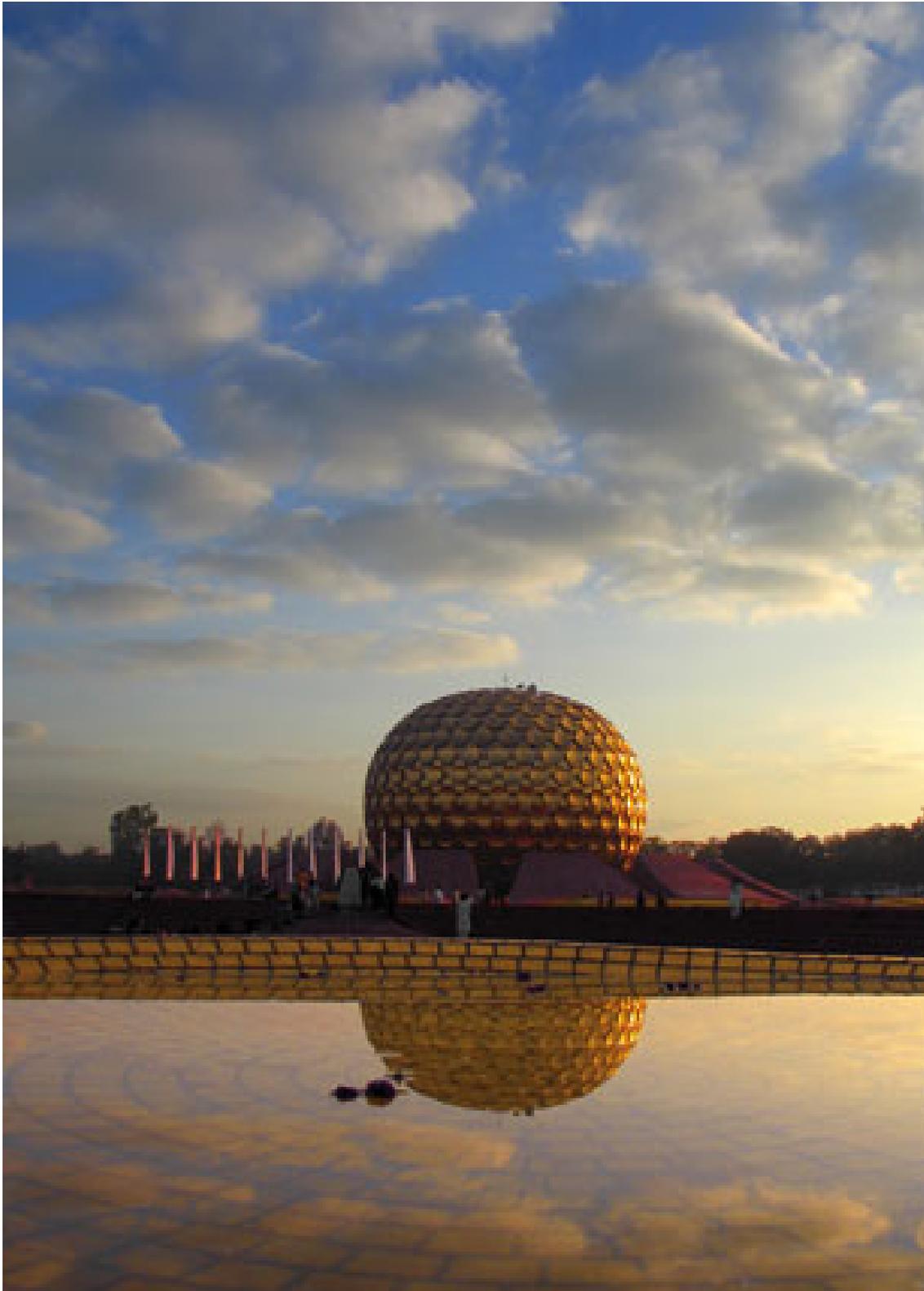


News & Notes

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47TH AUROVILLE BIRTHDAY

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

THE Gnostic BEING

The existence of the supramental being would be the play of a manifoldly and multiply manifesting truth-power of one-existence and one-consciousness for the delight of one-existence. Delight of the manifestation of the Spirit in its truth of being would be the sense of the gnostic life. All its movements would be a formulation of the truth of the Spirit, but also of the joy of the Spirit, —an affirmation of spiritual existence, an affirmation of spiritual consciousness, an affirmation of spiritual delight of being. But this would not be what self-affirmation tends to be in us in spite of the underlying unity, something ego-centric, separative, opposed or indifferent or insufficiently alive to the self-affirmation of others or their demand on existence. One in self with all, the supramental being will seek the delight of self-manifestation of the Spirit in himself but equally the delight of the Divine in all: he will have the cosmic joy and will be a power for bringing the bliss of the Spirit, the joy of being to others; for their joy will be part of his own joy of existence. To be occupied with the good of all beings, to make the joy and grief of others one's own has been described as a sign of the liberated and fulfilled spiritual man. The supramental being will have no need, for that, of an altruistic self-effacement, since this occupation will be intimate to his self-fulfilment, the fulfilment of the One in all, and there will be no contradiction or strife between his own good and the good of others: nor will he have any need to acquire a universal sympathy by subjecting himself to the joys and griefs of creatures in the Ignorance; his cosmic sympathy will be part of his inborn truth of being and not dependent on a personal participation in the lesser joy and suffering; it will transcend what it embraces and in that transcendence will be its power. His feeling of universality, his action of universality will be always a spontaneous state and natural movement, an automatic expression of the Truth, an act of the joy of the Spirit's self-existence. There could be in it no place for limited self or desire or for the satisfaction or frustration of the limited self or the satisfaction or frustration of desire, no place for the relative and dependent happiness and grief that visit and afflict our limited nature; for these are things that belong to the ego and the Ignorance, not to the freedom and truth of the Spirit.

The gnostic being has the will of action but also the knowledge of what is to be willed and the power to effectuate its knowledge; it will not be led from ignorance to do what is not to be done. Moreover, its action is not the seeking for a fruit or result; its joy is in being and doing, in pure state of Spirit, in pure act of Spirit, in the pure bliss of the Spirit. As its static consciousness will contain all in itself and must be, therefore, for ever self-fulfilled, so its dynamis of consciousness will find in each step and in each act a spiritual freedom and a self-fulfilment. All will be seen in its relation to the whole, so that each step will be luminous and joyous and satisfying in itself because each is in unison with a luminous totality. This consciousness, this living in the spiritual totality and acting from it, a satisfied totality in essence of being and a satisfied totality in the dynamic movement of being, the sense of the relations of that totality accompanying each step, is indeed the very mark of a supramental consciousness and distinguishes it from the disintegrated, ignorantly successive steps of our consciousness in the Ignorance. The gnostic existence and delight of existence is a universal and total being and delight, and there will be the presence of that totality and universality in each separate movement: in each there will be, not a partial experience of self or a fractional bit of its joy, but the sense of the whole movement of an integral being and the presence of its entire and integral bliss of being, Ananda. The gnostic being's knowledge self-realised in action will be, not an ideative knowledge, but the Real-Idea of the Supermind, the instrumentation of an essential light of Consciousness; it will be the self-light of all the reality of being and becoming pouring itself out continually and filling every particular act and activity with the pure and whole delight of its self-existence. For an infinite consciousness with its knowledge by identity there is in each differentiation the joy and experience of the Identical, in each finite is felt the Infinite.

THE LIFE DIVINE, Book II, Pt II, Ch. XXVII

SRI AUROBINDO

*The
Ponder
Corner*

*And the most essential quality is perseverance,
endurance, and a... what shall I call it?
- a kind of inner good humour which helps
you not to get discouraged, not to become sad,
and to face all difficulties with a smile.*

*The Mother
ref. Questions And Answers, vol.8, p.23*

MONTHLY GREEN GROUP REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2015

1. Building requests

A new roof for Eluciole circus in Miracle was agreed together with new bedrooms for Kalou's house, also in Miracle. Ramesh requested assistance from the Green group for help with planning the new roof that he wants to put up on his house in Acceptance. The type of roof that Ramesh wants is not acceptable in the green belt but it was agreed that a resolution is possible and that it should be discussed by all involved - Ramesh, Green group, TDC.

2. General land issues

The Green group received a draft mandate from the Land Board for discussion, but it seems that more time is needed to develop something that will reflect much better the overall functioning of this group. The Green group agreed to wait for this second draft before giving feedback. In the meantime the Green group decided to look at the problem of land protection, as over the years considerable land has been lost because it has not been properly protected. One suggestion was that such land be looked after by Aurovillians and Newcomers rather than paid guards. It was agreed that there were practical problems about doing this that had to be solved, but the problems were not necessarily insuperable. It was decided to write a draft paper which will eventually be presented to the Land Board for discussion. This will include an estimate of costs which it was thought will probably be not much more than is presently spent and which will have a lot more benefits for the community and Auroville as a whole. It was agreed that the fencing budget also needs to be examined and a fast and simpler way of allocating the money explored.

3. Green group mandate and land allocation paper.

After having been circulated to the Forest and Farm group the mandate will now go to the AVC for ratification by the community and the Land Allocation agreement will be sent to TDC.

4. Other issues.

The Green group was updated on the Mangalam land encroachment issue and the efforts being made to resolve the problem. The group was also updated on yet another land allocation problem where it seems that site permission has been given to a potential farmer without involving the Farm group. This is in the process of being clarified by the Farm group. Last month a letter about the Green group concerns relating to land succession was sent to the AVC but it is unlikely they will be able to deal with this in the near future. It was thought that this is a general issue concerning housing and units as well as farms and forests.

If you have any feedback or would like further information please contact: [Priya \[greengroup@auroville.org.in\]\(mailto:Priya@greengroup@auroville.org.in\)](mailto:Priya@greengroup@auroville.org.in)

FOREST GROUP MEETING NOTES

Azhagu Bumi, 6 Feb 2015

Present: Diego, Thanajayan, Island, P.Elumalai, Kannyappan, Dhanya, Agnes, Matriparasad, Fabian, Christoph, Kumar (Adventure), Dominik, Hans, Sandeep (Land Board), Marti, Shivaraj, Satyaaji, V. Boobalan, Achilles, Geo, Sergio, Marieke, Rishi, Balu, N. Raja, Dave, Shona, Edzard, Cristo, Jessamijn

E-mail communications

Marti shares her concern about email communications in Auroville done in an accusing and nasty tone; whether we as the Forest Group can commit ourselves to remain professional and respectful. The FG agrees.

Sludge

Marti asks for an update on the sludge issue; who is responsible and whether a plot has been found. She informs that water in Forecomers has been tested and was found contaminated with e-

coli and heavy metals. Forest Group states that in principal it is not in agreement with dumping the sludge in the forest (meaning it is also not ok to deposit it in Mango Field). It has found itself unable to solve a problem that is not directly its own. TDC is responsible and Forest Group wishes L'Avenir to 1) find a different spot and 2) look for a different sludge disposal system.

Land Board

Sandeep has come to hear from the FG what it would like LB to do. FG would like LB to 1) buy land, 2) help fence land -and have the financial means for it!- so that no land disputes are likely to happen, 3) help protect the land as well as the stewards when conflicts occur, 4) take on a good lawyer to provide legal aid and protection, 5) share the land protection issues with the Governing Board so that they are well aware of the security situation, 6) do not put temporary caretakers on land as this results in permanent stays, instead FG should appoint stewards.

Re buying land, the LB has walk-in-hours on Monday and Wednesday from 10-12 in the Foundation Office for anybody interested in selling/exchanging land. TDC requests an updated list from LB incl. newly acquired land.

Re protection, Cristo shares that a meeting of the Working Committee, TDC and Land Board is planned on this topic. Further, Sandeep requests FG to use its security group as much as it can as the previous 'Land Board groups' got overworked. It is decided that when a steward is in security need it will call both FG (Diego) and LB.

FG also revises its previous policy on only green fencing. Temporary fencing with poles and barbed wire must be done to prevent conflict, which will also give time to grow green fences.

