and Aims of Auroville
- Evolution of Consciousness
  - Yoga of Matter
- Auroville's role in the world and in the evolutionary process
  - Aspects of individual and collective practice

Presented by: Ela

Timings: 8:45 am to 12:00 pm, continued 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Venue: Insight Seminars room, Ground Floor, Inside India building, Auroshilpam (opposite CSR, behind Auromode)

For Registration: Contact Elizabeth/Doulat at 0413-2622555 (office timings: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm.)

Contribution: required

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## 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 the Big Hall a few times))

VENUE - GARDEN ROOM, SAVITRI BHAVAN

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## CULTURAL EVENTS

### Light in Life

We are pleased to invite you all to come and enjoy a small presentation by the younger group of children of Deepanam School.

**When: Friday, 23rd January at 7 pm**

**Where: Deepanam School**

Duration: 45 minutes

*Thank you, Deepanam Team*

*Try to be happy and you will be closer to Light - The Mother.*

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### Libertas

A dance performance from Korea

Directed by Sin Cha Hong

Performed by Sin Cha Hong and Young Ah Choi

Adishakti, Sir Ratan Tata Koothukovil,

Edyanchavadi Road, Diagonally Opposite Hope

Friday, January 23, 2015, 7 p.m. No entry for latecomers.

Admission Free - all are welcome! Donations would be appreciated.

## Fire & Light Spinning Performance - Visitors Center

January Sun 25th @ 8pm / Mon 26th @ 7.30 + Special Early dinner at Cafeteria.

Written & performed by 10 Auroville Teenagers 'The Big Bang' is a fable of evolution, blending myth with science it tells a story of the creation of our universe.

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

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

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### SAARANG programme

Wednesday, 28th January 2015  
Venue India Space - Bharat Nivas  
Time: 6 pm

Presentation of Surbahar by Bhushan KOSHTI  
Presentation Pakhawaj by Vivek Kurangale

After a short introduction on the above two instruments, the artists will give a recital.

*Brief biography on Bhusha Koshti: Bhushan Koshti is the son and disciple of Pt. Pushpraj Koshti, a leading exponent of the Dagarvani Dhrupad style on the Surbahar. Bhushan has learnt the Surbahar in the traditional guru-shishya parampara tradition for 8 years. Initially, he started learning on the sitar from his mother at the age of 4 and later switched over to surbahar, which is more suited to his temperament.*

*Bhushan started performing on the Surbahar from the age of 11 at Baithaks and he has played at major festivals like the Dhrupad Mela (Varanasi) and at the annual Barsi of the legendary Rudra Veena maestro Z. M. Dagar in Mumbai (2009, 2012). Bhushan is regarded as a rare talent and the youngest exponent of the Surbahar in the Dagarvani style characterized by the slow and methodical development of the raga in a meditative delivery.*

The SAARANG Team - Bharat Nivas  
For more information: Shilpa - 2622253

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### Sri Tyagaraja Aradhana

Under the auspices of Tamil Heritage Centre and Telugu Samskritika Kendramu,  
Aradhana and musical offering by children with Gordon will be held on:

Date: Sunday, 1st February 2015

Time: 10:00 am onwards

Place: SAWCHU circle, Bharat Nivas

A traditional ceremonial procession will start at 9:30 am from Unity Pavilion and reach SAWCHU circle.

Devotees and music lovers are welcome  
Sri Tyagaraja Aradhana Group

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### Open Sunday at Sacred Groves

A concert of North Indian Fusion Music

Bansari Flute and Slide Guitar with Live Painting to the music

By Enrico Cornuda of Minesweeper Collective

7 to 9 pm at the Common House - Sacred Grove

## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

### LOCALLY GROWN VEGETABLES - SESSION 11.

#### VARAGU-BRINJAL BATH (RICE)

The tenth session on 24th January 2015, was on preparing Vegetable Flattened Red rice (Aval) to be consumed as a meal in itself for lunch or for breakfast.

The eleventh session will be held on 31st January 2015 (Saturday) at 10.30 am, at Life Education Centre, opposite Isaiambalam School. This will focus on the preparation of VARAGU-BRINJAL BATH (RICE).

Bath is a term used in Karnataka for calling a mixed preparation of rice or semolina - either as a sweet dish or a salty one. Now we will use locally grown un-polished varagu (instead of rice) and brinjal, to make a delicious Varagu Brinjal Bath, that can be eaten as a full meal in itself.

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

These bi-monthly sessions are offered by Buvanasundari, who has years of experience and expertise in South Indian traditional cooking.

Looking forward to see you there on 31st of January, where we will see, learn, do, eat and ask questions!

