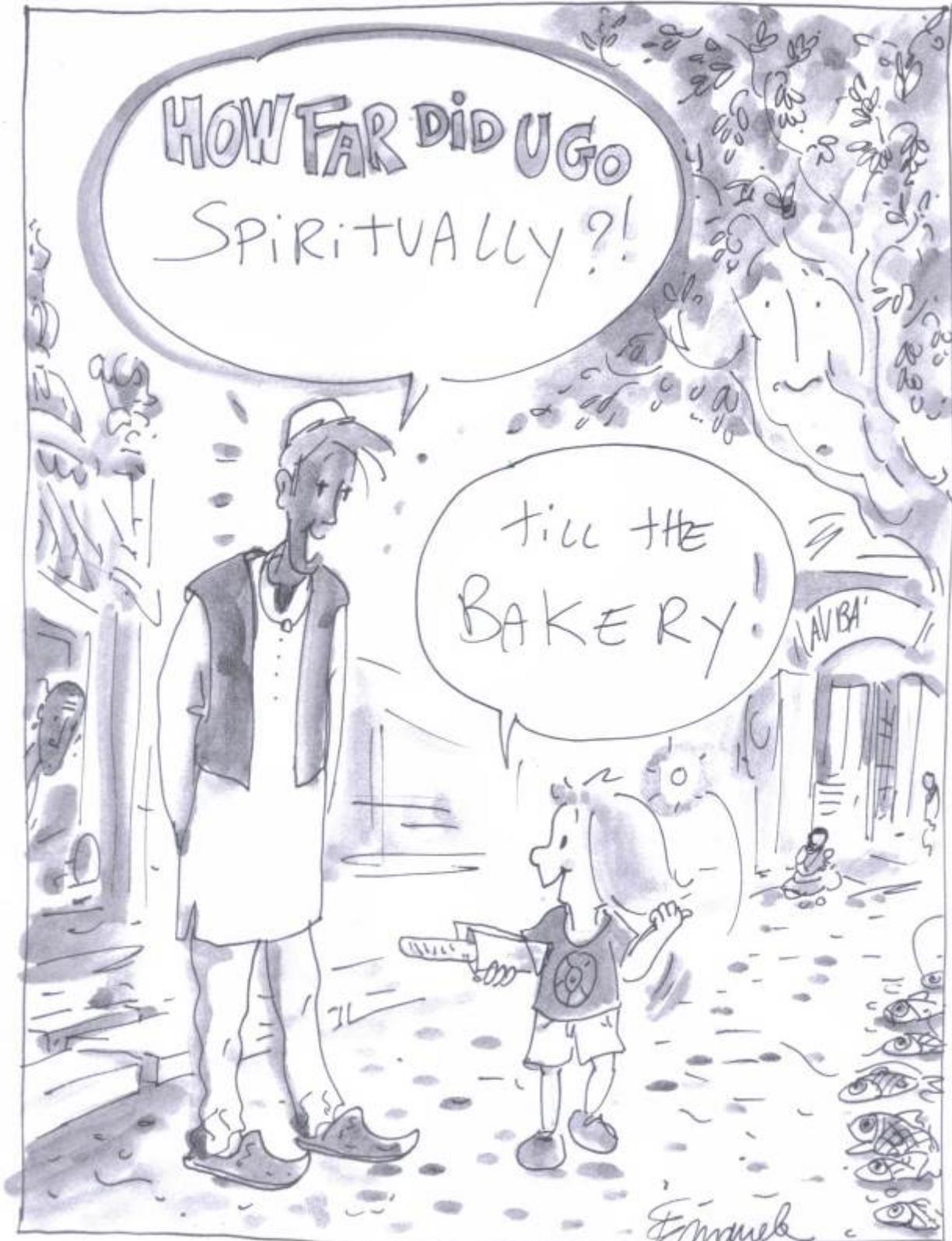


News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

What do you mean by "That's the power"?

Strangely, when you read it, it was SIMPLE, obvious, but now...

Yes, when I read it, it seemed obvious to me.... Maybe it doesn't require any comment, that's all!

Yes, they will find the same thing that mystics and monks and everyone have found - that's the power. The power is what you find. And to That, essentially, you cannot give any name or definition.

It's the big quarrel now about Auroville: in the Charter I put "Divine Consciousness" ["To live in Auroville one must be a willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness"], but they say, "It brings God to mind." I said (*laughing*), "Not to my mind!" So then, some change it to "the highest consciousness," others put something else. With the Russians I agreed to put "perfect Consciousness," but that's an approximation.... And That - which we can't name or define - is what is the supreme Power. What you find is the supreme Power. And the supreme Power is only one aspect: the aspect concerned with the creation.

(Soon afterwards, regarding another passage from the same Talk, in which someone asked Mother if the Divine could "withdraw from us.")

You answer, "It's an impossibility. Because if the Divine withdrew from something, it would immediately collapse, because it wouldn't exist. To put it more clearly, He is the sole existence."

Now I would have answered, "It's like asking if the Divine could withdraw from Himself!" (*Mother laughs*) That's the hitch, you say "Divine" and they understand "God"!... There is ONLY That: That alone exists. That, what? - That alone exists!

(silence)

This morning again, I spent some time looking, seeing, and I seemed to ask the Divine, "Why do You enjoy denying Yourself?..." You understand, for our logic to be satisfied, we say, all that is dark, all that is ugly, all that isn't living, all that isn't harmonious - none of that is divine. But how could it be so?... It's only an attitude for action. So putting myself in the consciousness of action, I said, "But why do You enjoy being like that!" (*Mother laughs*)

It was a very concrete experience of the cells, with the feeling (not "feeling" - neither feeling nor sensation), a sort of perception of being on the very edge of the great secret.... All of a sudden, a group of cells or a bodily function finds it amusing to go wrong - why? What meaning does that hold? And the answer was, it's as if all that helped break limits. But why, how?

Mentally, we can explain everything, but that doesn't mean anything at all: for the body, the material consciousness, it's abstract. When the material consciousness catches hold of something, it knows it A HUNDRED TIMES BETTER than we can know it mentally. When it knows, it has the power: knowing gives it the power. That's what is being slowly, slowly worked out. For an ignorant consciousness it's slow and painful - but for the true consciousness, it's not that! Pain, joy, all that is... such an absurd way of seeing things - of feeling and seeing things.

There is an increasingly concrete perception that everything - that there is nothing that doesn't hold its own joy of being, because that's THE way of being: without joy of being, there is no being. But it's not what we mentally understand by "joy of being." It's... something which is hard to express. And this perception of suffering and joy (almost of evil and good), all of that is necessities of the work to enable it to be done in a certain field of unconsciousness. Because true consciousness is something entirely, totally different.

That's what the consciousness of the cells is now learning, and learning through a concrete experience; and all those appreciations of what is good and what is evil, of what is suffering and what is joy, all that seems misty. But the "thing" - the Truth - the concrete thing still hasn't been caught. It's on the way, one feels it's on the way, but it's not there yet. If one had it... one would be the all-powerful master. And possibly one cannot have it until the world in its totality, or to a sufficient extent, is ready for the transformation. That's speculation, what we might call an inspiration. But it still belongs to the upper realm. Now and then, one feels as if within an hair's breadth of all-powerfulness: one is just on the verge... ah! (*Mother makes the gesture of catching the thing*)... But then it fades away.

When one has got hold of that, the world will be able to change. And when I say "one," I don't mean a person.... There may be something equivalent to THE Person, but that... That too, I am not sure it's not a projection of our consciousness onto something eluding us.

Sri Aurobindo always said that if you go far enough beyond the Impersonal, once you go beyond, you find something we may call "the Person," but which has nothing at all to do with what we imagine the "Person" to be. And there, all that remains... all that remains is That! And That is what has the power. But even when we say, "All that remains is That" (*laughing*), we situate it WITHIN something else!... Words and language are unsuited to express something that exceeds the consciousness. As soon as you formulate it, you bring it down.

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 13 March 1968

MOTHER

*The
Ponder
Corner*

The creation consciously going towards its divine Origin and ready to manifest that Origin is still only for a few. I think it will take centuries until it becomes general - oh, centuries, maybe millenniums!

But what matters is for us to be the few who are conscious, who consciously... (silence, Mother opens her hands)... manifest the Divine.

Mother's Agenda, 18.10.1972

Report of the Working Committee

Main topics dealt with in February 2015.

Governing Board and IAC meetings

We continued preparing the meetings of the Governing Board and International Advisory Council of the Auroville Foundation which are scheduled to take place on March 14-15, after the Auroville Retreat. The working groups, units and individuals who have expressed a wish to interact with the Board and Council have been asked to make a presentation of their topic to the community in a general meeting on Friday March 6th at 4 pm, Unity Pavilion.

The proposed schedule for the GB and IAC meeting on March 14 is as follows:

Morning:

1. Interaction with the Working Committee
2. Interaction with the Town Development Council
3. Interaction with the Land Board
4. Interaction with SAIIER
5. Interaction with NESS
6. Interaction with Koodam
7. Interaction with SAVI
8. Interaction with the Sustainable Livelihood Institute organizers
9. Interaction with Svaram
10. Interaction with Komali MeDi Clown Academy
11. Interaction with the organizers of the Auroville's Kids Theater Fest

Afternoon:

1. Visit to Arogyam (new Auroville Institute of Integral Health)
2. Visit to the Matrimandir to view the model of the Matrimandir Garden.
3. Visit to Bharat Nivas

Preparation Auroville retreat

We continued our participation in the Auroville retreat. One member of the Working Committee is participating in the organizing team of the Auroville retreat; two members are participating in the preparation of the Auroville governance session.

Chennai Festival

At the request of the organizers of the Chennai Festival, the Working Committee has sent a letter to the Under-Secretary, Auroville Foundation, that the following people are in charge of the Festival organization:

Ms. Divya Kapur

Ms. Elaine Phillips and Ms. Fabienne Marechal (Auroville Outreach Media)

Mr. Marco Feira and Ms. Krishna Devanandan (Auroville Art Service)

The Working Committee is not involved in the organisation of the Festival.

Meeting with Collector

A delegation of the Working Committee, together with representatives of the TDC, met with the Collector, Villupuram district, and other officers to discuss various issues such as the status of the New Town Development Authority (TDC), the need for land surveys, the problem of land encroachments, the need to restart regular meetings between Auroville, the Tahsildar, Block Development Officer, and police officials to sort out local issues effectively, and the road situation in Kulapalayam.

Land Board

1. The Working Committee has expressed its concern that the Land Board has not yet purchased essential lands for Auroville

2. The Mandate of the Land Board and the Auroville Land Policy are being finalized by the Auroville Council and will be published in the News and Notes and on the Auronet for community feedback.
3. Members of the Working Committee have been assisting the Land Board in a number of issues.
4. Alain Grandcolas has resigned from the Land Board. To assist the Land Board, the Working Committee has proposed that Working Committee member Ranjith will help the Land Board when required. This proposal has been accepted.

Regulations Entry and Exit

The Working Committee has asked the Under-Secretary to request the HRD Ministry to speedily approve and notify the RA and GB approved "Auroville Foundation (Entry and Removal of Names of Persons in the Register of Residents) Regulations 2013", which were sent in December 2013 to the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Sexual Harassment.

The Working Committee has received two complaints about sexual harassment from non-Aurovillians. The complainants asked that the content of their complaint and their names not be disclosed to the alleged offender, an Aurovillian. This means that the alleged offender has no possibility to defend himself, in accordance with principles of natural justice. The Working Committee has therefore informed the complainants that it cannot take any action on their complaints.

Security Board

Together with the Auroville Council, the Working Committee is looking at how to fill the vacancies in the Security team, as the present members have submitted their resignation with effect from 01-04-2015. In the News and Notes of March 6th, a job description will appear and those interested are invited to collect the application form or request to receive it through e-mail from the Auroville Council/Working Committee. Deadline for the submission: 13th of March. Names will be published in the News and Notes of March 20th for feedback. The feedback will be reviewed by the Working committee in consultation with the Auroville Council. A half day selection process will be organized on April 6th, facilitated by the Council and Working Committee together with the Residents' Assembly Service. The final names will be published in the News and Notes of the following week.

Access to Madhuram restaurant

The operators of Madhuram restaurant, Padmanabhan and Ganesh, have agreed that access to the restaurant will not be directly from the main road, but from the side-road which goes from Pitchandikulam Bridge to Pondicherry.

Kottakarai conflict

The Working Committee is actively working on the issue. In addition to several internal meetings, four meetings have taken place with Kottakarai village representatives in order to achieve a peaceful solution.

Missing person

On 18-2-2015 the Working Committee received an email from a group of 21 concerned Aurovillians, about the disappearance, supposedly kidnapping, of an Aurovillian. The Working Committee investigated the matter and found out that the person, a Tamil Aurovillian, who is not living in Auroville but has been working and residing in Pondicherry for 7 years, had been forcibly picked up in Pondicherry at the request of his Auroville family, who stated that he was a drug addict, and taken to a de-addiction centre in Chennai. Together with a constable of the Pondicherry police, two members of the Working Committee visited the centre in Chennai. Though the person stated that he was held there against his will, and

notwithstanding discussions with the Chennai police, the Working Committee was not able to bring him back home. The next day, Darshan day, the Working Committee learned from the de-addiction centre that the person had been collected by his family. That same day, some 30 people from the village came to the town objecting to the Working Committee's handling of the issue; in particular as they believed that the Working Committee was involving itself in the person's marriage plans with a girl of a lower caste. The Working Committee explained that the Working Committee's concern was the safety of an Aurovilian and that it has no business with marriages. The 30 people left in peace; but the Working Committee has complained to the family of the person about instigating these villagers.

The Working Committee is also involved in the following topics, which are still ongoing and not yet concluded:

1. Special Guests' Reception at Matrimandir
2. New trustees and management team for NESS
3. Aurovilians not living in and working for Auroville
4. Drafting a new Conflict Resolution Policy
5. Resolving the Kottakarai conflict
6. Finding a location for sludge deposit
7. Finding new members for the Resource Mobilization Team
8. The beach erosion court case
9. Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013.

*The Working Committee,
Angela, Carel, Elisa, Eric, Mandakini, Manohar, Ranjith*

The Working Committee would like to share the following reflection, submitted by Manohar.

Dear Friends,
At the occasion of the recent anniversary of the inauguration of Auroville, we should all remember that we all are here as "willing servitors of the Divine Consciousness".

Upon choosing to become Aurovilians, we have freely accepted certain conditions as expressed in the Charter and in other writings by The Mother, as "A Dream", "To be a true Aurovilian".

In Auroville we are not individual owners of any land, of any house, of any unit, of any activity that we are involved in: they are all assets of Auroville, and it is our duty to steward them at our best in the interest of the common project of Auroville, and not of our individual profit.

We are here for living in peace, realising an actual Human Unity, above all differences of nationality, of religion, of education, of social status, of caste, of material properties: here we are all equal, all engaged in offering the best of our energies for the success of this common project.

We shall solve our conflicts with understanding, compassion and tolerance, avoiding to resort to the police, but resorting to the Working Committee, the Council and other institutions to resolve or settle our disputes.

Our inner values are the best form of guidelines in action in all our relationships: in the family, on the place of work, with our neighbours, with our friends, with anybody else.

May we live in peace, have no enemies, respect our children, our parents, our fellow Aurovilians, our guests.

We are supposed to be a living example of the dream, of the project that we are carrying forward.