LB is currently dealing with 30-40 legal cases and will be meeting with an Ashram-associated senior advocate to increase legal support. Current serious land conflicts are with Hermitage, Baraka, Siddharta and Newlands where land is being taken.

Silence

A long discussion brought up the following points: Geo would like a place to develop his urban forestry proposal; Hans is in agreement he can do this in Silence. However, the potential terms and implications have not been fully explored. FG proposes to look into a one-year co-stewardship and development of clear agreement of what this consists of (including financial requirements). It is suggested to do so with professional support of Koodam.

Auroville Today

Upset about the latest article on Forestry in Auroville, the Forest Group urges AV Today to do a full issue on the Future of Forestry in AV and to publish Glenn and Dave's replies in AV Today as well. (Meanwhile Glen's has been printed in AV Today)

Acres for Auroville

In case there is a misconception of FG thinks of Acres for Auroville; the FG is in full support of this initiative, keep going!

Stewardship over plots B07/7 B07/6 IR394/5

Dominik requests the stewardship over the plots that were recently vandalised by a JCB; FG approves!

Maintenances

There are two maintenances available, after allocating a full maintenance to Rishi and a half maintenance to Balu, there is still a half maintenance available. Proposed was Madhu or Mani, they will have to attend the FG meeting if they are interested.

Revelation

Satyaaji is looking for a forest to work and live. His personal situation/needs differ from Revelation's and therefore Revelation would like him to relocate within a month's time.

Baraka

Raja (previously in Repos, now in Celebration), will come to stay on the disputed Baraka land. He will work out the details with Achilles and is meeting with TDC (Cristo) as well.

Samridhhi

Shona's bathroom got damaged during the cyclone and she requests approval for the building of a bathroom space adjacent to the house. Further she would like to (re)build her bike shed and a treehouse for volunteers. FG agrees.

Next FG meeting: 6 March, 3 pm at Nine Palms

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General meeting

Dear Community,

The Working Committee invite you to a General Meeting on Friday, 06.03.15, at Unity Pavilion at 4 pm - 6 pm. To be informed about the topics of various working groups and units/activities that wish to present to the Governing Board and International Advisory Council at their joint meeting on the 14.03.15 in Auroville.

The Working Committee

Information meeting from l'Avenir

Monday March 9th, 2015 - Unity Pavillion 4:30 pm

L'Avenir d'Auroville (T.D.C.) cordially invites the Community to an information meeting regarding the proposal for the establishment of a statutory body for the protection of Auroville land.

The aim of the meeting is to explain the ongoing procedure, to exchange, answer questions, and clarify doubts about the process.

A short presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

In view of the numerous development taking place in and around the Auroville Master Plan, L'Avenir d'Auroville/Town Development Council (T.D.C.), following the recommendation proposed by the Status Study Group* in their report of March 2013, has been in contact with the Town and Country Planning Office (T.C.P.O.) of the Tamil Nadu govt., regarding planning and development for Auroville. Following this interaction between l'Avenir d'Auroville/TDC and the T.C.P.O., the T.C.P.O. has recommended to set up a New Town Development Authority (N.T.D.A.) covering the Auroville Master Plan as the most favourable option under the Town and Country Planning Act.

The establishment of a development authority by the Government of Tamil Nadu will help counter developments that do not comply with the land use plan as outlined in the Master Plan and its future detailed development plans. The proposed authority is a planning agency put in place by the Tamil Nadu govt. to define planning priority and to organise land use and development; it will replace in part the existing statutory planning and development approval process, future developments will be considered for approval in reference to the master plan / land use plan. By accepting that authority Auroville insure a coherent development for the future of the Township and its surrounding area protecting the environmental work done over the years and insuring the future development of the Auroville Township.

Starting in 2014 L'Avenir d'Auroville /T.D.C has undertaken meaningful actions concerning regional planning. The T.D.C. Regional Development team in collaboration with Bommayarpalayam Panchayat, Irumbai and nearby villages has signed memorandums of understanding (M.O.U) for new

programs of development. The N.T.D.A. may become the statutory body needed to sustain these projects.

*The Status Study Group was constituted as an ad hoc group by the Working Committee to study means to protect the Auroville Master Plan Area

Draft about the Friends of Auroville

Dear community members,

The enclosed draft for "Friends of Auroville" is a work in progress and is not final. It is being published now in order to get inputs from the community, which will then be integrated into this draft by the Auroville Council. (See last two pages of the News)

Please note that feedback from the several AVIs have already been incorporated into this draft; Housing Board has given us their feedback, which will be integrated along with the community's inputs.

If you feel that this draft can be improved, or if you feel up to helping us with the task of integration/ re-writing etc, we invite you to join the team as a resource person.

We will receive feedback on this draft for the next 2 weeks, i.e. until the 11th of March 2015.

Please write to avcoffice@auroville.org.in.

Sincerely yours, *the Auroville Council*

To all members of the AV Health Fund

If you still have any medical bills from the past months at home please drop them, together with your doctor prescription and your PT account number, in the health fund box at Aspiration Health Centre.

As the financial year is going to its end, all the pending bills from April 2014 till February 2015 have to be processed before the end of March 2015.

Only the medical bills from March 2015 can be paid till end of April 2015.

The audit service has told us not to process any bills from last financial year after March 2015.

Please check your cupboards while there is still time!

From AV Health Fund

OBITUARY



Lakshmanben

This is to inform the community that our long-term friend and sister, Aurovilian Lakshmanben (Lachman Melvani) peacefully left her body this morning early in her house in Aurobrindavan. She was 85 years old. Born in Karachi in the late twenties, Lakshmanben joined Auroville in June 1969. Pretty soon she started experimenting with various food and other products with a handful of local employees. This has grown out to her New School Crafts enterprise in Aurobrindavan, producing amongst other things the by now famous, and very much Auroville-used, Avatar hibiscus power syrup that may remain with us forever. Lakshmanben maintained a close contact with her workers whose well-being was dear to her. Up till her very last day she was passionately talking about new plans and projects for her company.

Lakshmanben was a friendly, low-profile and self-contained person whose strong link with Sri Aurobindo and

Mother was the guiding thread in her life. Having friends and family in the Ashram, the connection always

remained close and her remains were taken care of by her family there. The cremation took place in the afternoon of the same day at Pondy's Lawspet mandappam, with Lakshmanben's family, Aurovilian co-executives and all employees of the unit attending.

Thank you for having been with us, Lakshmanben. Jay MA-

Taxi Sponsors/Partners for the Chennai Festival

Dear Friends,

The team looking after the organization of the festival taking place in Chennai from March 1st to 19th April called "What is Auroville" have conducted a survey with the taxi companies within Auroville and the surrounding area. The purpose of the survey was to find out what the companies were willing to give as a discount or other perks such as free pick-up or drop-off with empty cars going to Chennai or returning.

As there will be a number of people, units and services going back and forth over the weeks we felt it was to our benefit to negotiate with them. After reviewing the outcome we have made a selection of the companies. We sadly report that only one Auroville Unit was chosen, the other Units were nowhere near the discounts offered by the Non-AV Companies.

The discount applies only to those that are organizers, participants and supporters of the festival. The companies have a detailed list of the Festival events, choir, exhibitions, seminars, markets and workshops.

Cars, Van, Lorries, Mini-Buses and Buses are included in the discount, please note Lorries, mini-buses and buses have a different discount than the cars and vans - ask the owner for the amount.

The companies are:

- Auro Cabs: Contact: 0413 2623 200 / 2623 201 / 984 373 4825. aurocabs@auroville.org.in
- Lotus: Contact: 0413 2623 287 / 2623 288 / 989 478 6883 lotustaxiservice@yahoo.com
- Mother Travels: Contact: 0413 2622 489 / 0413 2623 208 / 944 395 6635. mmmothertravels@hotmail.com
- Sri Choula Travel: Contact: 0413 2623 003 / 2623 202 / 965 574 4545. Maya55choulatravels@gmail.com
- Sri Welcome: Contact: 0413 2623 482 / 0413 2623 483 / 9443 77 39 59 Sirwelcometravels14@gmail.com

Terms and Conditions

- ✓ Auroville - Chennai City - Auroville for 12 hours only - charge for extra time
- ✓ Airport drop or pick-up 8 hours - charge for extra time
- ✓ Advance booking for each trip with a schedule of visit.
- ✓ Plywood / metal objects will not be allowed on roof racks
- ✓ Discount only for Chennai Festival - participants and visitors to the events.

We hope you will all "Enjoy the Festival" - from the Auroville Festival Team

The 1 Hour Involvement in Ecoservice



So far we had the chance to be helped by 46 Students, 26 Aurovilians, 1 Newcomer, 17 Volunteers and 6 Guests. Thanks to all for creating such a nice atmosphere in Ecoservice.

For the people who want to participate to this 15 min tour and 45 min helping in the segregation process there are 2 weeks left, let's reach 200 people!! Just write your name in the timing that suits you best in this google doc:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qm6fCOsAsumCeuy5Xv_38wkf5FNUdK09r3c7jbjSEjU/edit?usp=sharing

or write to us at: the1hour@outlook.com

Alex and the Ecoservice team (Ecoservice is located 300m before Verite GH on the right!)

BE A STAR! COME TO THE 1 HOUR INVOLVEMENT IN ECOSERVICE
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ecoservice/1541837466070115?ref=hl>

"A sky full of (pink) stars"



You might have spotted lately a pink star inviting everyone to a 1hr involvement with the Eco Service Team.

The goal is to learn how to do "Pukka" waste segregation and raise awareness on this sensitive topic.

The initiative has been started by Alex, a long term volunteer, and we from the Savi Team, went to participate.

We learned all about the waste process at Eco Service; we appreciated the effort of bringing beauty in the place and finally we learned how to segregate and differentiate waste. We were shown the different kinds of plastic (hard-soft-noisy-not noisy-plastic bags), paper (bread paper- newspaper- white paper- mixed paper...) glass, metal and ALL the unrecyclable waste that goes to the landfill to be burned or buried: plastic with printings on, aluminium biscuit or chips wrappings, sanitary waste, cloths and too much more....

This initiative wants to make us more aware of how to clean and segregate our waste properly in each Community and to be more involved in the overall process of our waste. It also aims at reducing the landfill waste by educating Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers to make a conscious choice when doing their grocery shopping.

The Savi Team was very glad to see that more than 95 people have already attended the 1hr service, including students from the AV schools.

Watch out for the Pink Star!

Thank you Alex and the Eco Service Team for this Project and your work!

The Savi Team ☺

(Contact Alex to participate too: 8940557907 or the1hour@outlook.com or Ecoservice on Facebook)

A survey on volunteers and interns

In view of the large influx of volunteers and interns, it has become necessary to develop some general guidelines for the hosting Auroville units as well as for the benefit of the volunteers and interns.

A simple questionnaire has been prepared by Savi in consultation with the Auroville Board of Services, the Auroville Board of Commerce and other working groups.

It will be e-mailed to all units, services and activities this week, for it took a little while to prepare the distribution lists.

We request all units to participate and answer the few questions of the enquiry.

Thanks for your cooperation,
 Working Committee/Savi

Dear all,

Why this survey?

These last months, volunteerism in Auroville has raised various issues, generating frustration and misunderstandings.

Also, visa matters require now a more rigorous attention; it is a very sensitive matter. Auroville needs more clarity to review its functioning and practices related to external volunteers and interns who come for a temporary stay.

Working Committee has asked Savi to do an enquiry in order to collect answers to this simple question: "how many volunteers are presently in Auroville, and for how long?"

To whom?

This enquiry is sent to all potential workplaces, be it unit, service, school, project or activity, where volunteers could be hosted.

This email is sent to all persons mentioned in the distribution lists of Board of Service and Board of Commerce, who have

kindly accepted to support this enquiry; some additional names have been gathered and will receive a direct email from Savi distribution list.

What?

There are 3 main parts in the questionnaire:

- 1) Your general practice about Volunteers and Interns
- 2) Your habits in mentoring volunteers and Interns
- 3) Your numbers of present volunteers and interns now helping in your working place

For technical reasons, you will have 10 questions to answer. If you do not host any volunteer or intern, just reply to the first 3 questions.