*Life Education Centre team*

### TRADITIONAL HATHA YOGA CLASSES BY SERGIO MARTINEZ POSE

Venue: Joy Community Guesthouse Hall (Center Field)

Yoga asana classes: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 4.30 to 6 PM

Special back bending class: Wednesday - 4.30 to 6 PM

Sergio has been practicing Yoga for the past 16 years and is in Auroville since about a year as a long-term 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. He got the approval to teach Yoga in 2003 and since then, Sergio has been one of the best ambassadors of this system of Yoga. 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 [guesthousejoy@gmail.com](mailto:guesthousejoy@gmail.com) or at 04132622584.

### CHAKRA JOURNEY

Healing Circle for Women

Discover WHO YOU REALLY ARE while enhancing your peace of mind, living your creativity and improving your writing skills. With an easy to follow guidance through simple and effective chakra exercises, meditation and visualisation, chanting, dancing, drawing, creative writing and yin yoga.

8 AFTERNOONS from 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Mo 26.- Do 30. Jan.

Mo 02.- Do 05, Feb.

FOR 6 WOMEN - registration required - call Tara 9751798408 or email: [tara@auroville.org.in](mailto:tara@auroville.org.in)

### QUIET HEALING CENTER: COURSES & WORKSHOPS

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.

Chandrama - Unleash the Goddess Within with Einat

Saturday 31 January - Sunday 1 February (10 hours)

10.00 AM - 5.00 PM (lunch included)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

This workshop (for women only!) is an invitation to reconnect to the soft and feminine place within you, to open your heart, reclaim your power, and celebrate life! We will practice different techniques and use a variety of tools to elevate our awareness and well-being: yoga asanas and pranayama (breath regulation); mantras and chanting; various meditation techniques; tribal fusion dance and free movement.

This workshop will help us to distinguish between what is important in life and what we can release, to empower ourselves by taking the decisions we wish in our life and developing the perseverance to follow them. All in a comfortable, safe space - step by step towards the goal.

*Einat has been a practitioner of yoga for the past 12 years.*

*She explored many methods before finding her calling in Vinyasa Yoga. She completed her teacher training in Wingate Institute, Israel. She also undertook intensive training at the KYM School in Chennai, India, and teaches currently classes and workshops in India and Israel. Einat studied Tribal Fusion dance with Sigal Ziv, the most professional teacher in Israel. She performs with many artists and currently teaches dance workshops around the world.*

Watsu 1 & Oceanic Bodywork Aqua (OBA) 1 with Gianni De Stefani

Thursday 5 - Sunday 15 February (75 hours - no course on 11 Feb.)

9.00 AM - 6.30 PM (lunch included)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

An intensive 10-day course on the surface as well as under water.

In the first stage of Watsu 1, you will learn Watsu's Tai Chi-like basic movements and positions and how you, while staying grounded and connected with your partner's breath, can let the water do the work. In the second stage, you learn to connect these basic movements and positions with long, gracefully flowing transitions into the Transition Flow. You learn to adapt

this work to people of all sizes, shapes, and dispositions. You learn about your own body mechanics and how to support and move each person as effortlessly as possible.

Oceanic Bodywork Aqua 1 (OBA 1) focuses mainly on underwater movements, which are both deeply relaxing and revealing. Especially designed movements allow the whole spine to swing and let the energy flow again. Because of the weightlessness of the body in water, the radius of joint movements becomes wider and the whole body can be moved in a playful and new way. Chronic physical pain as well as emotional tensions can be released. This form of therapy invites you to experience a completely unique way of healing in water and undertake a journey back to your origins, into the endless depth of your inner ocean.

New Watsu 1 & Oceanic Bodywork Aqua (OBA) 1 is recognized by WABA (Worldwide Aquatic Bodywork Association) as part of the Watsu learning program and gives 75 hours of credit for registration with WABA and Watsu India.

### INNER-WORK-

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

28th 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 Divine Mother'

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)

### USING ESL TECHNIQUES IN THE ENGLISH MEDIUM CLASSROOM

Teachers using English as a medium for teaching either non-native English speaking students or a mixed class, face a particular set of challenges in matching the appropriate English level with the content of the lesson. Students are similarly challenged in that they have to learn a new language together with lesson content. Irrespective of content, every lesson is an English lesson.

In this situation the particular techniques used to teach English as a second or foreign language can be part of the 'glue' that holds the lesson together as well as helping to deliver the content in varied and interactive ways.

This 4 session course aims to cover various aspects of ESL teaching such as:

- balancing the four skills
- basic ESL classroom techniques
- total physical response
- language in action
- the importance of listening
- pronunciation, intonation and stress
- drills, songs and jazz chants
- group/pair work.