The Working Committee invites the Community to a new, repeated reflection on the reasons that individually have brought us here and that keep us here: we have voluntarily chosen a way of life, a situation that in itself has sometimes great difficulties, but that can also have great rewards.

Auroville is in principle a choice that becomes an obligation to respect the guidelines and the regulations that we have

voluntarily accepted and subscribed to, in the moment of becoming Residents of Auroville.

Let us smile to each other, forget our conflicts, be positive and dedicated "Servitors of the Divine Consciousness", please.

Manohar

Land Board Report February 2015

Dear Aurovilians,
Below is a list of the major works carried on and this list is not exhaustive for the works undertaken in Feb 2015
We would like to let you know that we actively meet and seek sellers of land in the City Area and Office Timings for sellers have been fixed for Monday and Wednesday mornings, 10 am -12 noon, at Foundation Bhavan. You can call at 2623699 to fix an appointment with Anjali.

Exchange, Purchase, Protection, Encroachment, Mapping And Admin Issues Covered In Feb.

1. Alain Grandcolas would like to resign from the Land board office since he had to resume his responsibilities with the Road Service. He still assists us with his advice by email.
2. Multiple negotiations are underway in the City Area. For the Green Belt we have to have a deeper discussion with FAMC to be more open.
3. Fencing of Fishermen's quarters is underway and is almost complete.
4. Land Board is in touch with FAMC and has a system in place to start moving wood again. Re-planting is also something which we are looking into.
5. Negotiations for further purchase and exchanges are an on-going process; we encourage Aurovilians to bring forward contacts and information in case their friends or family wants to sell land in the master plan area.
6. Encroachment of a land close to the land stewarded by Dominique was sorted out and came to a good conclusion by the Land board
7. Kottakarai peace meetings are going on and we are actively participating in the meetings to reach a common ground with the villagers.
8. The difficult task of making one consolidated map has been completed with Special officer lands at Foundation office and Stephen Raj (Land Board person) to conclude a common list of all lands and Map database work.
9. There was a problem in one of the lands which belong to Auroville where the villagers claimed it to be their land and they have threatened the Land board members for the action we had taken on the land. Regrettably a police complaint had to be filed as the neighbor became aggressive towards a land board member and his family.
10. In another such issue, in Brihaspathi farm where the public were trespassing in Auroville land and 50 palmyra trees and some work trees were cut down by public, Land board has negotiated a fencing work to be done by the neighbors or else a police complaint will be initiated against them.
11. For the negotiations that are taking place in the Green belt area, unfortunately there are no funds to buy the lands and we are not sure how to proceed with the growing pressure from the sellers as well as Aurovilians who want us to buy the land in the Green belt. For this we are proposing a consensus outline to FAMC and L'avenir.
12. We are initiating the work of plotting some of the lands in the outlying area to make a better offer to the sellers as well as help improve the salability and utilization of these lands.
13. Two Land board members are attending the Retreat sessions and will participate in the Retreat.
14. The Land Board is making a call to Aurovilians to come forward to help in case of encroachment or neighbor fence issues.

Divya, Gerard, Kannyappan, Prasad, Sandeep, Suhasini

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selection for new members of the AV Security Service

We would like to inform the community that, after many years of service, Ramesh, Anandamayi and Shahar, have decided to resign as executives of the Auroville Security Service from April 1, 2015 onwards. .

On behalf of the community, the Working Committee and Auroville Council would like to thank them for their commitment and dedicated work as executives of the AV Security Service for so many years and express to them our deep appreciation for their work.

The Working Committee and Auroville Council now requests concerned members of our community to step forward to take up this responsibility as new executives of the Auroville Security Service.

Please find below a brief job description with some of the crucial points of this work.

General information and structure

AV Security Service is a Service Unit registered under the Auroville Foundation.

Their role is to provide security on the roads, and as required in other occasional circumstances.

AV Security team is consisting of 25 team members:

- three active Executives (Aurovilians);
- two member of the patrolling team (Aurovilians);
- one supervisor (Aurovilian) and one trained (non Aurovilian) supervisor of seventeen trained guards (Non Aurovilians);
- one secretary (non Aurovilians).

The three active Executives are sharing following work mentioned in below Job Description:

- Work as Police Liaison Officer/Public Relations Officer
- Be part of the AV Security Board
- Coordinate and monitor the entire Security Service set up
- Maintain regular contact with and visit the SP and DIG offices in Villupuram, as well as higher officials in Chennai
- Regularly receive VIPS at Visitors Center and Matrimandir
- Work closely with WC and AVC
- Provide assistance to the victims
- Follow up on pending Court Cases and Police Cases
- Prepare the information material on safety awareness
- Be available 24/7 in case of emergencies and present for most incidents.

The art of the responsibility requires the full trust of the community at large, high level of integrity, confidentiality and impartiality. The applicant has to be fluent in one or both of the following languages Tamil and English.

Because some of issues involve female victims, the presence of a female member in the Security is essential. Female candidates are encouraged to apply.

How to apply

1. Application

- The application form can be collected at the Working Committee office during the office hours (from 9 am - 4 pm) from Friday 06.03.2015 and submitted till Friday 13.03.2015
- In case you wish to receive the form through mail please contact the WC under the following address wcoffice@auroville.or.in.

2. two weeks Feedback

- The collected names will be published in the next New & Notes /AuroNet for a two weeks community feedback. Feedbacks to be sent till Saturday 04.04.2015 to wcoffice@auroville.or.in.

- The feedback will be reviewed by the Working Committee in consultation with the Auroville Council.

3. Selection process

- The candidates will be invited to be part of a selection process on:

Monday 06.04.2015 at the Unity Pavilion from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Please come forward!

Working Committee and Auroville Council

Strategic Land Development Study of Lands outside the Master Plan Area

Land Resource Development Task Force (LRD TF) of FAMC had commissioned the detailed study carried out by Mr. Bankim Kalra and his team.

The study has been in the public domain since 2013 but recently in the Auroville Retreat Session of Economy there was a renewed interest in the development of the lands outside the Master Plan Area as a valuable resource and therefore LRD TF once again wishes to inform those interested that the study can be accessed in Dropbox:

ID: lrddtaskforce@gmail.com

Password: landresourcesdev

Pashi-Convenor, Land Resource Development Task Force

Note: Data in the study is provided by L'Avenir d' Auroville, LRM and LCC, and may require updating.

TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville

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

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

Individual Project

1. Ramesh, Acceptance, Change of Roof - temporary (RCC with less thickness)
2. Ross, Vikas, House Extension (bedroom and bathroom)

Collective Project

3. Oli School - Guy, Last school campus, School refectory & Class Room (Temporary dismantlable structure)
4. Anbu, Windarra Farm, Laboratory for Mushroom Spores process

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

Update on the Auroville Festival in Chennai

On March 1st, the festival was officially inaugurated by Dr. K. Rosaiah, His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu as the chief guest, and Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, former Chairman of the Governing Board of Auroville Foundation, Dr. Aster Patel, member of the Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation, and Julian Lines, member of the International Advisory Council of the Auroville Foundation as guests of honor.

Shankar and Luk had the responsibility to conduct the ceremony and the programme and they did it with maestro.

The guests responded well to Luk speaking in Tamil!

Frederick opened the festival with a short speech on Auroville's links with Chennai, followed by Dr. M. S. Swaminathan who remembered his time here fondly. Julian Lines and Ranjit gave the vote of thanks in English and Tamil. The evening ended with a speech by Dr. K Rosaiah, His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu who spoke very highly of Auroville.

Thaniya started the programme with a touching beautiful carnatic song followed by Chandra with a captivating piece on the flute.

In the background, 3 large screens showed a short film on Auroville (mostly editing existing films and photographs) made by Christoph with birdsong as the soundtrack.

A high tea followed and the invitees could mingle with Aurovilians.

The room and each table were decorated with magnificent bouquets made by Auradha, Gaby and Suzie.

The whole programme was orchestrated by Chali and Fif. We expected and received 150 people. The press was very present too and the event was broadcast on Doordarshan the same evening.

We heartily thank all the Aurovilians who helped make this event a success: Chali, Fif, Gaby, Suzie, Auradha, Christoph, Devi, Claire, Herve, Olivier Malcor, Thaniya, Chandra, Frederick, Luk, Shankar and all the others

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N NO- 589 dated 07.03.2015

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

NEWCOMERS:

Yves (IG) IRAGUHA (Rwanda) - Staying at Sharanga, working as part of team for designing buildings at Earth Institute.

Manuel Sanchez ALCARAZ (Italian) - Staying at Quiet, working as a mechanic at Aurovelo.

Marie FOUQUET (French) - Staying at Utility, working as part of the AV Radio team, training as a radio host and radio producer.

Didier Charles Elie NELSON (French) - Staying at Utility, working for 'Coffee Ideas'! Is also a graphic and web designer.

CHILD OF A NEWCOMER(S):

Margot Charles Elie NELSON (French) - born on 08/03/2012, studying at Deepanam.

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

CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER STATUS:

Stephanie KRAUS (German)

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

Philippe MAY (French)

Devi NAMASIVAYAM (Indian from Trichy)

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

PEOPLE THAT HAVE LEFT AUROVILLE:

Anna (Dara) MNIAKINA (Russian)

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

Dear Newcomers,

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

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

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

The Entry Service team (*Chitra, Ishita, Kripa, Vika*)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Monitoring Coastal Zone

Dear Friends,

We are happy to inform you that the water monitoring team of TDC L'Avenir, composed of Enrique (Volunteer hydrogeologist from Spain) and Ramesh (ex-monitoring team of Harvest) have started an investigation campaign along the coast between Kottakupam and Pillaychavadi.

This campaign aims at controlling the water status in the coastal area in regard to:

- Quantity (trends of water levels with reference to mean sea level).
- Quality (sea water intrusion) by controlling the electro conductivity and PH. in the field.
- Evaluate the potential of the Coastal Water for Auroville's future.

They will monitor the following parameters:

- inventory of all the wells
- characteristics (static and dynamic)
- use
- position
- water quality
- identification of a new grid of observation wells for both piezometry and quality to be monitored on a regular basis (pitch to be defined)

Data will be collated on GIS for later analysis.

Please share information and ideas that may be useful to our team. Whoever wants to help can contact Tom at TDC L'Avenir.

At Her Service, with love,
Tom Water advisor with TDC L'Avenir.

Auroville Retreat

Joyful Living (Residential Retreat) - Tue 17th March - Sat 21st Feb March

Do you want to live with joy and ease? Find peace in a hectic life style? Cultivate mindfulness and gratitude? Improve your work life balance? Enhance your health and well-being?

Join life and executive coach Julie for a 5-day Joyful Living experience in Auroville. In a warm and supportive group, we will explore how to make ordinary days extraordinary.

Julie created the exclusive Joyful living program for Auroville retreat participants to cultivate mindfulness and gratitude. The program's five themes - Waking Up, Mindful Routine, Eat joyfully, Flow, Unwind - are designed to anchor your days in the things that matter to you and bring joy into your life.

For more information & registration please visit www.aurovilleretreat.org or call 0413-2622571, 9843948288, 9815472323

The 1 Hour Involvement in Ecoservice



131 great people learned about the process of Ecoservice and helped us for 45min for the segregation of our recycled items (46 Students, 30 Aurovilians, 2 Newcomers, 25 Volunteers, 26 Guests, 2 AV Workers)

Only 1 week left, let's reach the 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)

Write to us at: the1hour@outlook.com or use the inscription board outside Solar kitchen

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>

Management Training and Development (Mt&D)

Programme 2015

Since 1988, the "Management Training and Development (MT&D) Programme" has been offering training, research and educational opportunities through financial support given to Aurovilians who wish to attend a seminar, workshop, conference, short training course etc. provided the activity is related to their field of work for the community. This programme is funded by a grant from the Foundation for World Education.

Aurovilians are invited to submit their applications latest by Saturday, 28 March 2015.

Participants will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- o The programme is for Aurovilians only.
- o The activity proposed should be for educational, training or research purposes, and should relate to the work you do in Auroville.
- o The activity is preferably a short training programme, conference, seminar or workshop.
- o The activity takes place in India or while you are visiting another country.
- o The programme will pay for tuition, course, conference fees and/or reasonable in-country travel costs for getting to and from the activity. It will not pay for intercontinental travel expenses.

- o An application form has to be completed and submitted to the Project Coordination Group.

Applications are evaluated on the basis of priority of skill acquired for Auroville, relevance to the work of the Aurovilian applicant, clarity and consistency of budget.

It is important to understand that participants who receive funding are expected to write and send in a report once their programme is completed (describing: the educational programme attended; learning objectives and how they were or were not met; how this learning experience affected the participant's current activities in Auroville; and including a statement of income and expenditure). If you have received previous funding and have not sent in a report, please do so before applying for further funding.

You may ask for a soft copy of the application form via e-mail at pcg@auroville.org.in or download one from Auronet. If you have any questions or need further information please email or phone us at the Town Hall (ACUR 2622250). Please remember that all applications are to be submitted to pcg@auroville.org.in latest by Saturday, 28 March 2015.

Reg. update on Auroville Retreat registration

(Thursday 12th & Friday 13th March, 2015)

Dear Community,

We are happy to inform you that 52 members of the resource groups together with 112 members from the wider community were active in the preparation and have registered themselves for the Retreat. Thanks for your great support and help!

We have sent a Retreat registration confirmation note to all participants whose registration we have received.

If you have registered for the Retreat but not received our confirmation note, please send an email message to raservice@auroville.org.in.

A list of all registered Retreat participants will be published in the next days on Auronet together with information about the preparation work that has been done during the last 2 months.

Love Inge,

From RAS team Mobil 88702 88502/ Landline 2622029

Not enough interest or concern?

The first session of 'What does the law say' series took place as planned on 28/2/2015. Although the attendance was poor, all the women who attended benefited immensely by asking questions related to their problems and getting knowledge about legal solutions. A lot of efforts go into bringing a resource person like Mrs. Ritha, of the capacity of a judge and hence currently a member of the consumer redressal commission. She was gracious to offer these sessions as a free service for the welfare of the women around and showed a high caliber besides being an empowering role model herself in her way of speech and efforts to make uneducated women understand and by giving anecdotes from her own life that the women can relate to. In due respect to her time and efforts, we are sorry to say we will be able to continue these sessions **only if there is a good attendance**. It does not make sense to ask her to spend her extremely limited free time; to talk to not more than 20 people- this is not an efficient use of resources.

We started these sessions in response to the inability of many women who are running around from pillar to pole asking for help and not able to find anything useful and many employers are aware of these situations with their women employees. A couple of employers had printed the information for their employees and asked them to attend the first session. A big thank you for these people for their concern about their

workers! Some employers also expressed interest in sending the women who work in their units, but it did not happen.

Tell us how we can help you help your employees by giving them two hours on two Saturday afternoons a month to attend these sessions. Send suggestions to: lec@auroville.org.in. The date for the next session will be announced as soon as we know there is enough interest.

A very sincere thank you dear Mrs Ritha and to those Aurovilians who encouraged their workers to attend and all the women who attended.

The Life Education Centre Team

Help us manage the PTDC Recycling Center better

As someone who had helped up to set up the PTDC Recycling Center, I was dismayed, when yesterday I found a sticky bottle of olive oil (with some oil still at the bottom) thrown into the crate meant for collecting kefir bottles (The poster above the crate clearly marks the one kind of plastic bottle that is being collected and recycled). And this is just one example of many of the kinds trash one finds at this recycling center.