To answer, please click on the link below:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SHP9F8Q>

If you run more than one activity, please add the numbers of all your volunteers in the questionnaire.

If you need support, please contact us in Savi (study@auroville.org.in) and 94 88 08 49 61 (Dominique's mobile).

Interns are students who come in the context of their studies in a university, be it a mandatory internship or not.

We will publish the results of this enquiry in Auronet and News & Notes.

Thank you, Savi, with the support of Working Committee



Since several years, members of AVI centres and liaisons in Europe have been meeting and, gradually, growing together in their collaboration, determination and intent as a continental presence. Eventually it was felt to establish a concrete token of this aspiration in Auroville's International Zone, and this was done through a truly festive ceremony in the late evening of Mother's birthday anniversary. It was a very pleasant, European happening, well organised, dedicated, and with impromptu little performances coming up.

Friederike, AVI's current chairperson and one of the ceremony's organisers, sent us the following write-up of the event.

AVI EUROPE == The [ceremony of the European pavilion groups](#) has taken place in the afternoon of Sunday February 21, and was attended by an unexpected big number of 160 people, - Aurovilians, friends and guests.

In a beautiful atmosphere - concentrated and charged with the aspiration for freedom, peace and unity on the European

continent and in the world at large, but also light and cheerful with little musical performances - a tree was planted (*Alstonia Scholaris*) to mark the beginning of further development in the European area of the International Zone.

Soil from 44 European countries, collected in the months preceding the occasion, was brought to the ceremony, mixed with soil from the Samadhi and given to the Auroville soil with the sincere wish that it may nourish the tree and also our own dedication and joy of togetherness.

As a companion to the tree, a stone sculpture has been erected close-by: it's a combination of white marble pieces from Matrimandir that originally hail from Italy, and a dark gray shell lime stone which is endemic all over Europe.

The central marble piece carries the Mother's name Mirra in Sanskrit, a symbol with great protective power, as described by Her.

Protection is very much needed, for the International Zone as well as for Auroville's overall integrity, so it is hoped that this little ceremony will have its positive repercussions in the future!

Friederike, on behalf of the European AVI groups

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

Cheyyur Coal Burning Power Plant

A Coal Burning Power Plant has been proposed by the Government of India to be located near to the Kalivelli Tank area. This is a very sensitive area and a migratory bird sanctuary. "Pondy Can" informed some of us some time ago about this proposal and wanted to know if we were aware of the latest developments.

Pondy Can said there was no doubt that this is the intention of the Government to build this plant as part of a garland of similar Power plants around the coastline of India.

It is clear that this cannot happen as it will destroy the water shed extending from there to Pondy itself. Plus the dust will fill the air and cover everything with thick soot destroying the air that we breathe.

They said at the time Auroville MUST step up and begin to tackle this and they will join us but it must be challenged.

Nity and Shweta from the Center Environmental Monitoring who have been very involved in challenging this proposed Power Plant site has agreed to come from Chennai to Auroville to discuss the implications and latest developments and give a presentation.

This will take place on March 3rd Unity Pavilion 11:00 am

All are Welcome, Gillian

POSTINGS

Un Climate Change Meeting

We are preparing an Auroville presentation for the UN Climate Change Meeting, which will take place later this year in Paris.

If you are a project holder and have a Power point on your project that is relevant to this subject, kindly send a copy by WE TRANSFER to: marti@auroville.org.in

We will review the material and compile an Auroville presentation that highlights a few of our projects as part of <The City the Earth Needs.>

We will need the material soon. Thank you in advance.

Marti, Nadia, (AVI France), Genevieve (CIRHU)

German translation

Can the woman who wanted a German translation done please try to get in touch with me again? Phone: 2623 581 (Most easily reachable after 4 pm.) Sorry I missed you before! Merry, Prayatna.

"What do physical education / sports mean to you?"

Hi everyone☺, we are doing a project on sports and would like to know: "What physical education/ sports means to you?"

Hoping to hear from you soon - *Shrishti and Smiti*

[shrishti@auroville.org.in/](mailto:shrishti@auroville.org.in) smiti@auroville.org.in

Traveling to Sri Lanka

Around the beginning of April I will go to Sri Lanka and want to discover the east coast between Trincomalee and Batticaloa. Is there someone who could share with me his knowledge and experience of this region? Maybe someone of you ladies would like to participate? I will be happy to get an answer on: sigapro@web.de - Thanks, Sibylle

I do not support the Volunteer Contribution policy

The Budget Coordination Committee (BCC) endorsed a new policy that each volunteer, or his or her work place, would now be required to pay Rs.900 a month into the central Auroville pot. If you have already heard about the Volunteer

contribution policy and you do not agree with it either, sign the petition here: <http://www.auroville.org.in/petition/47267>
If you need further explanations regarding the policy and petition: <http://www.auroville.org.in/article/47266>
Damien

A V A I L A B L E

Used Electric cycle

Decathlon with hub motor + lithium battery peck in good condition. Contact Aurovelo café 2622380/9787732313.

Water heater

Water heater (big one, 1000W), 'cause I can't return it to the seller and I thought I ordered a small one. Regards, *Patrik*: hpholsson@gmail.com

Bharat Natyam costume

A Bharat Natyam costume is available for a young (20 years old) girl, who loves dancing Bharat Natyam, please contact *Poonam* on prautela122@gmail.com or 7867998656. Thank you

A TVS

Anyone who needs a TVS in good condition can contact *Rani* 7867998656. Thank you

True Animal Stories

Ten more copies of my little book: "True Animal Stories" with illustrations by Charu. Proceeds as before go to the Animal Care Groups. *Merry, Prayatna*, Ph: 2623 581

An amma

Viji, an amma, is looking for house-work, four afternoons a week, preferably in the residential zone, close to Arati. From the 8th of March onwards. She is very honest, and a capable worker. You can reach her at: 8098913015 or call 2623504 - Submitted by *Hufreesh*

TVS Star City

March 2009. 40,500kms. Good condition. New battery. Contact *Janaka* 9442992784

Share Amma

My amma Vijaya works for me two mornings a week, and she is looking for more work also afternoons. She is a cheerful person, works well, and speaks a little English. Contact *Jannaka* at 9487629648.

Violin teacher

I know a lady, Viji (35 years old) - Ma master degree violin. Traditional Indian classical and cinema songs. Contact *Brigitte Vink*. 8056482444

L O O K I N G F O R ...

Garden table and (or) chairs

Hello, does anyone have a garden table and (or) chairs that are not being used anymore? I'd love to put them in the Kitchen Garden (Buddha Garden) to create a cozy spot for afternoon tea while we watch our veggies grow. *Jurriaan* 8098162463 / jurriangelo@yahoo.co.uk

A second-hand massage table, the foldable type

If you have one please contact *Laura*: lauraninam@hotmail.com or 9486366413 - afternoons only. Thanks to all.

Solar Dryers

There will be a batch of solar dryers available to dry your mangos, bananas or any other fruit. For info and orders call *Ben* at. 9159275735

Flight Company to London

Daniel, an Auroville pioneer of the early years, who is now visiting Auroville, will be flying on **British Airways flight #0036 at 0400 from Chennai to London Heathrow on Thursday March 5, 2015.**

If someone is flying on this flight, Daniel would appreciate the company. If someone is flying on another British Airways flight some other date in March, it may be possible for him to change his ticket, so he wouldn't have to go alone. **If you can help, please contact Aurodam Larry at 9787616513.**

Single or double bed frame

To give away or sell, please contact *Sabine* (9786775818). Will come and pick it up, thanks!

A guitar

I am looking for a basic guitar to practice on for the next few weeks. Capo would be a plus. You would make a young singer so happy! *Clara* 8098167630 or zweiwarten@posteo.de

Bike and kid's cycle

Hi everyone, we are looking for a bike, preferably registered in TN. We are also looking for a kid's cycle, for a 7 years old, or a bit bigger. You can contact us at 2622536. Thank you! *Matthieu and Shanti*

L O S T & F O U N D

Phone (Lost): Hello, I've lost my phone somewhere about Reve and Solar Kitchen. It was a Sonny Xperiq (Black). An Indian woman has tried to reach me by calling one of my friends back home, but she didn't leave any details to contact her. If you've heard anything about it, please contact me at: nisanmai@gmail.com -*Nisan*

THANK YOU

Cooking experience at Life Education Centre, on 21st February 2015

This was a very rich one with 5 girls taking the major responsibilities and being assisted by 5 others, for the preparation of 6 dishes. Not only was there a good team work that allowed the entire experience of 2.5 hours to go smoothly, but also carefully managing the time factor, and making sure that there was hardly any wastage of food, in terms of the optimum quantities being prepared and yet 20 of us could eat well and on time.

The entire set of delicious dishes (*banana-stem pacchidi, banana podimas, thoran, ellu kozhambu, yam eriseri, and jeera-pepper varagu*), eaten on the traditional dry-leaf stitched plates, seated on the floor, provided the simplicity, humility and yet richness of sattvic south-Indian cuisine.

All the items prepared, used optimum amounts of spices and oil and with salt use deliberately being even a bit on the lower side! Each dish had its own distinct flavor, which was even discernible to the guests who joined us.

For the girls, it was the first time, they were preparing by themselves, recipes which were new to them and which were shown to them. They feel challenged to prepare these recipes individually, and learn more such recipes. While their teacher, feels challenged to offer them more recipes that can be simple preparations for quick and light lunches, which are easy to digest, and not heavy on the system, especially during summer time.

Not only were we happy to use local vegetables, but make the costing of such a meal, well within our modest means.

With gratitude to the teacher, students and our guests who have made this experience a beautiful one.

The Life Education team

A P P E A L

Call for Solidarity in Auroville

During this high season, there is a substantial number of volunteers who are not able to find a suitable accommodation because almost all the available places are occupied by Guests. We really would like to help them to find a solution, reversing the present situation where interested (and interesting) volunteers are forced to change their arrival dates or to cancel their trip.

To address this chronic shortage of affordable housing, Savi had made an agreement with some places at cheaper prices that we could recommend for long term volunteers (which ensure long term and regular income for the caretakers). Presently our Volunteer House Network (VHN) is full, as all accommodation listed in it are occupied.

We would like to facilitate a solution for the interns and volunteers arriving these days/weeks, even if temporary. We would like to ask Aurovilians to consider the possibility to host a Volunteer.

An exchange of services could be linked to this offer, since the volunteer could help with different tasks in house and garden or baby sit or give some care to family members.

Please contact Laura at the Savi office by phone 2622121 Monday to Friday 10.00 to 12.00 or send a mail to her attention at: study@auroville.org.in if you are interested.

Big thanks,

The Savi Team



For the Peace bell

Dear Friends,
I would like to bring and offer to Auroville a deep, beautiful, pacifying sound - the Peace Bell for the International Zone - the big, human height, plate bell from the

same bell-master who made the set of Russian Singing Bells for Auroville. It is something unique that, I believe, deserves to have its place in Auroville and that will be beneficial for us, as well as for the guests of our city.

I am fundraising for this project and I need to collect about 1,000 dollars more to be able to invite the bell-master in March.

It would be great if people from many countries participate in the Peace Bell making, even with a token donation. I already have donations from 7 countries - India, Japan, Netherlands, Russia, Sweden, UK, and USA.

Kindly support this project. I would be grateful even for a token donation.

Peace Bell account in Financial Service # 251862. The transfer can be also made to the Peace Bell account in the Unity Fund - for that kindly contact Vera at: vera.auroville@gmail.com

With gratitude, Vera [*The picture shows what the Peace Bell may look like on a stand*]

Call for "support towards Sports Activities"

The Working Committee regularly receives donation requests from youths from the surrounding villages for their sports activities. The Working Committee has been discouraging the youths to go directly to individuals and units of Auroville demanding for donations, as dealing with these requests can sometimes put the individuals and units in a difficult situation.

That's why an account has been created for such donations for the development of villages and other related activities, including sports: Village Development A/C 251470.

Aurovilians and units of Auroville, who wish to contribute for youths sports activities can now transfer to the common village development account and the Working Committee will distribute the funds.