The course will be taught by Marion Meakin and will be both practical and experiential. We will meet on the following Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 12:00 - February 7 & 14; March 7 & 14. Meeting places to be announced. Limited to 24 participants with a reasonable command of English. Pre-registration is required. Phone: 2622-466 or send an email to Heidi Watts: [hwatts5379@gmail.com](mailto:hwatts5379@gmail.com)

### WELLPAPER PAPER-MACHE WORKSHOP 28/01/15

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

In this workshop you will learn the making and usage of colored paper pulp. You will be guided through the process of cutting and shaping a serving bowl from a waste card board on which you will apply the pulp in your own design. We will show you how to manipulate and smooth the pulp in to the shape of a bowl. Depending on the weather it usually takes an average of two days for the bowl 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

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

### TABLA CLASSES AND INTRODUCTION ON THEORY AND HISTORY OF INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC

By Rashmi Bhatt

Rashmi BHATT - a professional Indian Artist-musician, known amongst Auroville and Pondicherry Ashram music community is back in town. He will be happy to give Tabla classes to those interested for both beginners and advanced musicians. For contact details:

Rashmi BHATT - 8098679877 - or 9442121315

Rashmi BHATT has performed in Europe, Africa, India and Asian countries.

He will be available from 21st January to 10th March 2015.

### DEEP RELEASE THROUGH AWARENESS EXPERIMENT

A 21 consecutive day experiment for those who are interested to deepen their capacity to listen to their body, to listen to the body of another person and to let go.

Patterns are embedded in our physical body, connected with patterns in our emotional, vital, mental being... I am proposing to work every day for one hour fifteen minutes, for a consecutive period of 21 days, from 30<sup>th</sup> of March to the 19<sup>th</sup> of April. The timings will be agreed upon between the participants.

Anyone interested must register before 9<sup>th</sup> of March, via email to: [rosa@auroville.org.in](mailto:rosa@auroville.org.in)

You can also reach me if you need more information to clarify it; or call Pitanga for an individual session with Rosa, to experience the kind of work we will use for it.

### 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.

Program Mon, Jan 26th

Focus: Local bee species

Presentations by beekeepers (Christelle Ledroit, Leo Robert, Deepika of Pebblegarden, Erik J.).

Interaction with several other participating beekeepers.

Garden visit & observation of bees.

Joint viewing of movies.

Program Tue, Jan 27<sup>th</sup>

Focus: Welcoming & housing the bees

Visit to a local beekeeper.

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

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

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.

Dr. Lucas Dengel [Executive/ EcoPro/ Aurosarjan Complex, Auroshilpam - web: [www.ecopro.in/](http://www.ecopro.in/) tel.: 0091-(0)413-2622469 / -2906482]

### SOUND AS UNIFIER Workshop with the Russian Singing Bells

At CRIPA (Kalabhumi) on Monday, 26th January, 5.00-6.30 pm  
Led by Vera Lipen

Sound operates through the law of Resonance. Resonance is where two become one, where minds join. Resonance is, in itself, a state of awareness and experiential knowing far beyond concept and mental, cognitive thinking. On the vibration field-body-time level, resonance is *the experiential state of Oneness*.

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

No registration required. Contribution requested from guests.

### INTERACTIVE SESSIONS ON AUROVILLE

Presented by Insight Seminars:

- The 'International Zone' in Auroville 27th January 2015  
Tuesday - presented by Jaya
- Auroville Outreach Work 28th January 2015  
Wednesday - presented by Kathy
- About the Matrimandir 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015  
Friday - presented by 'B'

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

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

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

### AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY ATB1

A two-day introductory workshop with Amir  
February 7th & 8th (Saturday & Sunday)

ATB hall, Transition school, Auroville. 09:00 to 17:00 daily.

ATB aims to assist individuals in developing the capacity for attention, concentration and relaxation, in refining the senses and in cultivating the ability to notice what one is experiencing. We hope to provide tools and a space to enhance introspection so that we may become aware of the different planes that form our being and have the possibility to enter in contact with our wider sense of self.

All the activities, within their particular focus, work towards that goal. The exercises and games are creative and often fun.

ATB has been created and implemented in Auroville schools since 1992, by Aloka Marti and Joan Sala, based on their personal experience following the spiritual path of integral yoga and the idea of integral education. Over the years they have adapted, added to and incorporated knowledge acquired from a wide variety of disciplines, into a coherent, sequential curriculum.

For more information visit the ATB website <http://awarenessthroughthebody.com/> & <http://atbwithamir.wix.com/atbwithamir>

For sign up mail Amir at [atbwithamir@gmail.com](mailto:atbwithamir@gmail.com).