Knowing that Anandi has also repeatedly put out info to use the recycling center better, I feel sad (and also angry and frustrated) about our collective behavior.

Honestly folks, what is going on? Are we developing a culture, dependent on hired labour that we feel free to do as we like and hire people to clean up after us? Or, is it out of a genuine care of wanting recycle as much waste as possible and misplaced hope that if you bring it to the center, it will get recycled? Please, the recycling center is self-managed, is strictly meant for the few listed items, and just a service from PTDC to reduce waste. No one is paid to sort through the stuff for recycling. We all need to take collective responsibility for it.

A few requests:

1. Please do check the labels over each crate. **We can only recycle what is marked in the graphics.** Nothing else. Sorry, the rest has to go into your community trash bins for Ecoservice to pick up. If your community does not have a good system for Ecoservice to pick up the waste, pls. just give them a call, and they will help you strategize how you can responsibly take care of your waste.
2. Pls. **clean and wash containers** before you bring them up for recycling, otherwise we will be over-run with ants and roaches.
3. Pls. **educate others**--if you see people discarding stuff that we can't recycle, inform them about how the center functions.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you for doing your bit!

Bindu

Clarification reg Rita's post on AuroNet

Dear community members,

This is to clarify the Auroville Council's position in response to Rita's post on the AuroNet.

Rita's membership is certainly not terminated by the Council members, nor is she 'kicked out'.

Her posting on the AuroNet is part of a long series of mails and incidents triggered by the Council receiving a conflict information in which Rita's name was involved. The Council, having the role of a neutral body that aims to bring harmony and facilitation between groups/ individuals, could not take sides in that conflict in favour of Rita, which has led to her feeling unsupported within the Council team by her colleagues. This, in turn, led her to use some confidential information to write some very damaging emails about some of her colleagues and others, to various groups in Auroville.

Following that, a few members of the Council, along with Marie Claire, have been working extensively with Rita and a therapist the last week. While Rita has recognized that her actions have gone further than her original intention, the underlying issues are still being addressed and worked out. In the meantime, we have asked Rita to repair the damage done by sending mails to all the concerned groups and people that were affected. We have made this request ten days ago and are still awaiting her response.

To protect her, as well as the team, from further triggers that may arise with mails, we have decided to put her temporarily on a break from the mailing list of the Council.

We are very sad about the interpretation of Rita regarding the situation. We are trying our best to bring harmony in the spirit of inclusion, rather than exclusion. If necessary, this will be one of the main topics that will be discussed in the next interactive GM called by the Council, in order to bring clarity and closure to this particular human issue.

Sincerely yours,

For the Auroville Council (*Guy, Sindhuja, Matriprasad, Renuka, Daniel, Davaselvam, Veronique, Auroanand*)

O B I T U A R Y



Alexei

Alexei, came to Auroville in 1992 when he was 13 years old.

My son was given a big, loving heart, gentle and humble, which could not find the proper match in the world around him. Alexei was given a rebellious nature which made him to go through a hard life here in Auroville. His experience in Russia where Alexei had to go and stay there from 2009 onwards was really tough.

In July last year Alexei made a conscious decision to stop drinking alcohol and to give up his desire for smoking dope. In September Alexei had already foreseen his forthcoming departure from his body. At the end of November my son started to gradually stop eating food and later to stop drinking water. Alexei died very peacefully on the 27th of January in Russia. He was 36 years old.

My son's body was cremated on the 5th of February in Moscow.

I would like to share with you that my son always looked for Freedom and was searching for the real meaning of his life. Alexei chose uncommon paths on which to live and to die. I think his Soul realized the

purpose of coming into my son's body.

In Russia there is a tradition to remember a person who passed away on the 40th day from his departure. The day of remembering my son comes on the 8th of March. But I think it does not matter the exact day so much...I would say that whenever you read these words about my son - just look into the sky and wish a Big Soul, whom we have known in Auroville as Alexei, a Great Journey forward!

Thank you, *Galina (Invocation)*

POSTINGS

Internet Access at La Terrace

As the computer usage and traveling habits are changing, we are considering modifying the way Internet access is provided in the Blue Light (La Terrace) Browsing Center.

We are eager to know if you:

- use the Browsing Center's computers
- use the Hotspot (Wifi) service at La Terrace

If you use the Browsing Center's computers, could you use the Town Hall's Browsing Center instead?

Please contact us to let us know about the above:

bluelight@auroville.org.in

Thanks, *Blue Light team*

From Pre Creche

Dear Parents,

The Pre Creche invites parents of babies born from March - 2013 to end of February -2014 to bring their babies regularly during the month of March and April.

We are already in the process of preparing registration for the next school calendar year. Therefore we kindly request you to be regular. Pre Creche is open for babies on Wednesdays and Fridays.

For more Information please contact the school: 2623161 between 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 am - Monday to Friday.

Regards, *Pre Creche Team.*

Don't forget to reply to the survey on Volunteers!

We would like to present the outcomes of this survey at the Retreat (12-13/03), bringing interesting data to prepare a new, fresh and welcoming vision and decisions on volunteerism and students life in Auroville. **For that we need your answers.** If you don't host any volunteers, just send us an email to

study@auroville.org.in

Thousands of thanks, *Savi*

Regarding the Auroville Act buses

I want to encourage the use of the Auroville (ACT) buses to Pondicherry -- as they need our financial support to keep running. In addition, I would like the buses to be seen as an "essential service" -- not one that can be allowed to stop for lack of funds. Can we, as a community, put the buses on the agenda -- so that they continue to run after the end of this fiscal year (31/3)?

Anand Shanti

AVAILABLE

New cycle

Atlas, Goldline. Removable LED Lamp, luggage carrier, lock. Contact: 8940559323 or 8110848904 - Heike@globetrotter.org. *Heike*

A cycle

I am offering a large Indian man's cycle, recently renovated. I am leaving March 16. If interested please contact Michael (Reve Guest House) or call: 809 805 7430

LOOKING FOR ...

Need...a...guitar...teacher...in...exchange...for...photography/designs

I would require a guitar teacher twice a week for 1 hour in exchange for photography or design work. Please contact me on: akr.aravindan@gmail.com 9710391700. *Aravind*

Luggage

Hi all, do you have a check-in luggage lying around which you no longer use? I am looking for one, and would love to take it off your hands. I am leaving on the 12th of March. Please let me know by email: nitzan.merquel@gmail.com, or by phone: 9047163181. Many thanks, *Nitzan.*

Need Honda Unicorn

Interested to buy Honda Unicorn 1-2 years old. Please contact: oleg@auroville.org.in. Thanks, *Daniel*

An Accredited Architect

An accredited ARCHITECT in Auroville for a small size project of a commercial/residential unit. The professional researched must have a great mind overture and the capacity of working in close collaboration with the initiator of the project on all facets and issues Experience of fully solar would be appreciated as well as with different construction cost related techniques. An inclination for modern and minimalist design will also be welcome. For more info please contact *Robert* at: happy@auroville.org.in

Second-hand TV and CD player

Members of the Auroville Health Service are looking for a second-hand, small TV and a second-hand CD player to cheer up Ursula in Samasti. She is thankful for all our caring for her. If you can help, please contact me at: 9786992318 - *Ramu KK*

Round electric oven

(With round glass in the lid). Ph. 2622138 or 9486422138 - *Paola*

Someone coming from the USA or Canada?

I would like someone to bring me the family calendar made by my sister. She would mail it to you from Minnesota before you come to Auroville. It measures 13" by 10 1/2" (33 x 27 cm.) and weighs approximately one pound (1/2 kilo). If you can do this, or someone you know is coming and might be able to, please email me at shanti@auroville.org.in or call me at (0413) 2623 314. Thank you.

A bicycle

I'm looking for a used cycle, so if you happen to have one that doesn't get out too much I'll be happy to get it some fresh air. Please contact indienpaula@yahoo.de or 9159874089. Thank you, *Paula*

A sofa, seating furniture and hammock

We are trying to make our home more comfortable and are looking for a sofa or bench for our kitchen. We happily take other seating furniture or hammocks that you can spare. Please contact indienpaula@yahoo.de or 9159874089.

Thank you, *Laura, Henry and Paula*

Jerusalem Artichokes' (Topinambours)

Anyone having/growing them, and willing to share some with me? I need them in my diet for some time. *Bhaga* (bhaga@auroville.org.in, 2622328, 9443362328) - Thanks.

LOST & FOUND

Camera bag Canon (lost): Writing in red with one zoom lens inside (50-200mm), in Auroville (Town Hall and Visitor Center). If you found it please contact *Maria* - 09811237388

A wallet/small purse (lost): Brown color, with a zip. If found please call *Rahul Chandna* at: 7094548526 - Thanks a lot.

Black zipper pouch (lost): With some money inside, an Aurocard and a credit card. If you found it please call: 9655327631

THANK YOU

To the 'Spirit of Auroville'

Dear All,

This is to acknowledge the participation of all those who along with us make our offering to the 'Spirit of Auroville' more perfect and more complete. It has always been wonderful working along with all of you. Your spirit of collaboration and service has made it so much more possible to make the events at the Amphitheatre more beautiful and meaningful. We are grateful for being given this opportunity of making this collective effort of celebrating Auroville's Birthday and other events at the Amphitheatre.

We particularly thank Maroma for new candles and refilling the glasses, Auroville Papers for printing the tokens, Well Papers for the flat baskets we use for flower decoration, our sound people, the electricians, our artist(s) and their technicians, the many individuals, Aurovilians and Guests, who come and help for this decoration, those who distribute the tokens the 2 days before the 2 events at the Visitors' Centre, the Aurovilians who come on the spot as early as 3.00 am to finalise the general setting, those who are at the gate welcoming the people, those who help guide the people to find a seat and to the "Photo spot", those who help maintain silence and concentration during the meditation -which include some of our very young and dear ones... those who bring, carry, transport things, our Auroville photographers who keep a trace of these events and share it graciously to all. And we thank the Matrimandir Team and the Visitors' Center for their full collaboration.

Also, the Amphitheatre Team and we believe, everyone present, can only notice that since the introduction of the Token distribution and the "Photo Spot", these celebrations are much quieter and focused. Still, it is important that all collaborate in maintaining that serene and peaceful joy. We also take this opportunity to call for more volunteers to help us organize and prepare these events (as mentioned above.) Please contact Srimoyi, Sigrid, Surya, Alain, Carlos or Jyoti. Welcome!

The Amphitheatre Team

From the Rtu Samrit Festival of North East

The Rtu Samrit Festival of North East was happily successful and possible **ONLY** because of the support of:

ELUMALAI for the painting and arranging for new electricity connection at the new craft area. For providing additional lighting all around the campus and tents. For supporting with manpower.

JEAN for the auditorium and for the light design for all the 3 night performance and much much more.

PONNUSAMY and his team from Abri Electricals.

IYYAPPAN for taking on the responsibility of setting up all the tents, tables and chairs.

DEVI for taking the responsibility of bedding for all 150 artists.

RAJA for making a print and web format of Rtu Samrit logo i designed.

HEMANT SHEKAR for teaching me to work on PhotoShop in 3 days time to design Rtu Samrit posters.

ASHWIN for photographing the whole event.

KUMUDA for making chai twice a day, every day for over 200 people!

Gratitude for the strong women who served meals with me and stayed with me from 7:30AM to 11PM for all the 6 days. **Jyoti, Selvi, Parimala, Sushila, Bhanumati and Govindamma.**

Gratitude for all the workers around the campus, constantly cleaning, washing and keeping the water supply. **Mailamma, Indramma, Gangamma, Chandramma, Krishnaveni and Valliamma and others.**

Thank you to **Dayalan, Prakash, Bagri, Raji** and others for helping throughout with shifting things around.

Thank You to **Parmeshwari** for cleaning and looking after the new guest house.

Last but not the least thank you to **Subhash, Anand and Ashok** for helping me put up posters.

A deep gratitude to all those who supported me emotionally with encouraging words, loving hugs, happy smiles.

Kind Regards, *Riju*

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House Sitting1

To the Universe and to you!!

We are a French musical family...Mum is a violinist (Paris Opera Orchestra) and more recently a Petal-cleaner in Auroville, Dad takes care of the wellbeing of musicians (and will soon join Auroville's new health center as a physiotherapist) and Vlad (age 12) and Sveta (age 11) play double bass and trumpet...and love the outdoors...

After a few months in Evergreen community's guest house we have decided to continue our lives here in Auroville....

We will return to AV in July and would like to offer ourselves as house-sitters for your home...

We are respectful, and grateful.

We will stay in Evergreen until the beginning of May... You may contact Tamar for more information...ph 9751257796 or mail me @ vero.mpapillon@gmail.com

Thank you!

Véro from India to nowhere :+)

House Sitting2

Divine souls

Hamsini and her 7 year old kid, newcomers are looking for a long term house sitting. If the house is big enough a third person (Kayananda from transformation) might be interested.

Thanks blessed ones

Phone *Hamsini* 7094344184 or *Kayananda* 2623038

TAXI SHARING

March 9th: Monday - Going to Chennai domestic airport, air INDIGO, leaving Auroville Prayatna at 7 am. Contact *Elisabetta* 9633901652, elisekala@gmail.com or *Silvana* - 2622 943

March 9th: Zahelia is leaving for Chennai airport on the 9th around 2 AM. Contact Francis 2622290 or 7598146288 or mail to zahelia.arris@gmail.com

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

March 9th: Empty Taxi on 9th March to pick up 1 person at 8:10 at the Airport. For sharing either way. rolf.bosbach@gmail.com
Phone 9655476136/ 2622858. Thank you. *Rolf*

March 10th: I arrive at Chennai airport at 8 pm (20.00) on the 10th of March and am looking for a share. Anyone going to the airport the same evening or arriving at a similar time? Contact *Nandita shahnandi@gmail.com* or SMS 9488483286.

March 10th: A taxi is leaving Sangha at 3am on March 10th to Chennai airport. It can be shared both ways, leaving from the airport at 7am. Contact *Laura*: nm.laura@gmail.com 7094344181. Thank you, *Laura*

March 11th: My friend is arriving at Chennai Airport on the 11th of March at 10.45pm and would like to share a taxi to Auroville. If interested please call me on 95-38-218938 regards. *Sonia*

March 11th: Taxi leaving AV at 7am on March 11th, going to Chennai airport: two seats available. Then taxi is returning empty from airport at 10am. Please be in touch if you'd like to share either direction! *Ing-Marie*, 9442300518, ingmarie@auroville.org.in

March 11th: A BIG taxi is leaving to Chennai Airport on the 11th, departing from Sve-Dame at 3.00 am. There is space for

up to 6 more passengers! It can be shared both ways. Please contact *Uli*, ullirevering@hotmail.com or call *Dariya* 2623 565.

March 12th: leaving Auroville at night at 10pm to go to Chennai airport cell phone 9943505462/land line at Aurodam 9626722945 (guy)

March 13th: Friday leaving from Chennai Airport at 20.50 to Auroville on 13th of March. Taxi can be shared both ways, only 1 person is going. Contact *Ingrid* 9443843976 or ingridt@auroville.org.in

March 13th: leaving Auroville in the afternoon at 4 pm to go to Chennai airport cell phone 9943505462/land line at Aurodam 9626722945 (guy)

March 13th: Going to Chennai airport around 15.30 flight departures at 19.25. Please call or text *Luis*, 8137059763 or email luisbujalance@gmail.com

March 15th: A taxi is leaving to Chennai Airport on the 15th, departing from Sri Ma at 4.30 pm. It can be shared both ways. Please contact *Soreia*, soreiamail@gmx.de. Thank you, *Soreia*

March 15th (Sunday): taxi leaving from Chennai airport at 11a.m. to Auroville. Please contact me through phone/email if you'd like to share the ride. *Elke*: 9486520868, elke@auroville.org.in

March 15th: I leave Auroville at 10.30 to Chennai airport. If you are interested in sharing a taxi please contact *Elisabetta* 9047078366.