Please help generously! *The Working Committee*

TAXI SHARING

February 27th: Going to Chennai Airport, domestic Air India flight departure 8:45am. Leaving Auroville around 4:45. For sharing either way, please contact nawang.jinpa@gmail.com or 88948-01624. *Nawang J*

February 27th: To and from Chennai Airport: leaves empty from AV at about 2pm, pick-up one person landing 5:15pm, back to AV. *Sabine* 9786775818

February 28th: A taxi is leaving to the airport on the 28th around 7.30 pm. It can be shared both ways. Please contact Paula 9488239348 or pauli@auroville.org.in. Thank you, *Paula*

March 2nd: Going to Chennai domestic Airport, departure from Auroville about at 5 am. Looking for someone to share the taxi. Write to burdizzov@gmail.com or call *Vilma* 9567132862.

March 2nd: Madras Airport on the Evening of the 2nd of March - Tel 9047350799. *Marti*

March 2nd: Chennai airport. I will leave Auroville (Citadines) on Monday 2nd of March at 8.30pm. Contact 8098960437. *Francoise*

March 4th: Arriving at Chennai International airport at 5.15 pm Wednesday 4th of March. Available sharing both ways 1person +suitcase to Auroville email rghibbert@gmail.com Thank you, *Richard*

March 7th: I wish to share a taxi to Chennai airport in the evening, arriving in time for Emirates flight on the 8th, at 3.30 am. Kindly contact *Ingrid*: ph. 8940558647, inicolai@t-online.de

March 9th: Taxi sharing for the 9th of March, leaving from Chennai airport to Auroville at 12 pm (noon). Contact *Chandra*, 7639781711, 2623 024, chandradedionigi@yahoo.fr

March 9th: Leaving from New Creation (Claude Jouen house) for Chennai airport at 9.30pm. Contact nadia.loury@orange.fr or 9487113499.

March 15th: Departing Auroville for Chennai Airport at 5 am (for flight at 10.45). Returning empty around 9am. *Quentin*:. 9597945687 or macfarlaneq@gmail.com.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Collaborators of the future

Sacred Groves Housing Project (for information see www.sacredgroves.in) is looking for Aurovilians or Newcomers to be part of the project.

If you are interested in making a difference in Auroville's future, building sustainable housing please contact us.

We are looking for someone who is interested in being responsible for the support and well-being of the interns/volunteers (approx. 20 young men and women). The work is mainly dialoguing with them regularly, helping them make their time at Sacred Groves a good learning experience as well as an inspiring time to grow and explore Auroville.

Gaining important and essential understanding of the work process for the interns/volunteers you will be part of the core team in close collaboration with Manu [architect and project holder]

Working times are flexible and maintenance can be discussed. Good English is essential.

If this interests you and you would like more information please contact:

Manu mango@auroville.org.in Mobile 9488830338 or Jeanne jkorstange@yahoo.com Mobile 9655403614

Eveline evelinesy@hotmail.com Mobile 9751107134 - (both working with the interns/volunteers at the moment)

Submitted by Eveline volunteer at Sacred Groves

SHARAN is looking for...

SHARAN (Sanctuary for Health and Reconnection to Animals and Nature) www.sharan-india.org with its main working office in Aurelec, Auroville TN (close to Pondicherry) is looking to fill the following full time posts.

Executive assistant

Qualifications - excellent English skills both written and spoken. Excellent typing skills. Good communications and phone skills. An ability to have an overview in order to organise, collaborate, answer e-mails according to the need and perform other administrative tasks. Additional assets - Indian language skills, especially Hindi, knowledge about health and veganism, past experience as a personal assistant, secretary, co ordinator.

Social Media and communications expert

Qualifications - experience in building a strategy on social media and executing it in all communication. Experience in health, veganism, animal rights, and environment. Excellent English skills. The ability to understand the environment and react in the social media accordingly. Knowledge of Facebook, Twitter, Linked in and other social media, and management through Hootsuite etc. The ability to understand our work and promote it suitably.

Public Relations person

This person needs skills in communication, design, and has had experience in promoting events to the public.

Excellent English writing skills. Also needs some understanding of psychology.

Will work on improving our communications, website, making posters, as well as establishing collaborations

For all the above posts experience as a vegan will be an asset - Please apply with full CV and a short para on why you would like to work with SHARAN, why you would be a suitable candidate, your expectations and the number of hours you would commit to, to: nandita@sharan-india.org

HEALTH

Integral Health

Classical homeopathy hypnotherapy midwifery child care coaching

Free service since 2001 for Aurovilians, Newcomers and volunteers

Remedies ready to be picked up anytime from the remedy box.

Okubaka, homeopathic remedies with effects on pesticide spraying, is available again in C 30.

PC remedies for Diabetes, High Blood pressure and Trauma have shown very effective, good results keep coming in. We provide 84 PC remedies more 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 in the mornings.

Experts in classical homeopathy

Nora is a medical doctor, homeopath and Bowen practitioner from Hungary, returning after volunteering last winter. Mobile 88709430188

Lisa is a homeopath, therapist and gymnastic teacher from Portugal, coming for the 5th time, mobile 9585172724

Nora and *Lisa* both participated in an intense teacher training at Sankarans "Academy for advanced homeopathy." www.theothersong.com, Mumbai.

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

Sigrid and Ingo are certified German healing practitioners. Peter, Ingo, Lisa, Nora and Sigrid offer treatment in **classical homeopathy**: www.sigridlindemann.de
 Sigrid offers transpersonal regression therapy, certified from www.tassointernational.com .
 Manuela is offering professional **midwifery**, consultation for Women's health and hypnotherapy.

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

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

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

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

The Maida Diabetes Link

Maida is made from finely ground wheat flour. The endosperm (starchy white part) is separated from the bran (fibrous part) of the wheat and then ground very fine. It is then bleached with **azodicarbonamide**, **chlorine gas**, **benzoyl peroxide** or another chemical bleach. All chemical bleaching processes have a byproduct of residual **alloxan**.

azodicarbonamide	Banned in EU and Australia as a food additive. Used in the production of foamed plastics as a blowing agent. In a 1999 report, the World Health Organization linked azodicarbonamide to "respiratory issues, allergies and asthma" for individuals at workplaces where azodicarbonamide is manufactured or handled in raw form.
chlorine gas	Chlorine is detectable with measuring devices in concentrations of as low as 0.2 parts per million (ppm), and by smell at 3 ppm. Coughing and vomiting may occur at 30 ppm and lung damage at 60 ppm. About 1000 ppm can be fatal after a few deep breaths of the gas.

benzoyl peroxide	Studies have highlighted the carcinogenic potential of benzoyl peroxide. A 1981 study from the journal Science concluded that "caution should be recommended in the use of this and other free radical-generating compounds".
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Alloxan is formed as a byproduct of the bleaching process.

alloxan	It selectively kills the insulin-producing beta-cells found in the pancreas. For this reason it is used to induce diabetes in lab animals. Alloxan is toxic to the liver and the kidneys.
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Diabetes Link:

India has steadily increasing diabetes since 1950's onwards: Since the 1950's the introduction of refined bakery products made from maida and refined oil has replaced the ancient Indian traditions of stone ground freshly milled wheat (from ancient heritage grains unique to India) and cold pressed oils (such as sesame, coconut etc.) in the Indian dietscape.

Maida in Auroville:

Many eateries and bakeries still prepare it regularly. It would be wise to phase it out and replace it with **organic finely milled heritage wheat** in the interest of communal well-being.

Alternatives:

The alternative to Maida is to have stone milled finely ground whole wheat from organic heritage wheat grains that have been naturally aged as per the natural processing and preparation of wheat in the Ayurvedic traditions. Replacing it with whole wheat flour is a good first step and then sourcing organic heritage grains which are now readily available thanks to projects such as Navdanya.

Journal Papers:

<http://ijair.jctjournals.com/sept2012/t12930.pdf>
 Ankur Rohilla and Shahjad Ali, Alloxan Induced Diabetes: Mechanisms and Effects, International Journal of Research in Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences ISSN: 2229-3701, Vol. 3 (2) , 2012.
 Federiuk IF, Casey HM, Quinn MJ, Wood MD, Ward WK. Induction of type 1 diabetes mellitus in laboratory rats by use of alloxan; route of administration, pitfalls, and insulin treatment. Comprehensive Med ;54:252- 7,2004.

Dr. Mercola:

<http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2009/03/26/The-Little-Known-Secrets-about-Bleached-Flour.aspx>

History of refined processed flour in the USA and the failed attempt to ban it:

<http://www.healthy-eating-politics.com/white-flour.html>

Published by Sanskrit Research Institute sri@auroville.org.in in the interest of communal health.

Submitted by *Martin Gluckman*

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Listeners,
 The Auroville Radio will be participating at the Chennai Festival with Aurovilian audio profiles that Chloe is organising. The editing workshop has concluded with about 12 participants who have produced content that will be included in the radio installation for the Chennai Festival. "Participation of completion certificates" were distributed.

We have been in touch with an architect to create the first concept and design for the Media Lab.

We recently attended the AVI meeting held in Auroville to encourage the centres to provide content and collaborate with the Auroville Radio.

Auroville Radio is still looking for website developers in order to progress on the new project and or persons with App skill on Mac OS, Android and Window.

We are always looking for your participation in the radio be it technical, financial or in content production. Aurovilians and guests are welcome to visit us on the ground floor in the Town Hall.

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

Mayaura In-Ex Corpore (Visual Arts 21/02/2015)

An interview in French with Mayaura regarding her exhibition: IN-EX CORPORE, 10 years through painting -[French, 17 Minutes]

Kalabhumi Festival - Part 2 (Music 20/02/2015)

The Kalabhumi Festival was held in Auroville at the Kalabhumi community on the 14th of February 2015. Part 2 -[English, 71 Minutes]

Kalabhumi Festival - Part 1 (Music 20/02/2015)

The Kalabhumi Festival was held in Auroville at the Kalabhumi community on the 14th of February 2015. Part 1 -[English, 101 Minutes]

Off the Cuff-17 (Performing Arts 19/02/2015)

Cultural criticisms and wishes. This week we are joined by our friend Amando the Aurovillian living in Albany, New York - [English, 19 Minutes]

The Mother's Week (News from Auroville 19/02/2015)

Europeana festive ceremony on 21st will start with series of events at International Zone for the Mother's Week. -[English, 9 Minutes]

Selections par Gangalakshmi-27 (Integral Yoga 18/02/2015)

Cette semaine des extraits de L'agenda de Mere 1968 sur L'Inde, Auroville et le travaille de Mere dans sons corps. - [French, 11 Minutes]

ACT in Concert (Performing Arts 18/02/2015)

Birgit Breidnebach on contralto shared with us a recital of classical music songs, accompanied by Puskar on piano. - [English, 65 Minutes]

Gregorian Savitri (Music 17/02/2015)

Gregorian Savitri by Kim Cunio & Heather Lee inspired by the artistic practice of Christian Church composition -[English, 44 Minutes]

AVI Canada's Christian F (Infrastructure 17/02/2015)

Christian discusses the International zone projects as well as youth housing loans implemented by AVI Canada -[English, 25 Minutes]

Our Garbage, 1 Hour (Ecology Awareness 16/02/2015)

Alex is inviting us to spend 1 hour of our time to know our garbage better, and be useful at the same time -[English, 13 Minutes]

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

S P O R T S

Auroville Tennis Tournament 2015

All are invited to the Finals of the Tennis-Tournament, along with the Basket-Ball tournament, in Certitude on 27th and 28th Feb.

27th: 3 pm - Juniors Single

4 pm - Medium Double

4 pm - Ladies Single

28th: 4 pm - Medium Single

4 pm - Men Single

Refreshment will be served. As all the participants will get free souvenirs and the winners/ runners-up, trophies, your generous contribution is prayed for: acc: 25204.

Senior men's doubles badminton tournament 2015

Auroville badminton club organizing senior men's doubles badminton tournament on Auroville week.

This tournament is conducted specially for the Bio-region of Auroville.

Kottakarai / Bommayapalayam / Alankuppam / Sanjeevani Nagar/ Anni Nagar / Thiruchitrambalam - Koot Road / Sedarapet and surrounding regions within 30km like Marakkanam, Bahour, Thirukkanur.