### AUROVILLE RETREAT

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

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

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

Do you want to feel refreshed and energized to live your life fully? Be clear minded when your life is at a crossroads? Empowered to set your own conventions? Eager to take on what's next? During this weekend's workshop you will get to know yourself better in a joyful and open learning environment, and your next step in life will become clearer. You will experience the impact that you can have with enhanced listening and intuitive skills, through establishing a powerful connection with your fellow participants. This Retreat will be facilitated by Julie, a certified relationship and career coach in Auroville. For more information & registration please visit [www.aurovilleretreat.org](http://www.aurovilleretreat.org) or call 0413-2622571, 8940219725

### 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

### 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 it would help if you let me know through e-mail: [alokamariona@gmail.com](mailto:alokamariona@gmail.com) or sms to 9843985445

### SEVEN-EYES

The Science of Becoming who you really are

A journey of self-discovery and awakening

3 Day Workshop with Jerry & Sandhya (phone: 944 36 19 403)

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

(See last N&N for more info)

### The Basics of Nonviolent Communication: "Exploring a Path of Nonviolence"

Sat, Feb 7 - Sun, Feb 8 - 9.30 am - 5 pm, including lunch

Joy Living Learning (Joy Guest House), Centre Field, Auroville

#### The Power of Nonviolent Communication:

At the heart of this practice is the belief that as human beings we are designed to collaborate and to want to contribute to the well-being of others. However, because of our conditioning and socialization, we forget our true nature and instead start to live a life filled with right and wrong thinking. Instead of co-operation and abundance, we experience competition and scarcity, and so we can easily resort to violence (even if ever-so subtly).

Nonviolent Communication offers an understanding, as well as very practical tools, that support us to become more aware of our unconscious, life-alienating behaviour. We learn to

translate our judgments into our true feelings and needs and to hear the true feelings and needs behind another's judgments or threatening behaviour. At this level, we are able to reconnect to our shared humanity, to develop a deeper sense of self-connection, as well as to extend curiosity and compassion towards the other's inner reality.

As we're able to connect and hear each other on a needs-based level, we start to rebuild trust and repair connection.

*L'aura Joy (CNVC Certified Trainer): L'aura has been sharing and living NVC for the past 7 years, and has traveled and*

*shared in different countries and contexts. She is passionate about exploring how we can live our lives in empowered and co-creative ways. Nonviolent Communication offers such a clear, yet deeply powerful and transformative, framework within which to explore both our inner realities as well as outer relationships.*

For more info and to register - Email: [joylivinglearning@gmail.com](mailto:joylivinglearning@gmail.com). Mobile: 9442788016

Pre-Registration is required. Limited seats, so please book your seat early!

## SCHEDULES

### VERITE

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

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

**NEUROLINGUISTIC PROGRAMMING - AN INTRODUCTION - with Christine**

Wednesday & Thursday 28 & 29 January from 9 am to 4.30 pm (by advance registration)

NLP facilitates awareness of our limiting mechanisms and helps us become more efficient in achieving our goals, whether personal, social or professional. This introduction will provide concrete tools and simple methods to improve communication.

*CHRISTINE is an NLP Practitioner who has been certified by the International NLP Trainers Association since 2012.*

**INTEGRAL RESOURCING - with Dhanya and Susan**

Friday & Saturday, 30 & 31 January from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm (by advance registration)

To thrive in our complex world, we need to develop capacities that are integrative and regenerative. This workshop introduces research-based, trans-disciplinary practices that promote happiness and support us in making a positive difference in our personal and professional lives. As a follow-up, individual consultations (consisting of 2 one-hour sessions) can be arranged.

*DHANYA & SUSAN have extensive education and training in interdisciplinary approaches to health and development. As life partners and collaborators for over twenty years, they enjoy the shared quest to "walk the talk" of integral living and conscious evolution.*

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

**THEME: DAILY USES OF AYURVEDIC HERBS**

Friday 30 January - from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (24 hour advanced registration required)

A holistic approach to understanding the self and maintaining health, including yoga, Ayurveda, diet, pranayama, meditation and naturopathy. Lifestyle guidance is also available for managing specific health issues.

*DR. GEETA AUROPREMI has 30 years of experience in Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy. She has an MD in Gynecology and Pediatrics, a YTTTC certificate and diploma in Yoga, and Post-Graduate degrees in Yoga & Naturopathy.*



### PITANGA NEWS/ NEW CLASSES

**FORGIVENESS PROCESS with Marie Claire**  
Thursdays 6pm to 7.30 pm in the tradition of Dr. Laskow. Forgiving is for giving yourself Love

and Freedom. Forgiving releases attachment to the past and the resistance to being who you truly are. To discover that, in the deepest sense, there is no other to forgive, oppose or love. There is only One. *This class is a guided process that can be taken as a once off for a particular issue or on a continuous basis for deeper clearing.*

**TANDAVA DANCE with Elisabetta** Tuesday 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm  
Also known as Shiva dance a meditative-form of gentle soft

movement in 4 phases. It helps to keep a deep presence into the flow of the breath and the awareness of a spontaneous gentle soft natural movement. The 4 stages will help the specific structure to connect the UNITY of the SKY and the EARTH. The practice will bring people much closer to their own natural essence and inner silent.