March 20th: Leaving Chennai domestic airport at 06.15 pm to Auroville. Contact 9633901652- 9047654157, *Elisabetta*

March 22nd: Around 9.30 pm to Chennai Airport and back. Contact *Juergen*. Mobile: 9443345300

HEALTH

Aviva's method for men

Aviva method is a physical exercise system which ensures healthy blood flow in the lower body and regulates the related glands for optimal hormone level. One practicing it can enjoy all the benefits of the healing oxygen, minerals and hormones carried by blood to the body parts in this area. These set of exercises developed specifically for men to bring improvement for prostate problems, to increase fertility, to cease depression, and to regulate bowel movements. It uses elements of folk dances, certain habits of natural communities, wisdom of shepherds and facts stated by Western medicine.
Venue: Arka Hall

Date: Saturday 21th of March

Timings: 9:00 To 12:00 am

For more information please contact *Zsolti* at: bogizsolti@gmail.com or 8940695720

From Dental Centre

We are happy to receive Dr Wolf from Germany, our longtime friend who has come regularly to Auroville for almost 20 years, for his expertise by treating our patients till the end of March. Keep smiling!

Jacques and Surya

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Listeners,

The Auroville Radio has prepared an audio listening device (mocking an old radio device) with interviews of Aurovilians and at the Lalit Kala Venue in Chennai visitors will be greeted by soundscapes of nature representing the natural life from morning to evening. Both these installation have been conceptualized, created and edited by *Chloe* for the Chennai Festival.

The Art and Media School is happy to include *Ruben* with a course to start training students from inside and outside Auroville, to learn live event production and sound recording.

Auroville Radio needs website developers in order to progress on the new website merging the radio and TV websites and anyone with App skill on Mac OS, Android.

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

Off the Cuff -18 (Performing Arts 27/02/2015)
Off the cuff on; economy, conditional generosity, priorities, public services and "being" to make sense of nonsense - [English, 17 Minutes]
When Seeds are Sprouting (International Programs 27/02/2015)
Africa House, Pavilion of African Culture within International Zone events this week presented their progress -[English, 52 Minutes]
Selections par Gangalakshmi-28 (Literature 27/02/2015)
Lectures par Gangalakshmi -[French, 4 Minutes]
Coffee, Culture, Dances (News from Auroville 26/02/2015)
Within International Zone events we are invited today at 4pm to Africa House for coffee, telling story and drumming. - [English, 12 Minutes]
Kireet Joshi on Self Governance (Governance 23/02/2015)

Chairman Dr.Kireet Joshi has talked to all Aurovilians in 2003 about Self Governance in Auroville -[English, 73 Minutes]
La destine de la France (Evolution 23/02/2015) -[French, 106 Minutes]
Birthday's Events, Celebrations (News from Auroville 23/02/2015)
Birthday's week is full of different events - from International Zone presentations to Eastern Indian Festival. -[English, 10 Minutes]
Amando & Dhani (Music 22/02/2015)
At Visitor -[English, 119 Minutes]
European Ceremony for Peace (International Programs 22/02/2015)
Within joyful and peaceful ceremony on the area designated for Eurpean countries tree was planted to bring peace. - [English, 56 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

Tennis Tournament 2015 Results

Junior	Single	Winner:	Akshay
		Runner-up:	Kiril
Women	Single	Winner:	Aurosyllle
		Runner-up	Tashi
Medium	Single	Winner:	Namyal
		Runner-up:	Jean P.
Double	Winner:	Namyal/ Tashi	
	Runner-up:	Denis/Frederick	
Advanced Single	Winner:	Arvind	
	Runner-up:	Ruslan	
Double	Winner:	Arvind/ Murthi	
	Runner-up:	Manickam/Achuta	

The Beginners League will still have to be played.
Thanks to all supporters, officials, spectators and players.
For AV Tennis 2015, *Frederick*

A report of the Auroville Birthday week Basketball League 2015 at Certitude



Like the many years that have preceded this 2015, the Auroville birthday week

was celebrated with lots of action packed matches at Certitude (dirt) basketball court during the week: 21 to 28 February 2015!

This event at Certitude basketball court has become a tradition in Auroville and this dirt-court has seen many pioneers: David Nagel, David Wickenden, Joel Goodman, Krishna, Gordon, and Chris Grey - to name a few - play on this court. This court, though it looks like a little pond during the Monsoon days, is really a well-used and well appreciated one by many generations of basketball players over the years.

Larry Nagel, who is back in Auroville during February - March for the occasion of the Auroville Birthday Week, took part in the week-long basketball league being played there was heard saying, "it has been about 40 years since we had built this basketball court and this is the first time I'm on the winning team!"

The winning team in the senior category of the Birthday Week Basketball League 2015 is "Arizona" and the runner up "Kentucky" and in the junior category, the winner is "Findlay Prep" and the runner up was "St Anthony".

The organizers of the this event at Certitude, all 2nd & 3rd generation players, supported by the Auroville Sports Resource Center did a wonderful job of preparing the ground, making the teams - both junior and senior categories - preparing the final day program: the final of the junior's and senior's followed by a slide show of photos and videos clips of the week long action packed matches featuring the Auroville Super Stars and the MVP's followed by a tasty hot dinner for all the participants! Three Cheers to the organizers ☺ !

Larry with his winning team-mates (L-R): Ganesh, Saravanan, Vinodh, Larry, Gavin, Nagu and Dinagar

E A T I N G O U T

Naturellement Garden Café

Note that we are now Opening from 9 am!
The Naturellement Garden Cafe team.

Av Bakery Cafe

Av Bakery Cafe is open for breakfast, lunch and snacks - Mon.- Sat. from 7.30 to 18.00
Please come and enjoy our Super sandwiches, Fresh salads, Homemade Muesli, juices, and delicious Lunch Specials (veg/non veg) Last order: 17.30
With love *Av Bakery Cafe team*

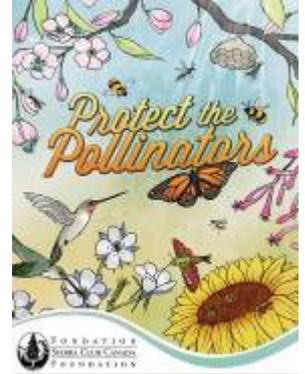
Green column

Some Good News for Sustainable Farming

Protecting our Pollinators

While the world is waking up to the crucial importance of bees and other pollinators, and the detrimental effects of pesticides on their populations, last month EcoPro hosted a two-day workshop on Bees and Bee-keeping for Auroville. It was an event buzzing with learning and enthusiasm, thanks to bee-keepers from our region and elsewhere (Deepika, Lipi of Merveille,

Leo of Last Forest sustainable honey project in the Nilgiris, and others) who shared their knowledge and experience with a large gathering of Aurovilians, volunteers and guests. A joyful impetus has taken off, with participants from various Auroville communities organising themselves to keep up the momentum. They got together to prepare terracotta pots for attracting and hosting our two indigenous bees that make permanent hives: Apis Cerana and the tiny black Trigona, or 'Kosu Teni', which we're all familiar with around our homes. While both of these make delicious, highly medicinal honey, the principal reason for supporting them is of course their vital pollinating service. Did you know that bee colonies can be helped by offering them homes with a view on the rising sun, keeping water near their hives, and of course cultivating their favourite flowers, creepers (such as 'Harmony'), hedges and trees? - A list of bee-friendly plants is available for those interested.



Meanwhile, organic farming - and the resistance to chemical agribusiness - continues to gain momentum worldwide as awareness keeps growing. The latest US Geological Survey reveals that over 75% of air and rainwater samples in Mississippi are contaminated with Monsanto's Round Up, along with other pesticides. The 2007 study was only recently widely released; it shows a sharp rise (by 18 times in just 12 years), which would have further increased since then. In scientific terms, 'these toxins have cumulative & synergistic effects with other toxicants, with incalculably complex results that produce far more harm together than glyphosate alone'. While opposition to GM technology has been declared by the US government a 'national security risk', protests have been staged in almost all its states, as part of a global movement that has seen protests in over 50 countries.

Recently Poland has made headlines. One of the last places in Europe where 'peasant' farmers still use traditional methods, without chemicals, very low mechanisation and an average farm size of less than 10 hectares, Polish farmers are fighting for survival under the pressure of Monsanto-brokered legislation and the European Union. Blocking roadways with their tractors, they have staged the largest organised farmers' uprising in the country's history. With demonstrations all over Poland, they have vowed to continue until they have achieved a ban on cultivation of GM crops, on selling out of farming land to big multinationals, and secured food sovereignty for the country.

In a few days, India will have occasion to deeply reflect on the 50th anniversary of the start of the 'Green Revolution' and the first introduction of pesticides. A host of events are organised around mid-March by farmers and activists to create awareness and turn the tide. Over the past weekend, Chandigarh has been the stage of the 5th National Organic Farming Convention, the largest gathering of organic farmers in the world. The buzzing event brought together people and organisations from all over India (see FB for some touching reports), and achieved some breakthroughs also in policy making. The Chief Minister of Punjab, India's 'bread basket' and among the regions most affected by chemical agriculture, with very little organic farming to date, declared that 'the damage done to human health due to toxins in food is enough reason to change course and go organic!' He made concrete commitments: Promoting indigenous cattle (exclusive sales outlets and 50% subsidy for 'desi' cows), exclusive retail and promotion for organic food through an Organic Board by the Punjab government, and 5 acres to be set aside to develop as an organic farming model in every panchayat in Punjab. Watch this space!

Close to home, the Auroville Festival in Chennai will host '[Seeds, Freedom & Sustainability](#)', a talk & interaction with Bernard of Peblegarden, Claude Alvares, and Sultan Ismail on 19th March at OFM, as part of its sustainability events. ('Simply wow', to quote comments on FB!) And as part of Auroville's growing collaboration with the world around us, the SLI (Sustainable Livelihood Institute) will hold a workshop introducing government officers from Tamil Nadu to the benefits of sustainable agriculture later this month.

Thank you Ramasubramanian & Samanvaya for Facebook reports on Chandigarh & Chennai, Ricardo and others for sharing updates on organic farming & environment.

Sunday walk Farms & Forests

Sunday 8th March, 9 -11 am: The Auroville Urban Garden & Farming Project
Townhall / Citadine area with Luigi, Ricky & Gino. Tel. 95851 96112
Meet at Townhall entrance (access from main parking area) at 9.00 am.

This is a pilot project in its early stages, located at the city's centre, to experiment and learn how to build a city in harmony with Nature. Urban food growing, rooftop gardening, first floor & vertical gardens inside the building,

Waste water recycling and other innovative approaches are put into practice with participation of the area's residents. All are invited to a guided walk, a rooftop view of the land, a power point presentation in the Art Centre, and refreshments at La Maison des Jeunes.

Sunday 15 March, 3.30 - 6 pm: Pebble garden Forest with Deepika & Bernard. For details see next week's N&N.

From the last two Walks: In Discipline, ca. 25 people enjoyed a three-hour tour of the farm guided by Jeff. And last Sunday, two dozen people met in the cool early morning hours for a walk through Pitchandikulam's ethno-botanical garden and forest-sanctuary. Thank you Joss for sharing your deeply inspiring knowledge and passion - and the Pitchandikulam team for a great South Indian breakfast. Our gratitude to all the hosts for their generous hospitality!

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

Notes

Letter to my AVI Centers' friends

Dear AVI Centers' friends,

I am aware that a certain misunderstanding remains about the actions AVI-Canada has undertaken in the International Zone of Auroville during this short month of February. I feel I have to try to bring some explanations to you (not justifications).

It is easy to conceive a plan and stick to it in all its details, without any opening for a change or amelioration. But when we want to realize concrete actions, it is quite different. We have to overcome any mental rigidity and adapt and adjust the action to the reality of the situation on the ground.

So we have seen that making a fence just for the Inuksuk garden did not bring any protection for the Neem tree around (already badly damaged). That's why we have included the Neem tree within the fence. After that we have seen that it was a mistake to do so, for it gave no protection for the European tree and plate, and it has also been perceived as a move to divide the area. Let me add that a fence is not so important a matter (it is not "une affaire d'Etat"). It is not like constructing a building for decades. A fence can be moved or removed at any time. And so we have let the poles removed just before the European ceremony. Then we realized also that a fence to protect our plantations from the cows and goats was not really necessary, as we could protect them individually with thorny branches.

Now we have submitted to TDC a plan for a bigger fence as that seems to us the only way to protect this whole area behind the Tibetan pavilion and hopefully allow someone with goodwill to be able to settle in and act as a caretaker of this spot. TDC approved our plan but wants it even bigger, up to the roads near to Solitude and Sankalpa. TDC has sent the plan to the IZ team for feedback...

Now I would ask you to bring your support to this larger fence and help to try to convince the IZ team not to block it. In fact I have no expectation about a positive answer from the IZ team. Almost all long-term Aurovilians have left the group, which is mostly composed now of young Newcomers, not really aware of the whole picture. This situation will not make your task easy if you want to undertake any project in the IZ.

Some centers have good projects and also the financial capacity to realize them. Please, just do it! It is now time to dare and act. Ceremonies are nice, but we cannot just make every year a symbolic ceremony. Time is ripe for more concrete realizations. I am not also the first to say that the main problem that delays the development of Auroville is the poor process of decision-making. In my understanding TDC-L'Avenir is the executive power. They should be able, after consultation, to take clear and fast decisions. The delay with which most decisions are taken allow some persons to make a take over on a group and claim they are the only ones to decide, or to block what they want, while the final decision belongs to TDC-L'Avenir.

As I come back soon to my frozen land, I will make a pause. I just do hope that in a near future you will initiate and realize projects in the IZ, in spite of all the obstacles you could encounter on the way.

In Mother's Love,
Christian AVI-Canada

Nature as a Cinderella

"Our health is from food and nature" (Hippocrates).

The Shakti-Nature works constantly hard but it doesn't receive love and respect from mankind. People do not pay attention to the wildlife and they are ignorant about nature. I read in N&N (17 Jan. this year, p.26): "Mosquitoes are a major problem in Auroville". No doubt ignorance is more of a problem than the mosquitoes. To use a predator mosquito like Toxorhynchites, against the bloodsucking ones (Anopheles and Aedes aegypti) is a chimera.

The Auroville's ecosystem is very rich; its biodiversity does not consist only of two kinds of bloodsucking mosquitoes. The City's flora includes many species of plants from the different continents. But the fauna is only local. Some birds from the North are visiting us in the winter but their adaptation goes back thousands and millions of years.

The social spider *Stegodyphus sarasinorum* in Auroville almost disappeared after the cyclone Thane. But now it is again common. *Aedes aegypti* and *Anopheles* had a long coevolution with the spider. Their populations are in balance. But the social spider will catch willingly *Toxorhynchites*. New species will be killed fully in the ecosystem.