Where: New Creation Sports Ground

When: 26 - 27 - 28 Feb 2015

Starting time: 6.30 pm onwards

Interested player can sign-up at the following Numbers:

Ramesh -9443090107 / Sundar 9489214020 / Balaji -

9843600701 / Anand 9443349444

Registration last date: 25 Feb 2015

Thank You,

Auroville Badminton Club Team

Av Community and well-wisher can support us through AVFS 103857

T R A V E L

Latest News from the Travel Shop

Located at Inside India in Auroshilpam / For ticketing - International and Domestic Flights, Trains, Buses and Tours.

Below info is for Indians only: how to apply for passport online a step by step guide published by NDTV

<http://gadgets.ndtv.com/internet/features/how-to-apply-for-passport-online-632193>

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

E A T I N G O U T

Satchitananda, Auroville's Raw Food Restaurant

Satchitananda, Auroville's Raw Food Restaurant celebrates its 4th Birthday on Auroville's Birthday. We are very happy and grateful for the last years during which we could serve and introduce raw foods for our rapidly growing population.

Thanks to all the founders, supporters who assisted me in its creation. Thanks to all the organic farmers, especially Auroville farmers and to Foodlink for the fresh and consistent supply which we could transform into amazing, delicious dishes. Thanks to Aquadyn who provides us with the best water and to Aurospirul who gives us the fresh spirulina which retains all the nutrients.

Satchitananda is open on Auroville's Birthday giving you the possibility to eat the most nutritious foods. All of you are cordially invited to celebrate with us. We want to honor your visit on this special day with our loving heart and a dessert for free, as a physical token of Gratitude. The dessert will be raw, vegan ice creams made with banana, cashew, tender coconut, papaya and fresh spirulina. I am very sure that you will be surprised to find how tasty these ice creams can be without milk and white sugar

Lunch Time 12 to 2 pm, Dinner time 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm at Kottakarai Plaza, next to Kofpu

Anandi & Team [Phone: 7639655833 and 2622 778]



Sunday 1st of March Pichandikolam with Joss - Timings: 6.30-8.30 am
With Potluck breakfast (bring something to share), tel: 948 636 3471

Directions: About 15 min by cycle from Solar Kitchen - Take a right after the SK gate, past Certitude, go left on the crossroads past Acceptance on your right. You see a "bridge /causeway" on your left take this turn and drive straight into Pichandikolam

Sunday 8th of March Urban Garden Project Town hall / Citadine area with Ricky, Luigi and Gino: 9- 11 am, check the next N & N for more information



Pioneers of the New World

The Matrimandir Construction Site

The photographic display is a continuation of the exhibition at the Town Hall, offering a glimpse of the basic lifestyle by which the first inhabitants of Auroville bravely lived. This exhibition depicts the early years of the Matrimandir construction to which the whole community was called to participate, sharing hard labour and lofty aspiration. It was not unusual to see children and teenagers sharing with the adults the feisty task on the concrete days.

Along with archival material graciously provided by the Auroville Archive and private collectors, this second exhibition features also photographs by Dominique Darr, the first and major photographer painstakingly documenting the evolution of Auroville from its birth onwards, and the author of the recently released book "Matrimandir - Hymn to the Builders of the Future". A small orange circle indicates her pictures; in the Picasa album, the file is preceded by DD. There may be more of them but it is difficult to assess who did what, as most archive photographs have no name or date; this also makes impossible to present them in chronological order.

Most photographs by Dominique Darr were in good condition, but most others needed a long, painstaking reconstruction work. Some were just contact prints. As with the Town Hall exhibition the focus is not on the single individualities and their adventure (or no adventure) - names are irrelevant - but on the collective aspiration transfiguring one's petty self into a dynamic agent of a new consciousness trying to manifest, making those early years unrepeatable.

Cycling from Pondy, in 1977, I too started participating in the full moon concretes, lasting 3-4 days, with no interruption. I left my things in Annamaria's room at the Camp and slept in the amphitheatre, in the hollow of the urn... The only access to the roof of Matrimandir was an aerial ladder, fully rusted; this forced my future husband, and the friend accompanying us, to overcome their vertigo feeling in order to join the festive event calling for people from all quarters, the Ashram too.

In 1985 I shifted to Auroville, working at the 'stars' on the roof of Matrimandir with Gloria and other Italians, as well as on the scaffoldings; it is from there that I took eight pictures displayed at this exhibition, indicated with a small white rectangle (and in this album, with PH). My constant experience was that a force other than mine did the work, tirelessly, as if I was lifting flowers. This must have been true for many others working there, for years, some of them full day, beyond stress and fatigue, just content with their service.

An email I received from an early pioneer about the exhibition at the Town Hall says it all:

"I really like the anonymity of the images - no names, no credits. That's who we were and wanted to be in early Auroville - at service, at the service of the Divine. Karma yoga for the Mother. None of us came to get any honor or benefit, fame or wealth - just to build a new world, starting with a new township. Right on with your photographs of a Great Adventure!"

That Auroville existed. The Mother's. We must find the way back to the Path and start all over.

Paulette

[This is the link to view the photographs in the Picasa album:

<https://plus.google.com/photos/116788562564257683630/albums/6119216414048582017?banner=pwa>]

Pony Farm community regarding the Mangalam Radial third phase

We feel that the announcement was not clear and we would like to inform Auroville community that the Mangalam Radial third phase road is planned to go through the Pony Farm community [A beautiful forest with many indigenous trees and plants] and cut it in two.

It is located very close to (a few meters away) from the existing houses. There are already two roads on either side of the Pony Farm boundaries, of which one was completed in tar just less than one month ago by the government and has a direct access to the Mangalam project area which will not be the case with the planned third phase of the Mangalam Radial.

You are welcome to pass by the Pony Farm if you have any questions or peaceful suggestions.

With love,

Residents of the Pony Farm community

Astrological chronicle

Auroville 47th Birthday

The Auroville 47th birthday appears to a highly tensed one, with many remarkable aspects.

First the planet Neptune in the sign of Pisces will start its transit, from the 10th of March, over the Moon and the Sun of the Auroville natal chart - This will last for one year until February 2016.

Universal love and compassion energies coming from the highest Neptunian spheres are going to spread over the Auroville's soul and vital energy throughout the year 2015 - They will also work at dissolving illusions.

Neptune is also square to Saturn in Sagittarius at the end of November 2015, bringing about a lot of tension. This position of Saturn symbolizes the laws that take place within the frame of a structure in connection with spirituality.

The Auroville Retreat on the 12th and 13th of March will happen under the influence of Neptune over the natal Moon of Auroville. Therefore the moment is especially auspicious to go back to the ideal as expounded by the Mother and described in the Auroville Charter in order for the highest spiritual energies to pour down fully on the city that the Earth needs.

Finally, the 7th and last world square between Uranus in Aries and Pluto in Capricorn will occur again on the 17th of March, increasing the risk for sudden and unpredictable events that could destroy the political, financial and economic systems that have become obsolete, in order to create a new world that is more in tune with the values of the age of Aquarius.

Sylas

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri - read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every Thursday at sunset

We follow the sun and the timing changes with the season...

From March onward: 6.00 to 6.30 pm (weather permitting)

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

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: please do not to use cameras, i-pads, cell phones, etc.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos there.

Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm

Please be seated by 5.55 pm, no late entry. Thank you.

Amphitheatre Team

Matrimandir Garden Exhibition / Presentation at Matrimandir.

Matrimandir opens the exhibition of proposals for the future Gardens

'Light' to 'Perfection'

For sharing with the community.

Exhibition Duration: 28th Feb to 21st March.

Exhibition Timings: 9 am to 6 pm daily, 7 days per week

Location: Under the trees outside the Matrimandir office.

The Garden Design team will be available every morning 9 am to 12.30 (except Sundays) in the design office for any sharing and receiving feedback.
(Photographs of the garden models and soft copies of the information panels will be made available for study on AV net. The link to this information will be posted shortly)

There will also be a presentation and talk on the process of creating the Garden Proposal

By the Matrimandir Garden Design Team

Timing & Location to be announced

All are welcome!

The Matrimandir Team

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*

AUROVILLE INTERNATIONAL CANADA (AVI - CANADA)

Invites Canadians (Aurovilians, Newcomers, Friends, Volunteers and Guests) for a meeting, followed by a meditation in the new Inuksuk garden.

Tibetan Pavilion

Saturday, February 28 - 2:00 pm

Enjoy refreshments, meet other Canadians in Auroville.
Anyone in Auroville is welcomed to participate
Please bring your smile and your creativity!

Christian editchfeuillette@sympatico.ca or 8903829480

12 YEARS SVARAM MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

With the Auroville Birthday we are also celebrating a full circle of our project work through all the shades and colours of Her spectral wheel....We are rolling on with ever new vistas of sound and material explorations and invite you for an:

OPEN HOUSE, SATURDAY, 28 Feb 2015 10 am - 4 pm
10 am - Drumming Ensemble and Qigong Workshop
11 am - Introduction into Sound Healing, Harmonic Chant
12 am - The magic of Root Flutes
2 pm - Open Drum Circle
3 pm - Jeevan's jazzy Workshop
3.30 pm - Ethno Jam

All day long: Artisan presentations, Music Improvisations, Children Space and more!
Come and enjoy the gifts of music and a participatory field of vibrant human unity.



AUROVILLE INTERNATIONAL FRANCE

Presents in partnership with the French Pavilion and Auroville Radio

«MEETING UNDER THE BANYAN»

Sunday, 1st March, 4:00 pm

Under the banyan of the Visitors Center (behind the restaurant)

Come and meet, talk and experience a time of conviviality punctuated with creative and artistic moments.

Contact: Françoise - 8098960437

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/492338657558196/>

"MY BURNING HEART"

A reading by NORMAN of an adaptation of SATPREM'S book

UNITY PAVILION WEDNESDAY 4th of March

7.30 pm sharp

"ORDINARY" INTUITION AND THE INTUITIVE MIND OF SRI AUROBINDO

An Interactive Workshop

*... the one power already at work in the human mind
which we can recognise as something supramental in its nature . . . (Sri Aurobindo)*

Led by Gordon Korstange

4th of March from 3-5 pm

Savitri Bhavan

SAARANG PRESENTATIONS

A beautiful film projection around the subject of Indian Vocal Music:

Venue: India Space

Time: 6.30 pm

Date: Thursday, 5th of March 2015

"Dance of the Wind" (1997) by Rajan Khosa

Story line: Karuna Devi, mother of the female singer Pallavi, is at the end of her life. Karuna has been a great and celebrated singer, while her daughter Pallavi -though already successful- is still at the beginning of her career. When Karuna dies, Pallavi -played by the famous Indian actress Kitu Gidwani- feels she has not completed her mother's training and still lacks a voice of her own, a voice she can maybe find by learning from the guru of her mother, an old man her mother never talked about and who might be still alive. The death of her mother deeply traumatizes Pallavi, so much that she literally loses her voice and is unable to sing for a long time. When she finally finds the guru of her mother - through a very young street girl who learns from him and sings marvellously - Pallavi regains her voice and from here she'll be able to continue her career and tradition with a voice of her own.

The beautiful sound track of the film is by Shubha Mudgal (composer here, but also a renowned raga singer).
Shweta Jhaveri sings the music of Pallavi.

All Music lovers are welcome

The SAARANG Team

For more information: cicbn@gmail.com. Ph: 2622253. BHARAT NIVAS



OPEN MIC

Sunday 8 March at 5.30 pm at New Creation

Reading in French your writing or the texts you love

Potluck at 7 pm (bring your favorite dish)

Thanks for sending me your texts (5mn maxi) so I can organize the program

Contact Florence au 9626648976 lesbaladantes@gmail.com

EVOLUTIONARY CAFE

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

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

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

The focus of the next session will be on the 'Co-Creator's Handbook' co-authored by Carolyn Anderson and Katharine Roske. Katharine and her husband Makasha have very kindly offered to share with us how they utilise the essence co-creative approaches in their day-to-day life in the Hummingbird Community, where they are co-founders and active stewards. As usual we will then explore how we might weave any insights into Auroville

PS: For those who would like copies of any of our previous videos, please feel free to bring a memory stick...