**PRANA VIDYA HATHA YOGA with Sabrina** a new class 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm from Wednesday 28th, other ongoing classes with Sabrina are Monday and Friday at 5pm and Thursday at 11am

**IYENGAR CLASSES IN RUSSIAN with Alexander**, Tuesdays 7pm - 8.30pm & Thursday 10.30 am -12.00pm for all levels.

Alexander Volkov, certified Iyengar teacher and director of Yoga Centre in Yaroslavl (Russia), is offering Yoga classes to Russian speaking Aurovilians and Guests. "Классы йоги на русском языке. Александр Волков, сертифицированный преподаватель йоги Айенгара, проведёт несколько классов для русскоговорящих ауровильцев и гостей Ауровиля." Teaching language is Russian only.

**VINYASA FLOW FOR CHILDREN with Bebe** 9am-10am suitable for children from 4 to 9 years

**VINYASA FLOW FOR ADULTS with Bebe** Tuesday 20th 9.00am - 10.30am and Wednesday 21st 5pm - 6.30pm. A open level class linking breath with movement designed to build heat and strength, finishing off with restorative postures designed to release stagnant energy and calm the body and mind. May also include simple pranayama, meditation and music.

### WORKSHOPS

**THAI YOGA MASSAGE TRAINING with Bebe and Itzak**  
Wednesday Jan 28th and Thursday 29th 9.30am - 12.30 and 2.00pm - 5.00pm Twelve hours theory and practice of the principles of foundation and Dynamics with *Bebe Merino & Itzhak Helman, senior teachers at Sunshine Massage Network, Chang Mai, Thailand.* [www.thai.yoga.massage.org](http://www.thai.yoga.massage.org)

**IMPROVISING MOVEMENT - A NATURAL DANCE with Elisabetta** Friday, January 30th, 10 am- 12.30pm

An inner journey to access your personal creative dance language. The exploration of movement through different elements, perspectives, images and feelings within giving rise to opportunities and challenges within own unique dance. Elisabetta is a certified yoga and dance teacher from Italy

### SOUND EXPERIENCE

**Experience the power of Harmonics / Overtones with Mario**  
Sunday Feb 1st - 5 pm - 6.30 pm

The universe is alive with sound and within all sound are Harmonics VOCALIZATION + VISUALIZATION = MANIFESTATION. The Hopi legend tells of the Spider Woman who sang the song of creation over the inanimate forms of the earth and brought them to life. The Mayan tradition tells that the first real men are given life by the soul power of the voice. Facilitated by Mario.

**EXHIBITION: Memories d'aurore Lalie Sorbet (clodine)** - opens Jan 31st until Feb 14th

**Pitanga is closed for January 26th Republic Day**  
Pitanga, Samasti, Auroville, (0413) - 2622403, email [pitanga@aurville.org.in](mailto:pitanga@aurville.org.in)



C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY 23 JANUARY- 7:30 PM: "MADADAYO" by Akira KUROSAWA - Japan, 1993

FRIDAY 30 JANUARY - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)  
 "RABINDRANATH TAGORE » and THE POST-MASTER"

A special screening this evening, for the general audience. You will admire the immense culture of **Satyajit RAY**, the great Bengali film director: the perfection of his screenplays, his framing and photography (sublime black & white), musical choices, work with the children.

1- **Rabindranath Tagore** (English - 1961 - 54 min.)

*Synopsis:* The film is composed of dramatized episodes from Tagore's life and archived images and documents. A poet, playwright, painter, and composer, Tagore was the first non-European to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913. Made by S. Ray to celebrate Tagore's birth centenary, the documentary features some deft cinematic touches of a master film maker that sets it apart from most biographical documentaries in the world. Narrated by S. Ray himself.

2- **The Post Master** - *With:* Chandana Banerjee, Anil Chatterjee, Nripati Chatterjee

*Synopsis:* Taken from "Teen Kanya", a Bengali anthology film directed by S. Ray, and based upon 3 short stories by Rabindranath Tagore, this is the first tale. It is about Ratan, an orphaned girl living in an isolated malaria-infested village. When a poet from the city becomes the village postmaster, a relationship blossoms between the two as he teaches Ratan how to read and write.

*Original version in Bengali (1961) with English Subtitles - Duration: 42'24*

## AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 26th of January 2015, at 6:30 pm.

*"MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI - Book 1: THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS, Canto 2: THE ISSUE*

*"An absolute supernatural darkness falls / On man sometimes when he draws near to God: / An hour arrives when fail all Nature's means; / Forced out from the protecting Ignorance / And flung back on his naked primal need, / He at length must cast from him his surface soul / And be the ungarbed entity within: ... / That hour had fallen now on Savitri."*

A film by Manohar of Huta's paintings illustrating passages from Savitri read by The Mother and accompanied by her own organ music. Duration: 27min. We supply photocopies from the "Savitri" texts read by the Mother, so that the texts can be followed when watching the film. Duration: 33min.

## VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

29th January Thursday 8 pm  
 WILD (2014)

Genre: Biography/Drama / Rated: Above18 / Dur: 1.55min / Language: English / Subtitle: English

Dir: [Jean-Marc Vallée](#) / Cast: [Reese Witherspoon](#), [Laura Dern](#), [Gaby Hoffmann](#)

Storyline: A chronicle of one woman's 1,100-mile solo hike undertaken as a way to recover from a recent catastrophe.

30th January Friday 8 pm  
 BIRDMAN (2014)

Genre: Comedy/Drama / Rated: Above18 / Dur: 1.59min

Language: English / Subtitle: English

Dir: [Alejandro González Iñárritu](#) / Cast: [Michael Keaton](#), [Zach Galifianakis](#), [Edward Norton](#)

Storyline: A washed up actor, who once played an iconic superhero, battles his ego and attempts to recover his family, his career and himself in the days leading up to the opening of a Broadway play.

## ASSOCIATION ALTERITE

Cinema Paradiso (MMC Auditorium) - Town Hall  
 Every Friday from 23/01/2014 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 min  
 "L'Homme apres l'homme" (Man after man) - 1981 - 1 hr

2 filmed interviews with Satprem in French with English subtitles

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



# Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film programme 26 January 2015 to 1 February 2015

**Indian - Monday 26 January, 8:00 pm:**

• **HAIDER**

India, 2014, Vishal Bhardwaj w/ Shahid Kapoor, Tabu, Shraddha Kapoor, and others, Drama-Crime-Romance, 160mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13 (U/A)

This third film of the Shakespearian trilogy by the director is an adaptation of 'Hamlet'. The story of this critically acclaimed revolves around Haider - a young man who returns home to Kashmir on receiving news of his father's disappearance. He learns that security forces have detained his father for harboring militants, and that his mother is in a relationship with his own uncle. Intense drama follows between mother and son as both struggle to come to terms with news of his father's death. Soon Haider learns that his uncle is responsible for the gruesome murder...What follows is his journey to avenge his father's death.

*Very Good - don't miss!*

**Italian - Tuesday 27 January, 8:00 pm:**

• **ALLACCIATE LE CINTURE (Fasten Your Seatbelts)**

Italy, 2014, Dir. Ferzan Opzetek w/ Kasia Smutniak, Francesco Arca, and others, Comedy-Drama, 110mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Elena and Antonio seem not to be made for each other. They are too different in terms of character, life choices, worldview, and the way they relate to others. They are total opposites. However, they are overwhelmed by a mutual attraction they are trying hard to avoid, but to which they succumb to.

**Cultural - Wednesday 28 January, 8:00 pm:**

• **CABALLE: Beyond music**

Spain, 2003, Dir. Antonio Farre, Documentary, 98mins, Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

The Spanish opera singer Montserrat Caballe is one of the finest voices of recent times! The film accompanies her on a journey to some of the most important places in her life. We witness her in conversation, in numerous historic performances and listen to the testimonies of friends, fellow musicians and contemporaries such as Placido Domingo and Renee Fleming - providing a deeper understanding of Montserrat the person and Caballé the artist.

**Nordic- Thursday 29 January, 8:00 pm:**

• **SÅ SOM I HIMMELEN (As it is in Heaven)**

Sweden, 2004, Dir. Kay Pollak w/ Michael Nyqvist, Frida Hallgren, Helen Sjöholm, and others, Comedy-Drama, 133mins, Swedish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

A successful international conductor suddenly interrupts his career and returns alone to his childhood village in the far north of Sweden. He is asked to listen to a rehearsal of the church choir and to give some advice. He can't say no, and from that moment, nothing in the village is the same again. The choir develops and grows. He makes both friends and enemies. And he finds love. *If you have seen this film before - this is an opportunity to catch it again, and if you have not - you MUST! A touching, uplifting, wonderful film!*

**International - Saturday 31 January, 8:00 pm:**

• **THE BROKEN CIRCLE BREAKDOWN**

Belgium, 2012, Dir. Felix van Groeningen w/ Johan Hendelbergh, Veerle Baetens, 111mins, Drama-Music-Romance, Flemish-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR(R) Elise and Didier fall in love at first sight. She has her own tattoo shop and he plays the banjo in a bluegrass band. He's a romantic atheist, she's a religious realist. They bond over their shared enthusiasm for American music and culture, and dive headfirst into a sweeping romance that plays out on and off stage - but when an unexpected tragedy hits their new family, everything they know and love is tested. An intensely moving portrait of a relationship from beginning to end, propelled by a soundtrack of foot-stomping bluegrass. *It is a romantic melodrama of the highest order.*

**Children's Film - Sunday 1 February, 4:30 pm:**

**AGAINST THE WILD**

USA, 2013, Writer-Dir. Richard Boddington w/ CJ Adams, Erin Pitt, Natasha Henstridge, and others, 90mins, Adventure-Family, English, Rated: PG

Two siblings and their devoted dog are lost in the wilderness and must learn how to combine their skills, trust their instincts and navigate a terrain as beautiful as it is untamed.