There is in Auroville also the giant crab spider *Heteropoda venatoria*. Its food usually is the big cockroach *Periplaneta Americana*. *Aedes aegypti* and *Anopheles* are too small for the spider: *Aquila non captat muscas (Lat.) - eagles do not catch flies*. But *Toxorhynchites* is a big enough prey for the spiders.

There are many spider species in Auroville and insects predators - frogs, toads, lizards, chameleons, birds, bats...Some mammals - not only bats - like shrews, squirrels, mongooses and others partly insectivorous. The ecosystem resists any new element.

In The Hindu (28 Jan. this year, p.4) they proposed a traditional method against dengue: To increase human immunity with the herbal concoction Nilavembu Kudinir. I think that Chawanprash can increase immunity too.

Boris

An Approach to Paulette's Exhibition

Imagine a greatly successful film. It is widely regarded as a classic film - very well directed, very well produced. It has a great story line. Terrific actors. The film has generated a universal interest, a universal appeal and impact, especially among the youth of the world.

Story-line of the film runs as follow:

In a remote corner of an African country, a few hundred adventurers go to build a new city, a great city, a city of the future, a city with a soul, an oasis of luminous peace and innocent life which springs from a luminous consciousness. They hope that the oasis will continue to grow strong and, in time, become inspiration to the whole world. They have no big purse. What they have is the strength of character. They have a dream. The "city upon a hill" is their motto. They have determination reminiscent of what poet William Blake wrote:

"Bring me my bow of burning gold:
Bring me my arrows of desire:
Bring me my spear: O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire.
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land".

But here there was no green and pleasant land. It was an arid land. So, these newcomers turn the arid land into 'green and pleasant land'!

What they have is faith and love for a lady called by one of them "the Eternal Anima". But surprise, the Eternal Anima actually never physically came to the site but showed the path from a room on a second floor 15 kilometers away!

You may say, "Yes, yes. This is interesting. What is the name of the film?" Friend, the name of film is "The Pioneers of a New World".

Enter the Town-Hall. The photographs and still images from the great film are at display. If your curiosity is sufficiently aroused and if you think you must see the film, well, close your eyes and pray to the Eternal Anima to give you the inner eyes to be able to see it. That's the magic of it. You cannot see it in a theater. You must have eyes to see it.

Thank you, Paulette, "a multifaceted researcher" as I referred to you in a paper of mine published abroad. You have researched and written many books but I believe you yourself are a subject of study and research, "The World of Paulette Hadnagy - a Jewel of Auroville - Complete with 'Our Many Selves' (as the *title of a book by A.B. Dalal goes*).

Aryadeep

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 are available for study on AV net.
The link to this information is <http://goo.gl/grD6mD>

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

INVITATIONS

FARMER'S MARKET AND COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

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

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

Love and light, *The Localicious Auroville Team*

AUROVILLE RESTORATIVE CIRCLES PRACTICE GROUP

Every Thursday - 9:30 am to 12 noon / hall of light - creativity community
For further information: Shanti (0413) 26 23 314 or Janet (0413) 26 22 165

THE ETERNITY GAME

Yoga as Play
An introduction by Franz

Savitri Bhavan
Friday 6 March and Friday 20 March, 5 pm - 6 pm

TANGO PERFORMANCE

Wednesday 11th March @ Visitors Center

It is now 8 years since Argentina tango has settled in Auroville, and this March will see the fourth annual Auroville Holi Tango Festival. As every year, we would like to share with the community something of the quality of this dance, embodied by our teachers; and perhaps give a glimpse as to why so many here have begun to dance...

A Tango Evening Wednesday 11th March at Visitors Center:
7 pm Wednesday 11th March Special Latin dinner a la carte
8:30 pm: Tango Performance by Pino Trozzola & Caterina Inglese (Italy) and Marianna Koutandou & Vaggelis Haztopoulos (Greece)
9 pm: Mini Milonga, i.e. Tango ball

MEDITATION FOR PEACE

On the occasion of the 55th Anniversary of the Tibetan Uprising Day,
We will have a Meditation for Peace on the 10th of March 2015 from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm in Pavilion of Tibetan Culture.

AUROVILLE TAMIL HERITAGE CENTRE

Auroville Tamil Heritage Centre organizes a workshop for creative writers in Children's literature (Tamil) in collaboration with Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, on 14th and 15th March 2015, guided by a team of experts and authors of short stories, plays and songs for children. Instead of the regular Auroville Annual Children's Book Fair, we dedicate this year's resources to create quality books in Tamil for children.

All are cordially invited to grace the occasion of the Inaugural Function of the creative writers' workshop.

Inaugural Function

Venue: - SAWCHU, Bharat Nivas
Time: - 9.30 to 11 a.m.
Day: - Saturday 14th of March 2015.

Co-ordinators

Dr. C. Sethupathy ; R. Meenakshi & Team;
Member, Sahitya Akademi, Tamil Heritage Centre
Tamil Advisory Committee, Auroville.

THE TEACHERS CENTER

Invites you to the next Conversation on Integral Education.

The topic for this week will be control and freedom at school in the light of Arno Stern, Alfie Khon and The Mother. There will be a film showing followed by a discussion.

When: Tuesday 10th March at 4.00-5.30 pm
Where: The Teachers Center, SAIER

Welcome!

EXHIBITIONS

ARKA HOLISTIC WELLNESS CENTRE

Exhibition of handmade plastic flowers
Theme: "The spiritual significance of flowers" by The Mother.

From Friday, 20th of Feb 2015 to Saturday 7th of March 2015
Venue: ARKA, Crown road, Auroville.
Timing: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

As part of THE MOTHER's day (21st Feb) and AUROVILLE's day (28th Feb) celebrations, the arts and crafts team of ARKA is conducting an exhibition of handmade plastic flowers, based on The Mother's book "*The spiritual Significance of flowers*". Among the innumerable flowers of which The Mother had given their spiritual significance (898 to be precise), we present around fifty. These flowers are made out of material sourced from the humble plastic 'carry bags' of various colours - which are so freely available and are becoming a menace in polluting the environment - thus creating a new pleasing avatar of them.

All are welcome

GALLERY SQUARE CIRCLE, KALA KENDRA - BHARAT NIVAS

presents

THE HUMAN BODY - A UNIVERSE
By Dr. Shyamsunder Majumdar (Sri Aurobindo Ashram)

What I see of myself, when I stand in front of the mirror is the body. I do not see the mind, nor can I see the vibrating energies of life. When I stand and look at myself in the mirror I perceive the form only, the mirror I perceive the form only, the surface-body. I am unable to peep inside and view those trillions of active and living cells and tissues and organs which function together as well orchestrated systems that make the body live from moment to moment.

Come and discover the hidden universe in yourself.
Bienvenue to this unique exhibition.
Inauguration: Monday 9th March 2015 at 5 pm to 7:30 pm.
Venue: Kala Kendra - Bharat Nivas

The exhibition will be open on all working days from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm till 28th March 2015.

TALKS, SEMINARS

TALK ON INTEGRAL YOGA STUDY CIRCLE IN NETHERLANDS

Atie from Netherlands will be sharing her experience of Integral Yoga Study Circle in her country. There is growing interest in Integral Yoga in Netherlands and Atie and her husband have been organizing programmes to share the practice of Integral Yoga. Their work gives great importance to the awareness of the body, the force descending from above and mental silence. She will be sharing her experience on Friday, 6th March, 6.30pm to 7.30pm at Savitri Bhavan. All are welcome.

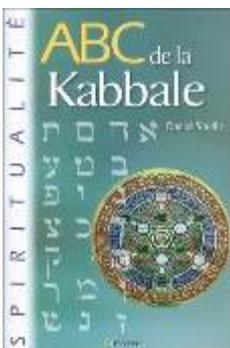
THE FRENCH PAVILION & THE CIRHU

Present

"The Kabbalah and the Language of the Cells"
An exceptional documentary
(Filmed during the congress on the quantum physics in Reims in November, 2013)

Daniel Souffir - Author of "ABC de la Kabbale"

In French with English subtitles
"A delight for your cells, as in Mother's Agenda when she speaks to her cells."



Long criticized, distorted by centuries of ignorance and darkness, the Kabbalah knows an unprecedented renewed interest today. Thousand years old and a secret science, once transmitted from master to disciples by word of mouth, the Kabbalah is before anything else the science of how to RECEIVE (in Hebrew "KIBBEL": receive and "Kabbalah": received, welcome).

Properly understood, the Kabbalah sacred science explains the universe while acting on it. It is thus not only the synthesis of the physical and metaphysical worlds, but it provides us with the instructions for its use.
For an hour, Daniel Souffir spoke of our cells with simplicity and intelligence, with the heart and makes this complicated field understandable. How to speak to our cells with consciousness?

*"What is true for the Divine is true for us,
What is true for the Divine and us is true for our cells"
"Being aware is to transform the veil that covers the light mirrored"*

Saturday, 14th March 2015 at 5:00 pm
Cinema Paradiso, Town Hall

CULTURAL EVENTS

SAARANG CLOSING CEREMONY FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2015
In the presence of Dr. Karan SINGH, Chairman Auroville Foundation
Exceptional Carnatic Vocal concert by
Prince Rama Varma

Accompanied by
Violin: Sri M. Rajeev
Mridangam: Sri S.J. Arjun Ganesh

Date: Friday, 13th March 2015
Venue: Sri Aurobindo Auditorium
Time: 7 pm

On the occasion of the closing ceremony of the ongoing SAARANG exhibition at the India Space in Bharat Nivas, 24th January to 14th March 2015 - we propose to end it with an exceptional concert by Prince Rama Varma (already performed in Auroville in late '90s, a well-known Indian Classical Musician, Vainika, Musicologist, Teacher, Orator, Writer and Organizer of the famous annual music festival in his own ancestral palace in Thiruvantapuram, Kerala called 'Swati Sangeethotsavam'.

Please read below his biography:

Prince Rama Varma, a member of the Royal Family of Travancore, is a direct descendant of Maharaja Swathi Thirunal Rama Varma and Raja Ravi Varma. Born on the 13th of August 1968, Prince Varma fell in love with music in general and with the music of M.D. Ramanathan (In the Carnatic style) and Kishore Kumar (In the universal style) in particular when he was still a toddler. He grew up listening to the music of the various great maestros who performed regularly at the Navarathri Mandapam in Thiruvavanthapuram and the constantly updated collection of LP records of Hindi Film Music from his father and sister.

He started formal lessons in music in 1982 from Prof. Vechoor Hariharasubramania Iyer, a senior disciple of Dr. Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer, who continued to teach him until his demise in 1994. He also studied the Saraswathi Veena under Trivandrum R. Venkataraman for five years and later under Sangeetha Kalanidhi Prof. K. S. Narayanaswamy. At present the Prince is undergoing training under Sangeethakalanidhi Dr. M. Balamuralikrishna and has gone on to become one of his foremost disciples. He has had the rare privilege of not only singing in unison with his legendary Guru but also of having Dr. Balamuralikrishna accompany him on the violin when he sang. In his rendering there is an irresistible combination of tenderness and melody. A post graduate in Commerce, Prince Varma started giving public concerts in 1990 mainly due to the encouragement and support he received from Prof. T.V. Gopalakrishnan who helped him to break free from the royal fetters and perform in public. He has a repertoire of Swathi compositions that is unmatched even by the great masters. From the rare Khamas Varna (Saa Vaama Rusha) to the popular Paahi Sreepathe (Hamsadhvani Keerthana), Varma adds a fresh touch of surprise and grandeur that has become his hallmark.

LORD BYRON'S LOVE LETTER.

Dear community,

Anandamay, Elke, Jeff, Rena and I are happy to present you "Lord Byron's Love Letter", a funny short play by Tennessee Williams.

The play lasts 25 minutes and it will be staged in a few communities.

The idea of working on a short play comes from the consideration that many Aurovillians have a great love for the theater and often ask for learning some acting tools to better their ability on the stage. Working on short plays allows actors to have an experience that reconciles fun with learning because they can take more time to enjoy exploring scenes and characters. On the contrary working on plays lasting three acts usually put the actors under pressure and in a hurry to reach a result. By focusing on a well-written play of about 20 pages the experience comes out to be altogether amusing and educational.

Synopsis

Two shabby-genteel dowagers profess connections with the famous English poet in an attempt to cheat New Orleans tourists during the Mardi Gras

When & Where: The 20th of March in Sacred Grove 8 pm sharp

The 21st of March at Le Zephyr 8 pm sharp

We will be pleased to bring this performance to any other communities that will require us to do it.

Francesca

Violin Recital

By Ladislav Brozman
Sunday March 15, 5.00 pm
Savitri Bhavan Picture Gallery

J.S. Bach - Sonata in G minor for solo violin
Ysaie - Sonata in G minor for solo violin
J.S. Bach - Sonata in D minor for solo violin

Everyone is welcome

Indian Dhrupad Cello

Lecture/Demonstration and Concert

Sponsored by the AVI-Cultural Pavilion
Nancy Kulkarni: Cello
Ramesh Joshi: Pakhavaj

Sunday, 8 March 2015
Lecture Demonstration at 5 pm
Concert at 7:30 pm
Both at Unity Pavilion

Hindustani Vocal Music Concert by

Santanu Bandyopadhyay

Saturday 14th March 2015 at 8 pm
Sri Aurobindo Auditorium - Bharat Nivas

Biplab Barman, Tabla and Lakshmi Santra, Harmonium

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

21 DAYS AWARENESS EXPERIMENT

21 consecutive days experiment for those who are interested to deepen in their capacity to listen to their body, to listen to the body of another person and to let go. Patterns are embedded in our physical body, connected with patterns in our emotional, vital, mental being... I am proposing to work every day for one hour fifteen minutes, during a period of three weeks.

All the people interested to join please come on Saturday 14th of March at the Transition School ATB Hall at 7 am to know the details of the project and to agree together on the timings for it.

The experience will start from 30th of March to 19th of April. If you want to join and you are still not registered, please send me an email at rosa@auroville.org.in

INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

10th 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-Mastery'

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

WELLPAPER PAPER-MACHE WORKSHOP 11/03/15

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

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

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

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

The workshop will take place every Wednesday between 9:30 to 12:30. (The workshop will be conducted sited on the floor)

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

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

RUSSIAN SINGING BELLS

Healing Sounds workshop with Vera Lipen

9th and 16th March, 4.30 to 6.00 pm at CRIPA (Kalabumi)
"Music is one of the means of inner opening, one of the most powerful means." The Mother

- 20 min meditation on sound in the beginning (please be on time)
- "Tuning to Harmony" experience of creating beautiful music together - we joyfully explore the dimension of collective harmony and collective intuition using the elements of the Integral Yoga practice.

No registration required (except for groups). Contribution requested from guests.

RESPIRATION WORKSHOPS

Svedam 2 workshops: Mars 12 and 13, March 19 and 20 - 9.00 to 12.00 and 2.00 to 5.00
Open to all.

For many of us, breathing means air coming in and out the nostrils, inflating more or less the ribcage and abdomen. We never learnt to feel really what is going on inside our body. Breathing with a stressed ribcage and diaphragm will just nourish the stress.

- Learn to open the ribcage in a proper way and stretch the diaphragm.

- Learn to breathe slowly, deeply, regularly (Patanjali Yoga Sutras) on the way to bring relaxation, develop inner feeling, get a deeper contact with oneself, increase health.

The body is often lazy about learning to change, but there are tricks to make it easier!