Place: Le Zephyr, Visitor Center (NOT Unity Pavilion as it is being used by the Retreat program)

Time: Tea and biscuits from 6.45 pm then the film at 7.00 pm, Monday 2nd of March

Hosts: David (Luminosity) and Ulli (Auroshilpam)

KALA KENDRA, BHARAT NIVAS

Presents

Sketch Book Picture Show and Open Live studio

By Resident Artist *Enrico Cornuda*

Resident Artist Enrico, from *Minesweeper Art Collective*, London, will display works from his sketch book, at the temporary studio setup at Kala Kendra.

Come, join the artist at this *Open Live studio* and create some art in collaboration with the artist.

1st to 7th March - 10 am to 5 pm

Venue: Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas

Artist Website: www.minesweepercollective.co.uk

Details: Gaurav, 9787897947

WELL CAFE

Moroccan night at well cafe on Saturday 7/3/15

6.15 pm - 7.00 pm - Achva Stein, landscape architect and consultant for the Green Belt Master Plan will talk about the design and installation of the Moroccan Courtyard at the Metropolitan Museum in New York City.

7pm - 830 -Moroccan food and slide show.

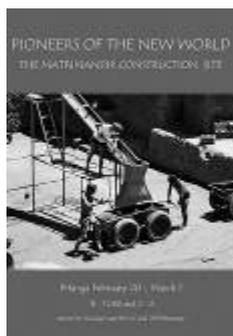
9.00 pm - midnight - Chabi Moroccan dance.

Dance with the D.J Mouhsine

Hope to see you,

Well cafe -Sve Dame. (opp C.S.R) 2622219

EXHIBITIONS



PIONEERS OF THE NEW WORLD

This photographic exhibition depicts the early years of the Matrimandir construction to which the whole community was called to participate, sharing hard labour and lofty aspiration. The display is a continuation of the exhibition, presently at the Town Hall, offering a glimpse of the basic lifestyle by which the first inhabitants of Auroville bravely lived.

Along with archival material graciously provided by the Auroville Archive and private collectors, this second exhibition features photographs by Dominique Darr as well, the first and major photographer painstakingly documenting the evolution of Auroville from its birth onwards, and the author of the recently released book: "Matrimandir - Hymn to the Builders of the Future".

TALKS, SEMINARS

INSIGHT SEMINARS PRESENT

Integral Yoga and Auroville
Full-Day Seminar for Guests of Auroville
On 5th March 2015, Thursday

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 basis 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: 9:00 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)

Participation by registration

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

THE FRENCH PAVILION, AUROVILLE INTERNATIONAL FRANCE AND CIRHU

"Biodiversity: From the Ocean and the Forest to the City"
An exceptional talk by
Gilles Boeuf

In French Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 5:00 pm, at Cinema Paradiso

In English Saturday 7th March at 5pm at Unity Pavilion

Biologist, Professor at the University Pierre-et-Marie-Curie and Professor at the Collège de France, Gilles Boeuf has chaired the National Museum of Natural History since 2009. He is a French expert in biodiversity at the ministry of Ecology.

Gilles Boeuf will tell the story of Life, what biodiversity is and how much we need it, since we ourselves come from living nature. He will tell Nature stories, the source of beauty and harmony. Life has been a highly sustainable enterprise for 3.8 billion years and we need to be inspired by it in order for humanity to survive. For that, it must necessarily be transformed, individually and collectively.

Would the evolution of consciousness be the key of change to go from "man to Man"?

CULTURAL EVENTS

Bharat Natyam
By Hiten Mistry
Sat. 7th of March. 2015 at 8 pm
Sri Aurobindo Auditorium - Bharat Nivas

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
3rd March (Tuesday)

• 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: 'Self-realisation'

These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, 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

QUIET HEALING CENTER: COURSES & WORKSHOPS

Somatic Movement with Maggie

Friday 6 - Saturday 7 March 2015 (2 days)

9.30 AM - 4.30 PM (10 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

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

Somatics is a system of slow mindful movements and a gentle, easy and effective way to help manage chronic and acute pain. Other benefits include more ease in the body, better posture and deep relaxation. You will learn a daily practice in order to maintain better flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance resulting in a decrease of aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging.

The workshop is open to all as anyone can benefit from less stress and more ease and comfort in body and mind. Facilitated by Maggie, a qualified professional trained at the International Institute of Somatic Movement Education, UK.

Path to Liberation - Awareness through Meditation and Yoga with Einat

Sunday 8 - Monday 9 March 2015 (2 days)

10 AM - 5 PM (10 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

This workshop is an invitation to become intimate with the unity inside yourself; to be in the present, and discover the freedom of detachment. Through meditation, mantras, pranayama, chanting and yoga asanas, we will reveal layers of awareness in our body and mind. Awareness is balance. Our aim is to unify the self with the higher consciousness in accordance with the wisdom of Patanjali's ancient Yoga Sutra. Einat has been a yoga practitioner for the past 12 years. She explored many methods before finding her calling in Vinyasa Yoga in the tradition of TKV Desikachar, son and heir of Krishnamacharya. It is a traditional form of yoga that combines physical practice with ancient philosophy. She completed her teacher training in Wingate Institute, Israel. She also undertook intensive training at the KYM School in Chennai and teaches currently classes and workshops in India and Israel.

Watsu Introduction with Bogi

Tuesday 10 March 2015

8.30 AM - 6.00 PM (8 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

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

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

Watsu & Liquid Flow Basic with Dariya & Daniel

Wednesday 11 - Monday 16 March 2015 (6 afternoons)

1.30 - 6.00 PM (27 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

Watsu & Liquid Flow are aquatic bodywork modalities given in a warm water pool. Watsu Basic introduces movements and body mechanics to work with someone on the surface; Liquid Flow Basic offers a unique under water experience (with a nose clip).

During this course, you will practice basic techniques and qualities of being and moving another body in water. You will experience floating people and being floated, on the surface and under water, creating a space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit. You may also discover that this kind of bodywork is something you would like to further explore, in which case this course serves as a perfect precursor to Liquid Flow Essence, Watsu 1 & Oceanic Bodywork Aqua 1 (OBA 1), or WaterDance 1.

No previous experience is required. Watsu Basic (16 hours) is recognized by WABA (Worldwide Aquatic Bodywork Association) as part of the Watsu learning program. Liquid Flow Basic (11 hours) is part of the Watsu India learning program and recognized as a supplemental class with WABA.

LOCALLY GROWN VEGETABLES - INVITATION FOR 28TH FEBRUARY 2015

A series of "learning to cook, prepare and taste sessions"

On the 21st of February 2015, we enjoyed a wholesome and delicious sattvic lunch made from 6 preparations learnt over the last 6 months. We had with us 6 special invitees.

We offer you again another experience of another delicious and healthy lunch made from other preparations. We invite 6 people, to come and enjoy this meal with us on:

Date: Saturday 28th Feb 2015.

Timing: 11.30 am - 12.30 pm

Place: Life Education Centre, Opposite Isaiambalam School

Hence, if you wish to join us **on the 28th** - please do give your name and phone number to LEC (Indirani, phone 2622082, time 3-5pm)

Don't miss this chance!

Come and enjoy a meal and celebrate the knowledge acquired in the 6 month sessions offered by **Buvasundari**.

Life Education Centre team

LOCALLY GROWN VEGETABLES - SESSION 12

Paruppu Thovaiyal (Lentils Chutney) and Garlic Milagu Kozhambu (Pepper Stew)

The twelveth session will be held on 7th of March 2015 (Saturday) at 10.30 am, at Life Education Centre, opposite Isaiambalam School.

This will focus on the preparation of both: **Paruppu Thovaiyal (lentils chutney)**, as well as a **Garlic Pepper Kozhambu (Stew)**.

This combination is recommended for people recovering from a cold, fever or upset-stomach.

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

These bi-monthly sessions are offered by **Buvasundari**.

The aim of these classes is to make you confident enough to prepare by yourself for your consumption at home. Allowing us to become aware of and using locally grown vegetables, the optimal use of mild spices and oil with good cooking techniques, will enhance the taste and savour, besides helping in getting familiar with using vegetables available where we live.

Looking forward to see you there on 7th of March, where we will see, learn, do, eat and ask questions!

Life Education Centre team

WELLPAPER Workshop 04/03 Wednesday

Baskets Weaving Introductory workshop

Our experienced Wellpaper ladies will teach you how to create the newspaper sticks that are made from rolled up newspaper that serve as reeds for the baskets. You will be instructed and

supported during the process. By the end of the workshop you will have made your own basket. 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

We will all meet at "Ganesh Bakery" at 09:15 to take you to the workshop place.

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

CHOCOLATE TASTING WORKSHOP BY MASON & CO

In this workshop, you will learn the art of tasting chocolate. Equipped with your flavor wheel and tasting sheet, you will take a journey around the world, sampling the world's finest bean-to-bar chocolates from South & Central America, Africa and Asia.

With each chocolate we will explore what makes it so special; the flavor, type of cacao, farming practices, chocolate making techniques or the producer's unique story.

We will also share our journey of being India's first gourmet bean to bar chocolate makers, our work with local farmers and our future cacao projects.

Come and join us for this around the world journey of chocolate tasting!

Date: 20 March 2015

Time: 4:30 pm

Location: Naturellement Garden Cafe

Price: Aurovillian Rs 600 / Guest Rs 800

Limited space and reservation is essential. Contact us at: info@masonchocolate.com

Tantsu® Yoga Basic with Xavier Boisson

From 1st to 4th March 2015

An ideal basic class to start learning Tantsu. Tantsu Yoga brings to us a deep state of other's listening, creating an unconditional union of connected breath and presence. Cradle the core of someone who is lying on their side and drop into stillness. The micromovements that appear will guide your moves, stretches and rotations of shoulders, arms, hips and legs, releasing blockage in the energy flow.

No prerequisite to attend this class. Minimum 6 participants

Timing: from 9.00 am to 12.30 and from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

For info & registration contact Loretta: 9787936100 - info@watsu.in

SCHEDULES



PITANGA NEWS

SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES FOR AUROVILLE RETREAT

1) AUROVILLE CONSTELLATION - Sunday March 8th, 14.30-17.30, facilitated by Moghan and Yuval

Explore the challenges we face as a community through the method of Systemic Constellation Work. The purpose of this activity is to explore the systemic inter dependency and possible hidden dynamics between the aspects of Governance, Economy, Growth, Education, Land & Town planning, Youth and Bio region.

2) INTUITIVE CO-CREATOR - Tuesday March 10th, 6pm-7pm facilitated by Marie Claire. A guided, co-creative experience where the highest is visualised for manifestation in Auroville.

WORKSHOPS

HATHA YOGA ET RESPIRATION Wednesday March 4th, 9.15am -12.30pm with Sylvie

Approfondir la Conscience du souffle dans la pratique de quelques asanas simples et du pranayama. Développer une qualité de respiration, d'observation, de ressenti dans notre pratique.

AIKIDO WORKSHOP - March 2nd to March 22nd, Mon and Weds 7-8.30pm and Sat 8.30AM - 10.00AM and Sun 9.30 -11am(4 classes a week for 3 weeks) with Andre Palmeri, 6th Dan - Student of Tamura Shihan, Makoto Dojo, Marseille.

Registration is required for all workshops see contact details below

CLASSES

PILATES classes with Teresa restart Tuesday March 3rd - 7.45 am - 8.45am, Wednesday 17.30pm - 18.30pm and Friday 17.30=18.30 (intermediate level)

MUSIC SATSANG MEDITATION

LIVE MUSIC SATSANG MEDITATION - Sunday March 1st ,10:30am to11:45 am with recorded artist Shastro (clarinet, bansuri) and Ashaman (guitar) . Latecomers not admitted as it is a meditative event.

EXHIBITION

PIONEERS OF THE NEW WORLD - The Matrimandir Construction Site Feb 20th - March 7th by Paulette. See elsewhere in the news for details.