**Jim Jarmusch Film Festival @ CINECLUB**

**Ciné-Club - Sunday 1 February, 8:00 pm:**

• **ONLY LOVERS LEFT ALIVE**

USA, 2013, Dir. Jim Jarmusch w/ Tilda Swinton, Mia Wasikowska and others, 123mins, Drama, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Adam and Eve have been lovers for centuries. Both are vampires with an all-embracing passion for music, literature and science, who have evolved to a level where they no longer kill for sustenance, but still retain their innate wildness. Adam, a reclusive underground musician hiding out in the ruins of contemporary Detroit, despairs about human civilization's decline, and worries about future survival.

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

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

**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).

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

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News & Notes, Media Centre, Town Hall. Phone: 2622133, email: [newsandnotes@auroville.org.in](mailto:newsandnotes@auroville.org.in)

## SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES

**Auroville Ambulance:** 9442224680

**Auroville Library, Crown Road:** opening hours - 9:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:30 from Monday to Saturday

**AvHC:** The Pharmacy is open 8.30 to 5 pm daily including Saturdays. The doctor's consultation is the same, except Saturday up to 1pm only.

**City Transport:** Quick "Pick up and Drop" Shuttle Service in Maruti Omni 4-seater van, with per passenger fares, from Rs.60/- for 1 person single trip inside the city area, destinations up to Aspiration/Auromodele and Repos/Quiet. Phone Visitors Centre main gate 262-2611 or to the driver directly 94876-50951 daily 9.30am-6.00pm and Fri-Sat-Sun evenings up to 9.30pm (10.00pm for return trips). Please note that it is not a taxi that will wait for you for onward or return trips, but if needed will come back to pick you up again when called.

**Crisis Intervention:** Call Christian 763 949 3183 (Service offered until 1 March 2015)

**Day/Night Guard:** Auroville Security: Please call Ramesh.V at 9443090107/9443362691 in case of emergency or if you need an escort (for people with bikes/cycles only) or assistance. You can also contact us at [avsecurity@auroville.org.in](mailto:avsecurity@auroville.org.in)

**Eco Service, Kottakarai:** Jayamurthy - 904 701 5812 / Gillian - 9442067481, email: [ecoservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:ecoservice@auroville.org.in) / Auralice - 763-965-5954

**Entry Service, Multimedia Center:** 1st floor, Town hall Complex: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: 10.00am to 12.00pm for enquiries/applications. Thursdays: 2:00 to 3:30pm. B Form filling for newly resident Aurovilians and youth turning 18.

**Financial Service, Town Hall and Aspiration:** Mon to Sat, 9 to 12.30 and 3 to 4.30pm

**Free Store:** Monday to Friday: 9:00 to 12:30 pm. Tuesday and Thursday: 2:30 to 4:30 pm

**Free Store Tailoring Service:** Repair work will be received only from 1st to 15th of every month. Timings will be same as Free Store.

**Auroville Gas Service, Service Area:** Near Tele Service" and BSNL Telephone Exchange. Monday to Saturday: 9 to 1 and 2 to 4 pm

**Guest Service Solar Kitchen:** 1st floor. Open every morning (including Sunday) from 9.30 to 12.30. Afternoon from 1pm to 4pm (except Sunday)

**Housing Service, Town Hall:** Public hours are Monday & Friday 2:30 to 4:30pm, and Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:00 to 11:30am. No public hours on Wednesday.

**Integral Health:** Classical homeopathy, hypnotherapy, midwifery, counselling, Shiatsu, energy work / [integralhealth@auroville.org.in](mailto:integralhealth@auroville.org.in) - 2623669 / Mon-Sat 9 am - 5 pm, preferably on appointment.

**Kailash Clinic, Kailash:** Call 2622803 for an appointment during morning hours from 8.30am to 12.30pm

**LOE, Lab. Of Evolution, Bharat Nivas:** Mon to Sat 9am-12 noon and Monday to Friday 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

**Matrimandir:** The Inner Chamber is open for Aurovilians daily 06.00am to 08.45am. 11.30 am to 12.30pm (02.00 pm on Sunday) 04.30 pm to 08.00pm. Please keep the Chamber neat and tidy. Straighten your mat and put back all extra cushions neatly by the door. Please refrain from rearranging the cushions which are laid out for you. To bring family members and personal friends please book by calling 2622579 from 9.30 to 11.30 am any day except Tuesday. Be at the office gate of Matrimandir by 8.45am on the day of the visit. Please remain with your guests throughout the visit. **Matrimandir is closed to visitors on Tuesday.** Aurovilians wanting to bring their children to the Matrimandir are recommended to do so on Tuesdays between 9 am and 11.15am.