Breathing is not just about gas exchanges, it deals as well with subtle energies as Prana and it is as well the royal way to relaxation (By consciously directing the Sympathetic nervous system). The control of the breath is also a main tool to release and go above our limits, our blockages, at the physical, emotional and mental levels. Whatever are our issues, breathing blockages are always present. Efficient breath centers you within your body, enlarge consciousness in your life and brings you in the «Here and Now».

Stress is the main reason for diseases and by learning to develop and control your breath, you acquire an efficient skill to dissolve stress layer after layer, the best way to recover or prolong health.

As everyone has different issues, a large part of the workshop will deal separately with each participant.

Open to every age.

Marie Noelle: French doctor MBBS, Yoga, Pranayama, Vipassana, Chi Kong approaches.

Please register. Individual sessions possible also - frametim@yahoo.fr, 2622 989 evening time, or try 7 639 128 435 or sms.

LOCALLY GROWN VEGETABLES - SESSION 12

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

The 12th session will be on 7th of March 2015 (Saturday) at 10.30 am, at Life Education Centre, opposite Isaiambalam School.

It will focus on the preparation of: Paruppu Thovaiyal (Lentils Chutney) and Garlic Milagu Kozhambu (Pepper Stew)

These bi-monthly sessions are being conducted by Buvanasundari.

Looking forward to seeing you there on 7th of March 2015, where we will see, learn, do, eat and ask questions!

Life Education Centre team

WOMEN SELF-DEFENCE COURSE BY GIACOMO COLOMBA

Venue: Joy Community Guesthouse Hall (Center Field)

Date/time: Tuesday and Friday - 5.30 to 7 pm

Starting on Tuesday 10th of March

Giacomo has been practising martial arts for the past 22 years and is in Auroville since recently as a long-term volunteer at Joy Community. From 1997 to 2002 he has been focusing on Wing Tsun, which is a self-defence martial arts invented by a nun and traditionally transmitted to women only. Since 2005 he has been practising Grappling that is one of the most effective martial arts in real "street" situations, and Shou Dao that is very suitable to develop individual characteristics and to find the practitioner's own style without being restricted by orthodox decoded styles. Thanks to his long-term experience in all these techniques, Giacomo helps the practitioner to develop equilibrium, coordination, sensibility, fluidity, proprioception (perception of internal body parts), use of non-muscular energies, and awakening of spontaneous body "intelligence". The purpose of this course of 4-6 weeks is to get to act and react with "conscious" energy even before getting into physical contact with an internal feeling of secure action and equanimity. As such, this is especially suitable and directed to women who want to be ready to respond from sudden aggressive approaches without needing much strength, constant training and body fitness.

SUCCESSIONS - THE SELF HELP GROUP FOR SUCCESSFUL DREAMING

Saturdays 2:30-4pm at Creativity Hall of light

The idea of SUCCESSIONS is relatively simple, each participant gets 5-15min (depending on the number of people attending) to describe the status/progress of their personal challenge/s regarding whatever it is they would like to change in their lives, primarily anything about themselves or also in reference to their own personal project/job. Thereafter each of the other attendants can, if they like, give feedback and suggestions (with a clear focus on the positive) similarly limited to 5-15min. A mediator is nominated at every session so as to try ensuring that each voice is heard equally and to avoid too much interruption or speaking out of turn.

Important is that everybody sticks to making assessments and avoids being judgmental, each individual trying not to take anything that has been said personally but as a contribution from an external more distant part of oneself.

Besides the basic structural guidelines the groups' participants decide for themselves in all other regards. Some possible themes could be: Dynamic sharing - Pollination of ideas - Synchronic Emoholics - Habit Management - Envisioning - AHA Effect.

One of the central ideas of SUCCESSIONS is breaking through old ingrained patterns to make room for new diverse possibilities so this should be emulated in the greetings and general conduct with one another.

Call Gi: 8940230984 or Simon: 8940568712 for details

TRADITIONAL HATHA YOGA CLASSES BY SERGIO MARTINEZ POSE

Venue: Joy Community Guesthouse Hall (Center Field)

Yogaasana classes: Monday and Wednesday - 4.30 to 6 PM

Special back bending class: Thursday - 4.30 to 6 PM

Sergio has been practicing Yoga for the past 16 years and is in Auroville since about a year as a long-term volunteer. From 2002 to this very day, Sergio has been an ongoing devoted student of Acharya Venkatesha, founder of Atma Vikasa Yoga Institute in Mysore. To deepen his practice, he lived in Mysore for 7 years getting the most of his Guru's teachings. He got the approval to teach Yoga in 2003 and since then, Sergio has been one of the best ambassadors of this system of Yoga. Sergio's teaching takes you deep in the understanding of every aspect of Yogasana. His classes are inspiring to help you overcome your limitations and go further to grow into a better practitioner, both physically and mentally. Even though the classes are in group, you get plenty of individual attention; he guides every one with care, dedication and loving attention. In

this style of teaching, anyone can come from beginners to advanced practitioners and fit into the group, getting the required attention and the right guidance.

For more information contact Sergio at omindiayoga@gmail.com or at 9585005339 or Joy Community Guesthouse at questhousejoy@gmail.com or at 04132622584.

POETRY JAM AN OPEN MIC FOR OPEN HEARTS

The stage for fresh & lively poetry readers/performers calls YOU to express your innate creativity. Writers, readers, beat boxers, rappers, actors, as well as panelists, musicians and technicians are welcome to come join us at Sacred Grove on the 16th at 5pm to plan the details of the event taking place on the 28th of March.

Come articulate your inherent and unique imaginative blend of creativity within a non-ego based platform for exercising an authentic rhetoric expression.

Have ±10min to shine in your particular way, presenting one or more of your own or favorite texts, and collect color points from audience or panelists, - a prize awaits each of you for being either Enlightening, Comic, Just Awesome, Romantic, Thrilling, Epic, Dramatic, Dumbfounding, Tragic, or Eye Opening.

The concept is to provide a noncompetitive space for creative uprising "talents" to receive inspiring feedback in a setting where audience as well as participants can experience a culturally entertaining and fun event. The audience will only be told by the end of the evening which of the texts performed were original or not (should no-one have recognized them). On stage no instruments/props are allowed, only a microphone (if needed) and possibly a chair/podium/note stand. A number of random persons in the audience will be given a rainbow colored fan on which they can indicate their personal evaluation of the reading/performance.

A panel of masked (at first) experts, professor/publisher/maybe celebrity will give their color coded ratings and possibly some tips, advice or personal comments.

Before each reading the reader will have to choose between whose evaluation will count, audience or expert.

Inspired by each reading a band of musicians will thereafter be jamming in the background during the interval to the next reading. Color points are collected and then all category winners get a fruit jam prize and the overall winner, as well as the overall loser will win a coaching course.

For more details call Gi: 8949239984 or Mara 9843167224

INTRODUCTION TO COMPASSIONATE COMMUNICATION

2 Day workshop

Many of us do not realize how our conditioned patterns of communication actually move us farther away from connecting fully with others or achieving what we want out of life. Learning and integrating the principles of Compassionate Communication can help us to skilfully navigate challenging conversations, build stronger and more meaningful relationships and to live a more satisfying, joyful and harmonious life. This introductory workshop is based on the model of NonViolent Communication by Dr. Marshall Rosenberg. It aims to support participants to reflect on their personal communication styles, explore communication challenges in a safe and supportive environment, and to experiment with new approaches.

Learn how to:

Free yourself from reactive and harmful patterns of speech and thought

Build deeper and more meaningful connections in our personal and professional lives

Resolve conflicts in ways that enhance the quality of relationship

Motivate and inspire respect, compassion and cooperation

Create more harmonious work and living environments

About the Trainer: Dennis McMahon has been doing peace building and development work in South and East Asia since 2006, supporting civil society groups to address pressing human rights and governance challenges. The teaching of Nonviolent communication has been a focal point of his work in the region, supporting groups to work more effectively together and to engage in social change and advocacy work with greater conflict sensitivity and compassion. He is currently living in Kathmandu, Nepal.

March 10-11 9am to 4:30 pm. Location: Joy Guest House.
Cost: by donation

For more information or to register, contact Dennis McMahon:
Phone: 974-564-5504. Email: dennis.mcmahon@gmail.com

SCHEDULES

QUIET HEALING CENTER: COURSES & WORKSHOPS

Peas versus pills seminar with Dr. Nandita

Achieve your highest health potential

Sunday 15 March 2015: 9 AM - 5.30 PM

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

Just one day of your time can make a lifetime of a difference!

Most of us look after our vehicles, clothes or possessions better than we look after our own body. The irony is that those things are replaceable but our body is not. But it is possible to change our ways, and actually life can be even more enjoyable this way.

Don't be left behind! Join the thousands of people, who have done the Peas vs Pills, have lost weight and now enjoy a glowing skin, lots of energy, perfect health and have been able to reduce or stop their medications.

You will learn:

- How the food you eat affects you physically, mentally and spiritually.
- How you can take complete responsibility for your health by understanding the cause of disease and how to eliminate it.
- To transform your life is simpler than you think.

You will enjoy delicious meals with simple cooking tips and never look back at your old unhealthy habits. **Don't miss this opportunity** to ensure a vibrant health for yourself and your family!

Advance booking is required. More information: Dr Nandita Shah - 2622637 nandita@sharan-india.org

Watsu 2 with Gianni De Stefani

Wednesday 18 - Tuesday 24 March 2015 (7 days)

8.45 - 6.30 PM (50 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

Watsu 2 expands the Transition Flow taught in Watsu 1. You learn additional movements and bodywork in each position and how to incorporate them in a session. You learn about the meridians and acupressure points in Watsu and, while following the client's tendency to move, how to creatively explore your own movements. Practicing acupressure massage, lifts, pushes and pulls introduced at this stage, helps develop the ability to explore and play with energy.

Prerequisite: Watsu 1 plus 10 logged practice sessions.

Watsu 2 is recognized by WABA (Worldwide Aquatic Bodywork Association) as part of the Watsu learning program and gives 50 hours of credit for registration with WABA and Watsu India.

LIVE YOUR ESSENCE - WITH JULIE

Wednesday, 11 March from 9.15 am to 12.30 pm (by advance registration)

Do you want to feel unstuck and in the flow of life? Clear minded when your life is at a crossroads? Eager to take on what's next for you?

In this half day life coaching workshop you will get to know yourself and your next step in life better. Listening for the answers within, we create more awareness in our body, mind and soul.

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.

CONSCIOUSNESS AS MEDICINE with Dr. Yogesh Mohan
Saturday 14 March - from 9 am to 12:30 pm (by advance registration)

A consciousness approach to dealing with stress, common health problems and diseases, beyond what is written in medical texts. Experiential knowledge from a practitioner's perspective on inner healing.

DR. YOGESH MOHAN, MD (JIPMER), PGPM (ISB) brings the essence of 20+ years of work. Professor & Head Medical

Education, Saveetha Medical College, Former Head Integrative Medicine Apollo Chennai.

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

PITANGA NEWS

SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES FOR AUROVILLE RETREAT

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

Exploring an additional medium, Systemic Constellation Work, to look at the challenges we face as a community. This method helps clarify the possible inter dependencies and hidden dynamics between the aspects of Governance, Economy, Growth, Education, Land & Town planning, Youth and Bio region and other relevant aspects.

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.

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

Programme for March 2015



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

Āsanas	level 1 (regular students)	Mon	07.30 - 09.00	Tatiana
Āsanas (*)	level 2 (regular students)	Mon	17.00 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsanas	drop in all levels	Tues	11.00 - 12.00	Angela
Āsanas	level 1 (regular students)	Tues	15.30 - 17.00	Angela
Pranayama	level 1 & 2 (regular students)	Tues	17.00 - 18.30	Tatiana
Āsanas for women	drop in all levels	Wed	07.30 - 09.00	Angela
Āsanas	level 1 (regular students)	Wed	11.00 - 12.30	Angela
Āsanas(*)	level 2 (regular students)	Wed	17.00 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsanas for women (*)	level 2 (regular students)	Thurs	07.30 - 09.15	Tatiana
Āsanas	drop in restorative all levels	Thurs	15.30 - 16.30	Angela
Āsanas	level 1 (regular students)	Thurs	17.00 - 18.30	Tatiana
Āsanas for the spine	drop in all levels	Fri	07.30 - 09.00	Tatiana
Āsanas	level 2 (regular students)	Fri	17.00 - 18.45	Angela
Āsana - open practice (*)	level 3 (regular students)	Sat	07.30 - 09.30	Tatiana
Āsana	drop in all levels	Sat	10.30 - 11.30	Tatiana
Āsanas for the spine	drop in all levels	Sat	16.30 - 18.00	Angela

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

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

Ashanga - Vinyasa (*)	regular practitioners	Tues, Fri	06.30 - 08.15	Alain
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Y o g a - m i x e d s t y l e s

Dharma Vinyasa Flow	drop in - all levels	Mon, Thurs	11.00 - 12.30	Andres
Āsanas (*)	for teenagers	Mon, Wed	16.00 - 17.00	Lisbeth/ofa
Yoga Therapy	all levels (Max. 8 people)	Mon, Wed, Fri	08.30 - 10.00	Gala
Prana Vidya Hatha Yoga	all levels	Mon, Fri	17.00 - 18.30	Sabrina
Hatha Yoga	all levels, in French	Mon, Fri	10.15 - 11.45	Sylvie
Yoga Nidra	all levels, in French	Tues	16.00 - 17.30	Sylvie
Hatha Yoga	all levels	Tue, Sat	06.45 - 08.00	Nausheen
Vinyasa Flow	drop in - beginners	Tues	09.00 - 10.30	Bebe
Vinyasa Flow	drop in - intermediate	Weds	16.30 - 18.00	Bebe
Prana Vidya Hatha Yoga	all levels	Weds	18.30 - 20.00	Sabrina
Raja Vinyasa Flow	drop in - all levels	Thurs	11.00 - 12.30	Andres
Yoga	for Pregnancy	Thurs	09.30 - 11.00	Appie
Āsanas for Children	for children 4-6 yrs.	Sat	09.00 - 10.00	Bebe
Āsanas	for children 7-9 yrs.	Sat	10.00 - 11.00	Gala

O t h e r E x e r c i s e s

Pilates all levels	Tues	07.45 - 08.45	Teresa	
Pilates Beginners/Intermediate	Wed/Fri	17.30 - 18.30		Teresa
Aviva exercise	for women	Thurs	16.30 - 17.30	SuriyaG
Discover energy body	children, 7-9 yrs.	Sat	11.00 - 12.00	Gala
Abdominal toning	all levels in French	Sat	17.00 - 18.00	Jean-luc

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

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

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

Other

Forgiveness Process Visualisation Thurs 18.00 - 19.00 Marieclaire

WORKSHOPS & other activities Aikido Workshop March 2nd to March 22nd and Hatha Yoga in French March 4th

Exhibition - Pioneers of a new world, Matrimindir camp

Health Care at Pitanga

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

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

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

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, (0413) 262 2403 - pitanga@auroville.org.in.

REGULAR CLASSES

Note from the editors

The *Regular Classes* column is published once a month. Guest-houses are kindly requested to put this page up on the notice boards.

Kindly inform us of any changes/cancellation in your regular event - the next regular events schedule will be published

On April 4th, 2015. - Editors.

AcroYoga: Every Sunday 8 to 10am at Arka. A beautiful blend of partnered yoga, acrobatics, and Thai massage. No need to bring a partner. Flexibility, power, & surrender are all combined... experience in yoga (particularly Ashtanga or AcroYoga) is very helpful.