Pitanga is closed for Saturday February 28th

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

VERITE

FRESH PERSPECTIVE - with Julie

Wednesday, 4 March from 9.15 am to 12.30 pm (by advance registration)

Are you at a crossroads in your life? Are you going through a transition? Do you want to get unstuck? In this dynamic and interactive workshop, we'll explore how you can create clarity, make conscious choices and move forward. Join life coach Julie to get fresh perspectives on your life.

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

Please contact Vérité to register for the following workshop: 0413 2622045 or programming@verite.in

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

CLASSES in Vérité - March 2015			
Days	Drop-in Classes	Timings	Facilitator
Monday to Friday	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	6:45 to 8.15 am	Olesya
Monday	Sound Bath	5:15 to 6:30 pm	Aurelio
Monday	Tradition Hatha - Raja Vinyasa (starting 16 Mar)	5 - 6.30 pm	Andres
Monday & Friday	Pilates (until 13 Mar)	4 to 5 pm	Philippe & Sabine
Monday & Friday	Nia Holistic Dance (until 13 Mar)	5:15 to 6:15 pm	Philippe & Sabine
Tuesday & Thursday	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	5 to 6.30 pm	Olesya
Tuesday & Thursday	Soft Yoga Flow (Only 5th & 24 Mar)	10.30 to 12 noon	Elisabetta
Tuesday	Soul Motion Conscious Dance (until 10 Mar)	5 to 6:30 pm	Philippe & Sabine
Wednesday	Somatic Explorations	5 to 6 pm	Maggie
Wednesday & Friday	Hatha Yoga	5 to 6.30 pm	Christine
Thursday	Soul Motion Heart Mindful Movement (until 12 Mar)	9 to 10 am	Philippe & Sabine
Thursday	Dance Space	5 to 7 pm	Dariya
Saturday	Tradition Hatha - Raja Vinyasa (starting 7 Mar)	6:45 to 8.15 am	Andres
Saturday	Tradition Hatha - Raja Vinyasa (starting 7 Mar)	5 - 6.30 pm	Andres
WORKSHOPS in Vérité - March 2015 (advance registration required)			
Wed, 4 Mar	Fresh Perspective	9.15 am to 12.30 pm	Julie
Wed, 11 Mar	Live Your Essence	9.15 am to 12.30 pm	Julie
Sat, 14 Mar	Consciousness as Medicine	9 am to 12:30 pm	Dr. Yogesh Mohan
THERAPIES in Vérité - March 2015			
Therapist	Modality	Contact for appointment	
Call for appointments: Mobile: 7094104329, Ph. 0413 2622 606, email: treatments@verite.in			
Krupa	Art Therapy		
Julie	Life Coaching		
Naradi	Lomi Lomi Massage		
Christine	Neurolinguistic Programming (in English & French)		
Philippe	Tarot Reading (until 13 March)		
Andres	Thai Yoga Massage		
Christine	Thai Yoga Massage		

Please note: To support the work of the presenters and staff, we ask all participants to please come on time for all classes and workshops. Thank you!

Please contact Vérité: 0413 2622045 or programming@verite.in

See the regular events section for on-going classes

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

SAVITRI BHAVAN

March 2015

EXHIBITIONS

Sri Aurobindo: A Life-Sketch in Photographs
Continues in the upstairs corridor

Meditations on Savitri: Books Eight to Twelve

in the Picture Gallery

FILMS

Mondays 6:30 pm

March 2: "AUROVILLE - THE CITY THE EARTH NEEDS, Part 1 + 2"

Shri Kireet Joshi always held the vision of a luminous future for Auroville (40min) and
INTERVIEW WITH SHRI KIREET JOSHI IN MARCH 2013

In which he shares his experience of the Mother's Action and Grace (22min).

March 9: "THE YOGA OF THE EARTH"

The Mother's reading and comments on selected passages from Book 1, Canto 1 of *Savitri*
Illustrated with paintings by Huta. Duration: 35 min.

March 16: "SRI AUROBINDO and HIS DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE OF MANKIND"

The film is about the message from Sri Aurobindo on India's Independence Day, the 15th August 1947
and his dreams for a World Union, the Spiritual Gift of India to the World of her spiritual knowledge and
a new Step of Evolution to a higher and larger consciousness. Duration: 38min.

March 23: "PICTURES OF SRI AUROBINDO'S POEMS, PART 2"

Paintings and Recitation by Huta. A Film by
Manohar with music by Sunil-da. Duration: 42min.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sundays 10.30-12 noon: *Savitri* Study Circle

Mondays 4-5pm: *The Integral Yoga in Savitri* led by Dr. Ananda Reddy

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays 3-4 pm: *Yoga and the Evolution of Man*, led by Dr. Jai Singh

Tuesdays 5-6 pm: *Savitri* study in Tamil, led by Sudarshan

5.45-7.15 pm: OM Choir (see details below)

Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 4-5pm *L'Agenda de Mère*: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi

Wednesdays 5.30-6.30 pm: Reading *the Life Divine*, led by Shraddhavan

Thursdays 4-5 pm: The English of *Savitri*, led by Shraddhavan

Saturdays 5-6.30 pm: Satsang led by Ashesh Joshi

OM Choir

The voice that chants to the creator Fire,

The symbolled OM, the great assenting Word (Savitri p.310)

In 1961 the Mother gave the *adesh* to Narad to bring down a new music. She said that one must go far above words and bring down the pure Music. Mother told us to sit in a circle and have no preconceptions as to what we would sing but to be silent and let the music descend in us. The OM Choir aspires to bring down the New Music for the New World in a collective body. We sing only OM, the creative and effectuating word after starting with warming-up and voice exercises given by Narad.

Full Moon Gathering

Thursday March 5, 7.15-8.15pm in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue

Digital Library: multimedia facilities for individual study

Savitri Bhavan offers individual computer access to a large range of audio-visual materials. All the recordings of courses, guest lectures and special events held at Savitri Bhavan are available, as well as much more. Aurovillians, visitors and volunteers are invited to make use of this opportunity to increase their knowledge and understanding of the vision of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and the aims and ideals underlying the experiment of Auroville.

Office, Exhibitions, Reading Room and Digital Library are open Monday to Saturday 9-5

Everyone is welcome

ARKA WELLNESS CENTER - MARCH- 2015

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

THERAPIES

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Cranio Sacral, Lomi Lomi massage & Ayurvedic massage	SILVANA by appointment 9047654157	Monday to Saturday
Acupuncture	Dr. MOHAMMED SAHEL ANSARI by appointment 9994208068	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Body Logic, Soft Massage And Deep Tissue Massage	PEPE by appointment 9943410987	
Yogic Healing Therapeutic Massage	BASU - by appointment 9443997568	Monday to Friday 8 to 9:30 am & 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Saturday & Sunday Mornings
Reiki, Mind Therapy, Foot Reflexology, Courses of Reiki & Ayurvedic Massage. (Also Individual)	GIANNAKA by appointment 9487629648	
Hypnotherapy and Chakras Healing	Marcella- by appointment 9443338734	Also in Italian

Psycho Spiritual Tarot, Deconditioning Self-Inquiry, Innervoice Dialogue, Graphology	ANTARJOTHI By appointment 0413-2623767 or Email : antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Also in French.
Siddha Treatment (Discover the traditional Medicine)	Shivaraj - 93454 54232	Monday, Wednesday and Friday From: 10.00 am to 12:00 pm by appointment.

BEAUTY PARLOR

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Holistic Reflexology, Face Massage, Cleaning, manicure, pedicure, threading, waxing, henna & hair coloring.	MEHA by appointment 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
HAIR DRESSING	ONGKIE - by appointment 9843930178	Monday to Friday
Hair dressing	LADINA (Certified Hairdresser) appointment - 9787337465	Monday to Saturday
Hair dressing	YUVAL appointment 7639291546	Monday to Friday

REGULAR CLASSES IN THE MULTIPURPOSE HALL - 1ST FLOOR

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
ACRO-YOGA	DAMIEN - 9786775818	Sunday at 8:00 to 10:00am
VOCAL YOGA VY®	Clare Fanning - 9442318775 Giridev - 8940056137	Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 7:30 am to 9:00 am

INTERNET FACILITY IS AVAILABLE IN ARKA MONDAY TO SATURDAY 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM.

F I L M S



C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY 6 MARCH - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

RABINDRANAH TAGORE and SATYAJIT RAY with "Monihara" and "Samapti"

Satyajit Ray was not only one of the biggest admirers of Tagore but he was also one of the few who understood and interpreted Tagore's works with his own unique vision. "Teen Kanya", based on three stories by Tagore - The Post Master (that we showed last January), Monihara and Samapti - was a tribute to the poet laureate by Ray, made for the author's Birth Centenary in 1961.

Synopsis:

1. MONIHARA: Is a story woven around the obsession of a woman towards her jewels. *Duration: 49'*

2. SAMAPTI: Is the story of a tomboyish girl who accepts the love for her husband after an early arranged marriage.

Duration: 1h.09'

Original version in Bengali (1961) with English Subtitles - Total duration: 1h.58'

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

Dear Viewers,

Last Friday the show had to be canceled at the last minute because I was bedridden that day. The movie announced for Friday 20th of February is being shown on Thursday 5th of March.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

Regards, *Suresh*

Thursday 5th of March 8 pm

THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING (2014)

Genre: Biography/Drama/ Rated: PG13/ Dur: 2hrs/ Language: English/Subtitle: English/ Dir: [James Marsh](#)/ Cast: [Eddie Redmayne](#), [Felicity Jones](#), [Tom Prior](#)

Storyline: The Theory of Everything is the story of the most brilliant and celebrated physicist of our time, Stephen Hawking, and Jane Wilde the arts student he fell in love with whilst studying at Cambridge in the 1960s. Little was expected from Stephen Hawking, a bright but shiftless student of cosmology, given just two years to live following the diagnosis of a fatal illness at 21 years of age. He became galvanized, however, by the love of fellow Cambridge student, Jane Wilde, and he went on to be called the successor to Einstein, as well as a husband and father to their three children. Over the course of their marriage as Stephen's body collapsed and his academic renown soared, fault lines were exposed that tested

the lineaments of their relationship and dramatically altered the course of both of their lives.

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KILL THE MESSENGER (2014)

Genre: Biography/Drama/ Dur: 2hrs/ Rated: PG13/ Language: English/Subtitle: English/ Cast: [Jeremy Renner](#), [Robert Patrick](#), [Jena Sims](#)

Dir: [Michael Cuesta](#)

Storyline: A reporter becomes the target of a vicious smear campaign that drives him to the point of suicide after he exposes the CIA's role in arming Contra rebels in Nicaragua and importing cocaine into California. Based on the true story of journalist Gary Webb.

L'HOMME APRÈS L'HOMME

Cinema Paradiso (MMC Auditorium) - Town Hall on Friday 27/02/2015 at 4.30 pm

A powerful introduction to Sri Aurobindo and Mother's evolutionary action

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

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

2 filmed interviews with Satprem and Sujata 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".

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS THE LAST PROJECTION!

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 2nd March 2015, at 6:30 pm

"AUROVILLE - THE CITY THE EARTH NEEDS, Part 1 +2"

This film about Auroville points at the enormous crises on earth and that we have to find solutions within ourselves. And Auroville is meant to be a place where the children and inhabitants can keep the connection to their souls and the underlying oneness. Shri Kireet Joshi always had the vision of a luminous future for Auroville (40min).

The second part is showing an *interview with Shri Kireet Joshi in 2013* - in which he shares his experiences of regular meetings with The Mother and The Mother's Action and Grace (43min). His whole life Shri Kireet Joshi worked to bring the knowledge and action of the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother in the fields of education. The films are honoring this dedicated work.