**Music library, Town Hall:** Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 9 to 12.30 and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 2 to 5:30pm.

**Nandini Tailor section: (Auroshilpam):** tel: 2622527  
Open to public on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday full day: from 9am to 12.30pm and 3pm to 5pm

No new order taken last week of the month. Don't forget to bring your bag

**Nandini Distribution: (ptdc, solar kitchen)** tel : 2622033

Open to public from Tuesday to Saturday morning from 9am to 12.30pm and Tuesday, Thursday afternoon 2.30pm to 4.30pm  
Don't forget to bring your bag

**OutreachMedia Services:** The services provided by OutreachMedia include: dealing with all media that come to Auroville for filming, writing, photographing - reporters, journalist and writers. 2622-098 or 9443602194 or 9952463904

Multi-Media Centre. Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoons and Saturdays by appointment.

**Puncture service, service area:** next to gas bottle service, opposite road service; Monday to Saturday 9am to 4 30pm; phone 2622741, cell 9442891235.

**Auroville Residents Service timings:** Please note that the Auroville Residents Service office will be open from Monday to Friday morning's from 9:00 am to 12.00 pm and afternoon Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 4:30.

Thank you, Residents Service Team

**Savi:** facilitates voluntary services and internships in Units & activities of Auroville: clarifying your needs of long term volunteers, helping with visa, and following-up these external resources to make their stay mutually beneficial. Opening hours in Unity Pavilion for visits, waiver forms signing and welcome Monday to Friday 10 12am. Phone 262 2121 - email [study@auroville.org.in](mailto:study@auroville.org.in)

**Skyworks:** Tree pruning, removal of hazardous trees and branches over fragile structures, power line cleaning. SatYaaji 958 516 58 82

**Vehicle Service, Town Hall:** Monday - Friday : 09.00am - 12.30 pm, 02.00pm - 4.30pm. Saturday: 09.00am - 12.30pm

**Video library, Town Hall:** Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 10 am to 1 pm and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 3 to 6pm.

**Women's Helpline** - For women needing assistance after an incident of violence on Auroville roads. Please call 262 2425 (mornings) or email [avhs@auroville.org.in](mailto:avhs@auroville.org.in)

## ACT NEW TIME TABLE

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

7:45 AM from Transport Service near Certitude Corner, opposite to Gas Service/12:00 Noon from Pondy rue St Louis (beach end of J.N. Street) opposite Ashram playground

### SHOPPING TRIP

Tuesday: 8:50 AM from Vérité/12:00 Noon from Pondy Manakula Vinayagar Street (Ganesh Temple Street)

### AFTERNOON TRIP

Monday: 2:50 PM from Vérité/ 6:00 PM from Pondy Manakula Vinayagar Street (Ganesh Temple Street)

Wednesday and Friday: 4:30 PM from Vérité/ 8:00 PM from Pondy Manakula Vinayagar Street (Ganesh Temple Street)

Please Note: In case the ACT bus is not available as per the time table please be on the lookout for a replacement by

Auroville Jeep or Van, we will ensure that a small white and orange sign is visible on the replacement vehicle. All trips are paying trips and ACT welcomes your contribution everyday on every trip. ACT maintains its voluntary contribution policy aligned with Auroville's utopia, ideals and aims. At present it is YOUR contribution ALONE which keeps the service afloat. Travel passes are available from Financial Service (Town Hall & Aspiration) and Guest Service (above the Solar Kitchen). For more information contact ACT (0413) 2622962 or [act@auroville.org.in](mailto:act@auroville.org.in)  
In summary, 2 trips have been discontinued Thursday and Saturday morning trips. The logic being that there is a 7:45AM departure from Transport Service everyday except Tuesday. We assume this can somewhat fulfil the need for the 9:00AM trip on these days. We have maintained the 9:00AM trip on Tuesday when the 7:45AM is not available. In addition the ACT bus is on duty Saturday (and Sunday) mornings for shuttling visitors from the Visitor Centre to Matrimandir viewing gallery.

CAFÉ AUROVILLE PRESENTS

# LES DIALOGUES EN HUMANITÉ

THEME : DIALOGUE & HUMAN UNITY

TUESDAY THE 3RD OF FEBRUARY 2015

Venue banyan tree visitor's center

10AM - 4PM | ALL ARE WELCOME|



**MOST OF HUMANITY'S PROBLEMS ARE SELF-GENERATED.  
 ON THE BASIS OF THIS NOTION, DIALOGUES EN HUMANITÉ  
 AIM TO GAIN BETTER UNDERSTANDING**

of what the human being is and how humans can grow wiser together, gain in self-confidence, believe in others and in the future, and achieve greater understanding and justice. This event wants encompass maximum a variety of opinions and possible answers to the many questions we have.

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