Aikido classes' timing: For the youngsters and adults: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 6 to 7.30 am (Beginners are welcome on Saturday mornings. Guests and Volunteers are much welcome if they can commit for some time at least (with contribution to Pitanga as per their conditions). Please come 10-15 minutes before the class starts; wear long, large and comfortable pants and large T-shirt with sleeves, or your martial art outfits if you have any. For any information you may need, kindly contact Surya: 0413-2623.813, 96.55.48.54.87 or call/see Pitanga Reception tel. 0143-2622.403.

Alcoholics Anonymous: meeting (open) every Saturday 6pm, Centre Guesthouse (Merriam Hill Centre). Contact: Ingrid 9443843976 or Shankar 9442010573.

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

Argentine Tango: Mondays: Beginners' class 6.00pm to 7.00pm and intermediates 7 to 8pm @ New Creation Sports Resource Center, Kuilapalayam. Wednesdays: Practica (tango dance space open to all) 7.30pm @ Sawchu, Bharat Nivas. Fridays: 'An hour to study' 8.00pm @ Naturellement. For milongas or further information please contact: tango@auroville.org.in Bring socks or danceshoes.

Art Corner: An open space for creative expression, for all ages! Different themes each week, as part of research on art-making in our community. New timings: Tuesdays & Fridays from 4-6 pm, at our Art Cart parked on the Visitor's Center stage. More info: krupa@auroville.org.in.

Astrology, its holistic approach: Astrological Chart by Uma Giménez. You are welcome to call and fix an appointment at 2623080 or 9443697972 (Surrender). The reading can be held in English, Spanish, French and Italian.

Authentic Tamil culture: Meena, a Tamil Aurovilian, would like to offer a course on the discovery and beauty of the authentic Tamil Culture every Sunday morning, meeting point at Courage Gate. The course may include: 1. cooking lessons, 2. How to make kolam, 3. How to wear a sari, 4. Henna design on hands and feet, 5. How to make flower garlands 6. Tailoring. If you are interested, please call Meena to talk about the details of your class and fix the time. During the day call: 9787702180, after 5 pm you may use the landline: 0413 2623263. Meena

A Self-Awareness Open Space: You are invited to come together for self-exploration in a warm heart-space. The focus is to develop

a simple practice in our daily life as a means of spiritual growth. We will do this through meditation, mantra chanting, yoga, dialogue and spontaneous games. Time (starting 4th Dec, Thurs): Every Thursday & Sunday 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm, Saturday 7.00 am - 8.30 am. Facilitator : Samrat, ph: 9655024511, email: samrat@auroville.org.in

Location : The rooftop of Apna Ghar, Meerambikai Garden, when you come into Auroville from ECR (beach road), turn left before the temple prior to Last School, Aspiration, after 200m it will be on the right.

Belly dancing: Belly dancing is for all sizes, shapes and ages of women. You are welcome to learn and explore one of the most ancient, feminine and beautiful forms of dance in the world. Belly Dance is based on movements that come naturally and healthy to the female form. For more details contact *Pricila*: shuhipuk@gmail.com

Bioregion Tour: Date: Every Saturday - Time: 12 pm till 7.30 pm. Meeting point: 11.45 am at Lively Boutique, Kotakkarai Plaza. Please contact us on 0413 2623806 or at mohanamprogram@gmail.com. Tour will only take place once a minimum of 10 bookings has been received. We aim to run this tour every Saturday, dependent on number of bookings received. Contribution amount is confirmed on enquiry. Transportation will be arranged according to the number of people.

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

Capoeira: Monday & Wednesday (Capoeira Regional / Contemporanea) - 5 pm at SAWCHU (Bharat Nivas) with Samuka da India. Tuesday (Capoeira & Functional Fitness) - 5 pm at Certitude with Camaleão. Tuesday & Thursday (Capoeira Angola) - 7.15 pm in Deepanam School with Samuka da India. Friday (Capoeira & Functional Fitness) - 6.15 pm at New Creation Studio with Camaleão. Contact: Sam 9488328435 - capoeira@auroville.org.in

Circus class: Regular class, every Monday. The class for children is 9h30 am to 11h30am and the class for adults is 2pm to 5pm /Contact phone for more information and your registration, Kalou: 9787332791 / email: eluciolecircus@gmail.com

Clay classes for children and adults with Saraswati and Anna. Please mail to aurokatrusya@gmail.com for details. Regards Saraswati 9787571633

Cooking class: Every Monday from 10 am to 2 pm there will be a cooking class for 4 months starting from December. These classes will include north Indian, Italian and Thai cooking. Anybody interested to learn these mouthwatering recipes are most welcome and I assure you that by the end of the sessions you will be able to please anyone with your cooking talents. Contact number: 9443635114.Meha.

Dance space: in Verite Hall, Thursdays 5-7pm. Everyone can dance regardless age, sex, size, flexibility...! Offering a space to explore our own unique movement, free dance and contact improvisation ... Together we create the freedom and possibility to simply be in the stillness or movement of the moment and allowing each person to be spontaneously moved by an inner pull, the music or perhaps inspired by a movement of another body. Dancing a wave, discovering on our own and as a group. Moving towards an empowered, radiating stillness...*Dariya*

Flamenco In Cripa Every Wednesday: From 4 to 5:30 pm. Starting 13th of August.

We will practice the flamenco position and attitude for dancing, the movements of hands, arms, body, legs and foot. We will listen to flamenco music to understand the roots of this dance. We will create a flamenco choreography . Come and enjoy with us, *Flamenco team*.

Foot reflexology: A massage that applies pressure to the feet with the thumb, fingers, and hand techniques. Approx. 60 min. Call 9843948288 or email vikram@auroville.org.in for an appointment.

French classes at Savitri Bhavan, House of Mother's Agenda: French classes at House of Mother's Agenda, every Monday and Friday from 5 pm to 6 pm.

From the Food Lab: Horizon. (In front of Sve-dame). Mon.,Tues.,Thurs. 4.00 to 6.00pm. Call Lorenzo before coming at 09443362274. All relevant information about the after effects of food on your body for e.g. allergies, intolerance, chronic pathology. Homeopathic Immunopharmacology is available.

Hatha Yoga with Jacob: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 4:45 to 6:15 pm. Jacob has been teaching Yoga to the staff of a Danish national hospital and at a yoga hostel for the past 2 years. He has polished his approach to reach people across many cultures. You are requested to bring an open mind, a generous heart and a yoga mat, if you have one. Above facilitators are guests of Auroville and good friends of Pavilion of Tibetan Culture. Your contribution towards the activities will benefit the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture.

Hypnotherapy and Chakras Healing at Arka: Marcella, Aurovilian, is a qualified Hypnotherapist and Past Life Regressionist from the reputed California Hypnosis Institute (India). Languages: English, Italian / Contact: Tel. 9443338734 or email: abalancedstate9@gmail.com

Hypnosis enables conscious access to the memory of a consenting person, which then provides the tool to therapeutically work with earlier experiences still influencing a person today. This includes fears and phobias, addictions, trauma, inner child work, pre-natal experiences, discovering personal resources, transpersonal regression therapy.

Chakras Healing works with our thought processes and there is a corresponding thought processes for every chakra. Our thoughts affect our emotions (how we feel), then the energy field of our body, and finally generates changes in either our physical body or our physical space. It is possible to heal each chakra and hence heal physical, mental and emotional states.

Impro Theater Friday, at 4.30, SAWCHU, Barath Nivas, free workshop, just come and enjoy. Contact Jeff 948 64 75 367

Introduction to Sustainable Food Growing: Every Monday 10.00 am till lunch time in Buddha Garden. Contact Priya for more details at priya@auroville.org.in or 94432 22653

Leela: the game of the same knowledge (2000 years old): come play the game of your life. Sundays, 9.30 to 12 (above 15 years old) Info, Veronique J., 948 85 12 678 - SVEDAME, Butterfly Barn in German, English, French, Spanish and Russian.

Meditation for Peace and Healing: Join us from 5:00 to 5:45pm every Thursday around the Peace Table at the Unity Pavilion to build and 'hold' a Collective Space for Healing and Peace. Please offer your Presence to help in this collective experiment, whether

you need healing yourself or simply want to support others in their healing and well-being.

Modern Jazz Dance: Margarita would love to start a regular modern jazz dance classes for all levels at Cripa every Thursday from 4.45 to 6.00pm. The Class will start from the 12th of December. Call for more information 9585335776

For NVC (Nonviolent Communication) and RC (Restorative Circles) in Auroville, please contact L'aura (9442788016, laura.joyful@gmail.com).

Odissi & Semi-Classical Bollywood Dance Class With Tejas Private Dance Classes at the Shakti Dance School in Felicity Learn grace, discipline, and the beautiful temple dance of east India. tejas@shaktidancetroupe.com. +91-8489477222

OM Choir: "The voice that chants to the creator Fire,/The symbolled OM, the great assenting Word" Every Tuesday at Savitri Bhavan, 5:45/6:00pm - and at the OM Choir in the Ashram School, opposite the Ashram Entrance, Pondicherry, Fridays at 7:00pm.

Online Events Calendar: The schedule of events for the week can be accessed by all, including guests, on the Auronet login page: www.auroville.org.in (no need to log in!)

Pilates with Savitri at New Creation Dance Studio on Mondays at 5pm, basic level on Tuesdays at 7.30am, intermediate level. on Saturdays at 7.30 am, intermediate level

Pizzas Nights: The Youth Center welcomes you to re-join for delicious fresh pizzas from a cyclone-wood-fired oven. Every Saturday evening 7:00pm onwards

Psycho-spiritual work, tarot and other sessions: To bring more clarity and freedom on life issues where there was confusion and entanglement in order to allow new steps in life. Tarot, deconditioning self-inquiry, "inner personalities" discovery and balancing , guided meditation and other tools...by Antarjyoti in English or French, tel(land): 0413-262 37 67 or email: antarcalli@yahoo.fr

Reiki and Reflexology - Massage By Jannaka at Arka: Every weekend - Individual course in 3 sessions also on week-days by appointment / REIKI COURSE: activates your hands to be connected with the Cosmic Energy which cures physical diseases and the emotional conflicts through contact. It teaches self-treatment and session to other one / REFLEXOLOGY MASSAGE: heals organic dysfunctions and their psycho-somatic causes not only through massage on the reflex map of the foot but also with pressure on "marma points" in the legs and arms. Therapies and courses are held by Jannaka, Reiki master and therapist with 25 years' experience. Make the bookings with Jannaka: 9487629648 - Email: lestellenoi@gmail.com

Salsa in SAWCHU: Salsa dance class followed by practice. Every Tuesday 6pm-8pm. SAWCHU in Bharat Nivas. Free and open to all Aurovilians, Newcomers and Guests.

Satsang: a sharing for spiritual upliftment; Savitri Bhavan, Saturdays 5-6 pm

Silent Meditation Among Friends: Pavilion of Tibetan Culture: Wednesdays and Fridays: 5 to 6 pm (starting January 16th) We invite you to Silent Meditation with Carsten Marsch who has been practicing Zen meditation since early 1980s with various Zen groups in Europe, USA and New Zealand. He will give a brief instruction on Zazen (Zen sitting posture) at the beginning of each meditation session. Everyone is welcome and requested to arrive a few minutes early, as meditation will begin promptly at 5pm. "You should sit in meditation for twenty minutes every day - unless you are too busy; then you should sit for one hour." old Zen adage

Skyworks: Tree Climbing Workshops: Recreational tree climbing workshops. You want the experience without learning all the knots? The ropes are already positioned in the trees. The knots are tied and tested before. You "hook on". After being fitted with your "saddle" and some short instruction on safety and climbing techniques, you are off and climbing! Call Satyaaji for conditions and appointment 958 516 58 82. Thank you

Somatic Explorations: with Maggie every Wednesday from 5-6pm in Verite Hall. A gentle, easy and effective way to gain more ease in the body, better posture, flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance, resulting in a decrease of the aches and pains commonly

attributed to stress, injury and aging. Open to all, for further info call 94866 23465.

Sororité - Cercle de Femmes : Un espace de parole, d'écoute, de confidentialité, de partage, de complicité, de confiance où chacune pourra ressentir, re-connaître, entrer en résonance avec l'Essence de son Féminin. Ouvert à toutes.

De 15h30 à 17h30 au Pavillon de la Culture tibétaine, 1^{er} et 2^{ème} jeudi de janvier soit le 8 et le 15 janvier 2015.

Merci de penser à prévenir (même à la dernière minute) pour l'organisation ou pour plus d'informations. *Sylvie* au 81 224 202 72.

South Indian Classical Dance (Bhratnatyam): Bhratnatyam dance classes offer by Bhratnatyam Dance classes offered for beginners. Weekly twice. The classes are offered for children and adults. If you are interested please contact me after 4pm on my mobile. *S. Caveri: 7598368514*

Spanish Tertulia: A gathering for cultural exchange, every Friday from 4pm to 6pm at La Terrace. We welcome anyone interested in Spanish culture and those who practice colloquial language.

Réception francophone: Tous les mardis de 17:00 à 18:30 à La Terrace, en haut de la Cuisine Solaire, Ananda et Michiko sont à la disposition des visiteurs francophones qui voudraient poser des questions sur Auroville. Les auroviliens et newcomers francophones peuvent aussi participer.

At Tai Chi Hall: Tai Chi @ Sharnga: Chi on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7.30am-8.30am. 24 form on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 8.30am-9.30am and on Friday evenings from 4.30pm-5.30pm. 108 form on Thursdays and Fridays from 7.30am-8.30am. And 127 form on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 7.30am-8.30am.
Monday 7.30am-8.30am: Chi. Monday 8.30am-9.30am: 24 form.
Tuesday 7.30am-8.30am: Chi. Tuesday 8.30am-9.30am: 24 form.
Tuesday 4.30pm-5.30pm: 24 form. Wednesday 7.30am-8.30am: 127 form. Thursday 7.30am-8.30am: 108 form. Friday 7.30am-8.30am: 108 form. Friday 4.30pm-5.30pm: 24 form. Saturday 7.30am-8.30am: 127 form

Tai Chi Hall @ Sharnga resumes evening classes. We will practice the 24-form every Tuesday and every Friday from 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

Thai Massage: I offer Traditional Thai massage (For men and women), and Ayurvedic massage Abhyanga. (For women only) 1h to 1:30. At your home (if you can't move) or at my local. For more information: *Christine P: 9489805493*

Tamil Literary Classes: - Ilaigarkal Education Centre organizes Tamil Literary Classes every Thursday evening 5 pm-6 pm. Regular attendance is appreciated. Lectures by seasoned professors in Tamil Literature, history and culture are opened to all / Now we are ready again to continue our Classes on sewing, hand embroidery, drawing, painting and simple handicrafts for Auroville workers, their wards and Aurovilians interested. Better fix your schedule with our craft instructor / - We have created facilities for simple natural Beauty Corner for women only. Contact Ms. Fathima, Trained beautician working with us in our school. *R. Meenakshi (Ilaigarkal Education Centre, Phone No: 0413 - 2623 773, Email:- tamil@auroville.org.in)*

Therapies - Vani: Journey to the memory of the body: Journey through the trauma memories in the body, emotional blockages and belief systems in order to release and heal these traumas, by getting aware & deprogramming these past believe systems that keep you from living a very joyful life in the present. Fusion of Hladina Method, Hypnotherapy, Radikal Healing.