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film programme 2 March 2015 to 8 March 2015

Indian - Monday 2 March, 8:00 pm:

• **MAQBOOL**

India, 2003, Dir. Vishal Bhardwaj w/ Irrfan Khan, Tabu, Pankaj Kapur, and others, Crime-Drama, 132mins, Hindi-Urdu w/ English subtitles, Rated: R (A)

This is the directors first of Shakespearian trilogy - and is based on Macbeth. The Scottish tragedy here is set in the contemporary underworld of Mumbai. There Jahangir Khan alias Abbaji is the aging leader of a criminal gang. Nimmi is his mistress. Members of the gang include Maqbool, Kaka and his son Guddu, and 2 cops Pandit and Purohit. Maqbool and Nimmi love each other, but keep their affair a secret. Nimmi wishes to leave Abbaji for Maqbool, but realizes the futility of it while Abbaji is alive. So, she slowly but surely begins to put ideas in Maqbool's head . . . *The trilogy and this film are highly acclaimed. Do not miss! We have already screened Haider, part of this trilogy.*

German - Tuesday 3 March, 8:00 pm:

• **DAS WILDE LEBEN (Eight Miles High)**

Germany, 2007, Writer-Dir. Achim Bornhak w/ Natalia Avelon, Matthias Schweighöfer, David Scheller, and others, Biography-Drama, 114mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated:R

This is a film on the wild life of Uschi Obermaier, a German icon of the sixties, who was befriended with the leftist Rainer Langhans as well as the musicians Keith Richard and Jimmy Hendrix. Her main partner though was a German Club owner from Hamburg with whom she traveled all over the world by van and whom she eventually married in India in a traditional Hindu ceremony.

Cultural - Wednesday 4 March, 8:00 pm:

• **WAGNER'S DREAM**

USA, 2012, Dir Susan Froemke, Documentary, 114 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

The film takes you deep into the artistic and musical challenges of the epic Ring des Nibelungen. Visionary director Lepage begins a five-year journey to create the most ambitious staging in Metropolitan Opera history, featuring a 90 000 pound set (the machine) conceived to meet Wagner's immense theatrical demands.

French - Thursday 5 March, 8:00 pm:

• **AU BOUT DU CONTE (Under the Rainbow)**

France 2013, Dir. Agnès Jaoui w/ Agnès Jaoui, Pierre Bacri, Agathe Bonitzer, and others, Comedy, 112 mins, French WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES, Rated:G

Once upon a time, a young girl who believed in the great love, in signs, in destiny. A woman who dreamed to be a comedian. A young man who believed in his talent of music composer but did not believe in himself. Once upon a time, a young girl who believed in God. A man who believed in nothing until the day when...

International - Saturday 7 March, 8:00 pm:

• **THE BETTER ANGELS**

USA, 2014, B&W, Writer-Dir. A.J. Edwards w/ Jason Clarke, Diane Kruger, Brit Marling, and others, Biography-Drama, 95mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG
Indiana, 1817. The entire nation, only 40yrs old and a few years removed from a second war of independence, is raw. Men, women, and children alike must battle nature and disease to survive in remote log cabins. This is young Abraham Lincoln's world. Spanning three years of the future president's childhood, the film explores his family, the hardships that shaped him, the tragedy that marked him forever, and the two women who guided him to immortality.

Children's Film - Sunday 8 March, 4:30 pm:

EPIC

USA, 2013, Dir. Chris Wedge w/ James V. Hart, Amanda Seyfried, Josh Hutcherson, and others, 102 mins, Animation-Adventure, English, Rated: PG

A teenager finds herself transported to a deep forest setting where a battle between the forces of good and the forces of evil is taking place. She bands together with a rag-tag group of characters in order to save their world -- and ours.

Hitchcock in England Film Festival @ CINECLUB

Ciné-Club - Sunday 8 March, 8:00 pm:

• **THE LADY VANISHES**

UK, 1938, Dir. Alfred Hitchcock w/Margaret Lockwood, Michael Redgrave, and others, 96mins, Thriller, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG.

Miss Froy disappears on her return train trip from a vacation in the Balkans. However, Iris Henderson is the only person, on a train filled with suspicious and unsavory characters, who can attest that Miss Froy was ever on that trip. This is Hitchcock's penultimate film made in the United Kingdom before his move to the United States.

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

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Draft 4 (for inputs from the community) People wanting to stay temporarily in Auroville under the status of: Friend of Auroville

Introduction

For many years people have expressed an interest in staying in Auroville temporarily, e.g. for a limited period(s) of time, without wanting to join Auroville as Aurovilian (Auroville resident). Auroville has facilitated this by introducing the *Friend of Auroville* category for true friends of Auroville: people who had a long term association with Auroville, and/or an Auroville International centre; who visited Auroville regularly over a number of years; and who were helping Auroville from 'outside'. The *Friend of Auroville* status allowed them to have their own place to stay in Auroville whenever they would visit, should they wish to have one.

Over the years this purpose got diluted. People got registered as *Friend of Auroville* who were not actively supporting Auroville when 'outside'. Also, people expressed an interest in coming to live in Auroville temporarily as *Friend of Auroville* though they did not fulfil the criteria. Some were donors, well-wishers, expertise-sharers or business partners; some would visit Auroville regularly, others irregularly. Lastly, there are those who have become the partner of or have married an Auroville resident, stay with the resident when in Auroville but who are regularly away for extended periods of time, often to work for themselves outside Auroville, and who have no official status in Auroville.

There has also been a pressure to allot the status *Friend of Auroville* to:

1. people with whom Auroville should be 'friends' as they have an important position in society 'outside' and can help Auroville;
2. people who have helped or are helping Auroville realising its aims and ideals in an exceptional way, but, though they visit Auroville from time to time, have no intention to live in Auroville.
3. people who are friendly to Auroville and want to purchase lands in the surrounding of Auroville and live there. These people have no intention in joining Auroville though they might sometimes like to use Auroville facilities (e.g. attend concerts or visit the Matrimandir).

It is important to note that, from here on this paper makes a distinction with (1) Friend of Auroville before July 2014 and (2) Friend of Auroville as the newly revised status. There are 4 categories which have been identified based on the number and types of past applicants which are proposed to be opened for application for Friends of Auroville (FoA) which will be elaborated on below.

Please note that this paper does not deal with the people in the three categories mentioned in a, b, or c above. We need to study if Auroville should create a special category for these people.

Observation 1: Findhorn uses the term 'Friends of Findhorn' for donors.

Observation 2: The label 'Friend of Auroville' could be used for people in group a and c, and the label 'Auroville Benefactor' for those who have helped in an exceptional way.

The Friend of Auroville as Revised after July 2014

The label 'Friend of Auroville' will be used for 4 groups of people:

1. Those who want to come incidentally to Auroville, e.g. people living abroad who can only come whenever their situation abroad allows;
2. Those who want to come regularly to Auroville, e.g. at weekends or monthly. These are often people living close by Auroville, such as residents from Pondicherry.
3. Those who come once or twice a year and want a permanent place to stay for an extended period of time, but no longer than 9 months. These are often people connected to Auroville, but who have also commitments in their home place.
4. Those who are a spouse or partner of an Aurovilian (Auroville resident) but do not stay continuously in Auroville, e.g. because they work for themselves outside Auroville.

Registration and Decision on Allocating the Status

- A Friend of Auroville applicant shall register him/herself using a registration form which will specify his/her requirements and also what s/he intends to contribute to Auroville. The application should be accompanied by three references of Auroville residents.
- This is followed by the person meeting with the Entry Service (ES) which decides whether or not to allow the person to become a Friend of Auroville, and the duration of status.
- The name of the person proposed to become a Friend of Auroville will be published in the News and Notes for community feedback.
- If approved, the ES shall give the person a Friend of Auroville card which shall mention his/her personal data and the date of commencement and expiry of the status.
- With the Friend of Auroville card the person shall then open an account with the Financial Service (FS) and make the required deposits.
- A Friend of Auroville of foreign origin is not entitled to the Entry Visa which is granted to residents of Auroville; such a Friend has to take care of his / her own visa.
- A Friend of Auroville is not entitled to join the Health Fund; a Friend has to take care of his / her own health coverage.

Benefits with the Friend of Auroville card the person can:

- visit the Matrimandir at Aurovilians' timings
- open an account with Pour Tous Distribution Centre
- participate in Auroville cultural events at par with Aurovilians
- pay for meals at the Solar Kitchen and Auroville restaurants and for purchases at Auroville shops at Aurovilian prices.

- use Auroville services (such as the New Creation swimming pool , Free Store, Nandini) at par with Aurovilians.
- **Duties:**
 1. An Friend of Auroville will respect the ideals of Auroville and take up some voluntary work during their stay in Auroville, which is of benefit to the community and help the development of Auroville, for example by direct participation in any of its projects, activities, services or commercial units. Alternatively, a Friend of Auroville can help the development of Auroville financially by supporting any of its projects.
 2. A Friend of Auroville cannot start a commercial activity for personal benefit for him/herself in Auroville.
 3. A Friend of Auroville will pay to Auroville the monthly Auroville contribution for the duration of the association, irrespective of the period(s) the Friend effectively stays in Auroville. These amounts will be automatically deducted each month from the Friend's Financial Service account. *(This means that the Friend will pay the monthly Auroville contribution for the duration of the association, regardless when the Friend will be temporarily residing in Auroville).*
 4. The Friend of Auroville, whether from India or abroad, shall at every stay in Auroville register themselves in accordance with the laws of India and pass by the Entry Service office to obtain a new Friend of Auroville card and update their file records.

Stay in Auroville group 1 Friends:

- A Friend of Auroville who comes incidentally to Auroville will stay in an Auroville Guesthouse or Auroville home-stay of their choice (GH).
- As the Friend has already a Friend of Auroville card, an Aurocard will not be required.

Stay in Auroville group 2 Friends:

- Those who want to come regularly to Auroville, e.g. at weekends or monthly, can make an arrangement with an Auroville guesthouse or home-stay of their choice that a room will be kept ready for them for the dates agreed during a certain period.
- The Friend will pay for this room reservation in advance.
- The Friend will inform the Auroville guesthouse or home-stay 48 hours in advance that s/he intends to come on the date agreed, and the Auroville guesthouse or home-stay will keep the room ready. In case the Auroville guesthouse or home-stay does not receive this information from the Friend, it can make the room available to any other person. In such case, the Auroville guesthouse or home-stay does not pay a refund.

Stay in Auroville group 3 Friends:

- Those who want to come regularly to Auroville and want a permanent place to stay for a consecutive period of time can make a donation for an apartment in an apartment complex, which will then be available for them whenever they want to come to Auroville.
- A Friend cannot make a donation for a free standing house.
- All requests for permanent housing will be routed through the Housing Service (HS). All donations will be routed through the Unity Fund
- The maximum consecutive period of stay is 9 out of 12 months. *(Observation: A person wishing to stay longer should apply to become Auroville resident)*
- The management of this apartment will be done by the HS, which will decide on the occupation of the apartment during the Friend's absence as well as on all repair and maintenance work to be done.
- The HS may, at its discretion, make the apartment available for free, or against a contribution.
- The costs of all repairs and maintenance of the apartment as well as the apartment's share in the community costs will be born by the Friend to the extent that they cannot be recovered from the contribution of the temporary occupant.
- The apartment is only available to the Friend and cannot be used for others, except those nominated by the HS. The Friend has no right to allow anyone else to live in this apartment.
- Upon termination of the association, the apartment will be allocated by the HS.

Stay in Auroville group 4 Friends:

The person who is a spouse or partner of an Aurovillian (Auroville resident) but who does not stay continuously in Auroville is entitled to live with the Auroville resident in the house stewarded by the Auroville resident.

Auroville school access for children of group 3 and group 4 Friend:

The admittance of a person as Friend of Auroville in group 3 or group 4 does not automatically imply that a child/children of the Friend will have the right to be admitted to an Auroville school during the Friend's stay in Auroville. Such a decision will be made by the Auroville School Board and relevant school and the Friend will have to pay the fees as determined by the Auroville School Board.

Termination of Friend of Auroville Status:

At the request of the Friend.

At the expiry of the status.

At the death of the Friend.

At the decision of the Entry Service in the case that:

- The Friend does not fulfil his financial obligations; or
- The Friend acts in a way which is against the ideals of Auroville; or
- The Friend has not visited Auroville for a consecutive period of three years; or
- In case of a group 4 Friend: the Friend has ceased staying together with his / her spouse or partner.