Awakening the intelligence of the body: Awakening your own healing power, experiencing the Presence within by quietening the thought process and contacting your inner body. Fusion of deep guided relaxation, visualisation, energy work, pranic healing, acupressure & reflexology.

Life Coaching: Using awareness, visualization & imagination techniques

Life coaching is very useful in period of changes and doubts in order to get in contact with your intuitive self and find the creative & dynamic thread of your life again.

For appointment contact Pitanga: 2622403 or Vani: 9488818072/vani@auroville.org.in/*Reiki and Reflexology courses possible on request*

Traditional Hatha Yoga Classes: by Sergio Martinez Pose: Venue: Joy Community Guesthouse Hall (Center Field)

Yogaasana classes: Monday and Wednesday - 4.30 to 6 PM. Special back bending class: Thursday - 4.30 to 6 PM

Sergio has been practising Yoga for the past 16 years and is in Auroville since about a year as a long-volunteer. From 2002 to this very day, Sergio has been an ongoing devoted student of Acharya Venkatesha, founder of Atma Vikasa Yoga Institute in Mysore. To deepen his practice, he lived in Mysore for 7 years getting the most of his Guru's teachings. He got the approval to teach Yoga in 2003 and since then, Sergio has been one of the best ambassadors of this system of Yoga. Sergio's teaching takes you deep in the understanding of every aspect of Yogasana. His classes are inspiring to help you overcome your limitations and go further to grow into a better practitioner, both physically and mentally. Even though the classes are in group, you get plenty of individual attention, he guides every one with care, dedication and loving attention. In this style of teaching, anyone can come from beginners to advanced practitioners and fit into the group, getting the required attention and the right guidance. For more information contact Sergio at omindiayoga@gmail.com or at 9585005339 or Joy Community Guesthouse at guesthousejoy@gmail.com or at 04132622584.

Ultimate Frisbee: Every Saturdays & Mondays, 5pm till sundown at Certitude. Helps improve stamina, hand/eye coordination, and focus through running, throwing, & catching the disc; along with patience & teamwork. Bring running shoes if you have them. Contact mark@auroville.org.in with any questions or just come ready to play.

Vedic Astrology: Chart reading and interpretation. Call 9843948288 or email vikram@auroville.org.in for an appointment.

Veena Musical Classes: As one of India's most ancient string instruments, the veena's origin can be traced back to the ancient yash, which was similar to the Grecian harp. *Bharata*, in his *Natya Shastra*, explains the theory of the 22 sruti's in an octave with the help of two experimental veena's. Kaanchi Kaama Kodi Aasthana Vithvaan Thiru Ravi (*Ravi* for short) conducts regular veena musical classes for everyone at Yatra Arts Foundation, near New Creation sports ground.

Come and learn an ancient art form in pleasant and friendly surroundings. **Who:** Everyone! Children & Adults

When: Every Friday evening from 5pm to 7pm. Contact: 0413-2623071 / 9786772209

Vinyasa flow - Yoga Classes: with Bebe at Windarra, SunSpace every Monday and Friday 9-10.30am starting Monday Feb. 9th
Vinyasa flow class description: An open level class linking breath with movement designed to build heat and strength.

The finishing off with restorative postures is designed to release stagnant energy and calm the body and mind. The class may include simple pranayama and meditation. For additional information contact Bebe Merino 8940557379 or lifepure41@gmail.com

Bebe Merino has been practicing yoga and meditation for 15 years and taught for almost 9 years. She is a qualified Hatha yoga teacher in Sivananda Center in Kerala since 2005.

Women Self-Defence Course by Giacomo Colomba: Venue: Joy Community Guesthouse Hall (Center Field)

Date/time: Tuesday and Friday - 5.30 to 7 PM. Starting on Tuesday 10th of March

Giacomo has been practicing martial arts for the past 22 years and is in Auroville since recently as a long-term volunteer of Joy Community. From 1997 to 2002 he has been focusing on Wing Tsun, which is a self-defence martial arts invented by a nun and traditionally transmitted to women only. Since 2005 he has been practicing Grappling that is one of the most effective martial arts in real "street" situations, and Shou Dao that is very suitable to develop individual characteristics and to find the practitioner's own style without being restricted by orthodox decoded styles. Thanks to his long-term experience in all these techniques, Giacomo helps the practitioner to develop equilibrium, coordination, sensibility, fluidity, proprioception (perception of internal body parts), use of non-muscular energies, and awakening of spontaneous body "intelligence". The purpose of this course of 4-6 weeks is to get to act and react with "conscious" energy even before getting into physical contact with an internal feeling of secure action and equanimity. As such, this is especially suitable and directed to women who want to be ready to respond from sudden aggressive approaches without needing much strength, constant training and body fitness.

World dance is back every Friday from 5 to 7 pm.: dinner will be served at the cafe. Please come to dance with us.

We serve Vegetarian & Vegan Mediterranean food. Open from Monday to Saturday 8.30 to 17.00 pm. new - organic wheat and gluten free bread and pita bread.

With love. *Well cafe team*

Atelier D'écriture (Writing Workshop In French): Le Pavillon de France organise un cycle d'ateliers d'écriture et de méthodologie animé par Florence, qui propose de réunir une dizaine de

participants, pour écrire au fil de la plume, selon l'humeur et les rencontres.

Le prochain atelier d'écriture créative aura lieu de 16h30 à 18h Le mardi 9 décembre: «Écrire avec la peinture d'Edouard Hopper». L'atelier de méthodologie aura lieu de 9h30 à 12h30 Le samedi 13 décembre: «Écrire l'histoire de sa vie».

Plus de précisions sur le lieu en réservant soit par tel au 962 6648976 soit par E-mail à lesbaladantes@gmail.com (le nombre de places est limité).

FILMS



CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

There will be no film show on Friday 13.



THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, March 13th, Friday at 7pm

AN EVENING OF SHORT FILMS AND A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

Film 1: Among Giants

2011 - 14 min. Directed by Chris Cresci, Ben Mullinkosson & Sam Price- Waldman, English

Risking injury and incarceration, an environmental activist disrupts the clear-cutting of an ancient redwood grove by sitting on a tiny platform a hundred feet up in the tree canopy. Already three years into the tree-sit when filming begins, this is a vivid picture of life in the trees and the unwavering dedication of the activists.

Film 2: Premier Automne (First Fall)

2013- 11 min. Directed by Aude Danset & Carlos de Carvalho, no dialogue

2 Award wins and 5 more nominations

This beautiful animated film is an allegory of the balance required in life, nature and humanity. Abel lives in the winter and Apolline lives in the summer. Isolated in their 'natures', they never met each other. They are not even supposed to meet. So when Abel crosses the border and discovers Apolline, curiosity is overwhelming.

After the films there will be a special performance

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

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

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

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

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

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

12th Thursday March 8 pm

FOXCATCHER (2014)

Genre: Biography / Drama / Sport / Dur: 2hr 09mins /

Rated:Above18 / Language: English / Subtitle: English

Dir: [Bennett Miller](#) / Cast: [Steve Carell](#), [Channing Tatum](#), [Mark Ruffalo](#)

Storyline: Based on true events, Foxcatcher tells the dark and fascinating story of the unlikely and ultimately tragic relationship between an eccentric multi-millionaire and two champion wrestlers. When Olympic Gold Medal winning wrestler Mark Schultz (Channing Tatum) is invited by wealthy heir John du Pont (Steve Carell) to move on to the du Pont estate and help form a team to train for the 1988 Seoul Olympics at his new state-of-the-art training facility, Schultz jumps at the opportunity, hoping to focus on his training and finally step out of the shadow of his revered brother, Dave (Mark Ruffalo). Driven by hidden needs, du Pont sees backing Schultz's bid for Gold and the chance to "coach" a world-class wrestling team as an opportunity to gain the elusive respect of his peers and, more importantly, his disapproving mother (Vanessa Redgrave). Flattered by the attention and entranced by du Pont's majestic world, Mark comes to see his benefactor as a father figure and grows increasingly

13 Friday March 8 pm

EXODUS: GODS & KINGS (2014)

Genre: Action / Adventure / Drama / Dur: 2hr 30min /

Rated:PG13 / Language: English/ Subtitle: English /

Dir: [Ridley Scott](#) / Cast: [Christian Bale](#), [Joel Edgerton](#), [Ben Kingsley](#)

Storyline: An epic adventure "Exodus: Gods and Kings" is the story of one man's daring courage to take on the might of an empire. Using state of the art visual effects and 3D immersion, Scott brings new life to the story of the defiant leader Moses as he rises up against the Egyptian Pharaoh Ramses, setting 600,000 slaves on a monumental journey of escape from Egypt and its terrifying cycle of deadly plagues.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 9th of March 2015, at 6:30 pm

"ABOUT SAVITRI or THE YOGA OF THE EARTH"

The Mother is reading passages from "*Savitri - The Book of Beginnings*, Canto 1: *The Symbol Dawn*" and is commenting the texts for a deeper understanding. She is speaking about the first Creation with the Four Divine Powers of 'Consciousness and Light', 'Bliss', 'Truth' and 'Life' and that they cut the connection with the Origin and became independent and entered into the Darkness and became Suffering, Falsehood and Death. As a result of the separation the creation became obscure and unconscious and the second creation with the gods came forward.

The paintings of the film are done by Huta, and the film was realized by Vladimir and Shradhdhavan at Savitri Bhavan. Duration: 35min.



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film programme 9 March 2015 to 15 March 2015

Indian - Monday 9 March, 8:00 pm:

• **OMKARA**

India, 2006, Dir. Vishal Bhardwaj w/ Ajay Devgn, Kareena Kapoor, Saif Ali Khan, and others, Crime-Drama, 155mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: R (A)
Based on Othello, this is the second of the Shakespearian trilogy by the director. The story is set in modern India, where Omkara is a gang leader who commits political crimes for the local politician Bhaisaab. Ishwar or Langda Tyagi and Keshav are his lieutenants. Omi abducts his lady love, Dolly, daughter of an advocate, before she could be married off to somebody else. However, when he denies Tyagi a promotion, a conspiracy is set in motion; a suggested affair between Keshav and Dolly threatens all relations. *The trilogy is highly acclaimed. Do not miss! We have screened the other two films of the series 'Maqbool' and 'Haider'.*

West Asian - Tuesday 10 March, 8:00 pm:

• **AJAMI**

Israel, 2009, Writer-Dir. Yaron shani, Scandar Copti, and others, Drama-Crime, 120mins, Hebrew-Arabic w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG
The story takes place in Ajami, a multi-cultural neighborhood in Jaffa-Tel Aviv. It revolves around a young Israeli fighting a criminal vendetta against his family, a Palestinian refugee working illegally to finance a life-saving surgery, a Jewish police obsessed with finding his missing brother, and an affluent Palestinian dreaming of a future with his Israeli girlfriend. As the narrative shifts back and forth in time their stories intersect to a dramatic collision of different worlds with tragic consequences. *The film will be introduced for 2-3mins prior to the screening.*

Documentary - Wednesday 11 March, 8:00 pm:

• **LIFE ITSELF**

USA, 2014, Dir. Steve James w/ Roger Ebert, Chaz Ebert, and others, Documentary-Biography, 120mins, English, Rated: R
The film recounts the surprising and entertaining life of world-renowned film critic and social commentator Roger Ebert. It is personal, wistful, funny, painful, and transcendent. The film explores the impact and legacy of Ebert's life, from his Pulitzer Prize-winning film criticism, his nearly quarter-century run with Gene Siskel on their review show, to becoming one of the country's most influential cultural voices, and finally to Roger's inspiring battles with cancer. *Certainly calls for a "Two-Thumbs Up" (a phrase trademarked/patented by Siskel & Ebert family)!*

Korean - Thursday 12 March, 8:00 pm:

• **SI (Poetry)**

Korea, 2010, Dir. Lee Chang-dong w/ Yoon Jeong-hee, An Nae-sang, Kim Hee-ra, and others, Drama, 139 mins, Korean w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
This film is supported by Korean Cultural Center, India
Yang Mi-ja, a woman in her 60s works as a caregiver and has raised her grandson alone. She has to endure the onset of Alzheimer's disease and learns that her grandson was one of the attackers of a girl who committed suicide. Through all of this, to fulfill her lifelong dream of becoming a poet, she starts to take a poetry class.

International - Saturday 14 March, 8:00 pm:

• **MY OLD LADY**

UK-France-USA, 2014, Writer-Dir. Israel Horovitz w/ Kevin Kline, Kristin Scott-Thomas, Maggie Smith, and others, Comedy-Drama, 107mins, Rated: PG-13

This is a witty and heartfelt story about surprising inheritances and unexpected connections. When Mathias Gold arrives at the sumptuous Parisian apartment he inherited from his father, he's surprised that the property comes with two stubborn live-in tenants, Mathilde and her daughter Chloé, who are not required to leave according to an ancient French real estate law. Unable to sell the place, Mathias moves in with the feisty duo. But as Mathias and Chloé draw closer, Mathilde unveils a complex labyrinth of secrets that unites the trio in unexpected ways.

Children's Film - Sunday 15 March, 4:30 pm:

CATS & DOGS

USA-Australia, 2001, Dir. Lawrence Guterman w/ John Requa, Alec Baldwin, Tobey Maguire, 87mins, Comedy, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

A look at the top-secret, high-tech espionage war going on between cats and dogs, which their human owners are blissfully unaware of.

Masterpieces of Japanese Cinema @ CINECLUB

A group of loosely connected daredevil filmmakers, commonly known as the Japanese New Wave, brought about the creative revitalization of Japanese cinema in the 1960s—even if the term itself was borrowed from the concurrent movement happening in France. Tired of the traditional forms, the directors like Shohei Imamura, Nagisa Oshima, Seijun Suzuki, and Hiroshi Teshigahara, created challenging works—both thematically, dealing with such hitherto taboo themes, and, in some cases, formally, employing unorthodox editing strategies, shock effects, and confrontational imagery.

Ciné-Club - Sunday 15 March, 8:00 pm:

• **SUNA NO ONNA (Woman in the Dunes)**

Japan, 1964, Dir. Hiroshi Teshigahara w/ Eiji Okada and others, Thriller, 126mins, Japanese w/ English subtitles. Rated: PG.
An entomologist searching for insects by the seaside is trapped by local villagers into living with a widow whose life task is digging up sand for them, and eventually develops strong feelings for her. One of the sixties' great international art-house sensations. The movie was for many the grand unveiling of the surreal, idiosyncratic worldview of Hiroshi Teshigahara.

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

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

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

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in.

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group

Account# 105106, mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

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

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SOLITUDE FARM CAFÉ PRESENTS
LIVE MUSIC AND LOCAL FOOD

Project: Albatross
Guitar duo

Matthias Muller and Nishad Pandey are bringing improvised jazz to Solitude Farm! Their music is characterised by spontaneous interaction and collective improvisation, inspired by their mutual love for Indian classical music. Join us for a workshop in improvisation followed by an evening of American and Latin jazz balads and Baroque inspired extempore.

Improvisation Workshop

Tuesday, 10th March, 5pm - 8pm

- Approaches to Improvisation • Chords and Harmony • Soloing Together
 - Textural Playing • Accompaniment • Composition
- All Musicians Welcome!

Live Music Performance

Wednesday, 11th March, 7pm

(Together with a fusion dinner from Solitude Organic Farm Café)

NO RESERVATION NEEDED

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