

News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Do you have headaches?
No, but as soon as I want to work, it gets veiled, as if something were cutting me off: I can't catch the inspiration, it's blocked. Then if I insist, I get headaches and aching eyes.
You've caught my disease!
It's obviously something we must conquer, otherwise it wouldn't be there.
(silence)

There is a state of being (a state of being or way of being) in which these... (what should we call them? It's higher magic), these practices of higher magic have no effect. There is a state of consciousness in which they cannot act, it's beyond their field of action.

For it to be active, that state of consciousness must be sufficiently material, that is to say, in the most material part of the psychic. It's a field of consciousness that belongs to the psychic world. But it must be in the psychic TURNED TOWARDS MATTER. And not just a thought: it must be a spontaneous way of being.

It can be expressed in different ways.... It's a terrestrial manifestation of divine Love in its form of... it has something to do with benevolence - it's not "benevolence," but a way of existing, feeling, seeing, acting, which is a sort of... (words are stupid), a "psychic benevolence," which is an expression of divine Oneness (*Mother shakes her head at the inadequacy of words*). The mental transcription takes all the truth out of it.

It's something I feel but cannot describe; something exceedingly powerful in the sense that even materially, quite materially (physically, materially), if someone comes to kill you, he can't. He comes and approaches you, but then he can't do it. There have been examples.

But I FEEL it. The origin of it is psychic, but it can concretize and create a certain kind of vibration. Well, if in one's consciousness one lives in that, there's absolutely no magic that can act. I feel it, because from time to time it comes, and at such times everything is clear. And it acts especially here (*gesture around the head*).

"Benevolence" (*laughing*) is the ridiculous human distortion of "that." It's a very, very peculiar vibration. What we might call "one of the ways of being of divine Love." And it can become a very material vibration.

It must be to teach us to cultivate that!

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 28 September 1968

MOTHER

(Mother remains very tired. She nevertheless listens to a long paper on Auroville, which she rejects, and prepares with Satprem a note summing up the ideal of this future city)

"For millennia, we have been developing outer means, outer instruments, outer techniques of living - and finally those means and techniques are crushing us. The sign of the new humanity is a reversal in the standpoint, and the understanding that inner knowledge and inner technique can change the world and master it without crushing it.

"Auroville is the place where this new way of living is being worked out, it is a center of accelerated evolution where man must begin to change his world through the power of the inner spirit."

Then Mother goes into a long contemplation

It seems to be accelerated transformation, it's a little crushing. We'll see.

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 3 August 1968

MOTHER

*The
Ponder
Corner*

So long as there is complete sincerity,
the Divine Grace will be there
and assist at every moment on the way.

*Sri Aurobindo
ref. Letters of Sri Aurobindo on The Mother, p.225*

TDC: A brief history of the Establishment of Village Planning Committees with the Neighbouring Village Panchayats

At the time of the completion of the Auroville Master Plan in 2000, Auroville acknowledged the importance of the development of the villages within the Auroville Township ¹. For the first time, leaders of all of the local Panchayats were invited to Bharat Nivas, to attend a presentation and discussion of the Master Plan. At the presentation, Auroville's leading groups shared information regarding Auroville's aims and the proposed development of the city.

Contact with the Rural Secretariat in Chennai was initiated and promising energies were set in motion. The Auroville Village Action Group and others made substantial efforts to address development issues in the villages ². They were very active in addressing village development concerns, particularly in the fields of health, education and socio-economic development ³.

However, the physical planning of these villages (roads, drinking water distribution, infrastructure, etc.) has rarely been considered or addressed. For a number of reasons, this initiative was short-lived, and successive Auroville planning and development bodies followed Auroville-centric policies with respect to planning until quite recently.

Much has happened since the release of the Auroville Master Plan that has changed the perspective we had when it was prepared. These include large increases in the price and a commensurate reduction in the availability of land, an ever growing regional population, and significantly diminishing water resources, among other difficulties.

It appears that, at least in some areas of the City and the Green Belt, it will become increasingly difficult to manifest the original vision of the 2001 Master Plan. In addition, relations with the villages in general have, if not exactly soured, developed a lack of trust that is manifest and needs to be addressed.

When the Auroville Town Development Council (TDC) was formed, it took the initiative to address the issue of the lack of orderly, organized planning that also took our neighbors' needs and desires into consideration. This realization came during the making of the Auroville Green Belt Development Plan which was completed in August 2012. At that point, it was realized that it was no longer feasible to plan and develop the city in isolation from the rest of the region. Human Unity commences at home!

¹ Auroville Universal Township Master Plan, page 75, article 2.9.5.

² AVAG document "Proposal to Launch a Program with the Villagers living within the Auroville Master Plan Area", 06/02/2002

³ TDC publication 2015, "Auroville Outreach Development Database"

In May 2013, we explored possibilities for reaching out to the villages and we concluded that one way to achieve some coordination between village and Auroville specific developments was to create development Committees under the Panchayat Act.

These village Committees were designed to identify planning issues within each of the villages along with the needs of specific populations within these villages, and to help TDC understand their situation so that it could assist them to find resources to plan and undertake programs to address the issues identified.

These Committees discuss issues of concern to the village, issues of common interest to both the village and Auroville, and divisive issues that are the source of recurrent conflicts between the two. The first such Committee is in place and has been active since March 2014. The second started its operation in March 2015 and will encompass 3 more villages.

During our initial approach to each of the villages, we explained to their Committees that one reason for Auroville's decision to seek the collaboration of the villages was the concern that our shared drinking water sources were seriously threatened by salinization. We explained that our studies showed that within a very short time, both communities will have to face a dire situation and that in order to survive we must act in a united way to prevent the evolution of a catastrophic scenario.

During our interactions with Committee members, we were amazed at the candidness of some of the questions asked. For the most part we felt welcomed and never had the impression that our interlocutors were harboring doubts regarding the genuineness of our intentions. We discovered that we were dealing with people who had a good understanding of the problems we sought to address jointly and that they accepted our partnership as equals.

A few examples of what we have found during our interactions:

- **Water:** During one meeting a member from Pillaichavadi mentioned that several wells have turned saline and asked us to look at ways to "filter" the water, to make it drinkable again. This information would have not been available to us but for our cooperation, as we only monitor Auroville wells. We have discussed this with our water experts and have now requested that they monitor some of the wells in these villages as well.

The Irumbai Panchayat is also well aware of the water situation as the members have been exposed to this issue through awareness programs and realize its seriousness. They explained that most poramboke land should be planted with forest and trees planted along all roads under the care of these villages.

- **Solid waste:** At a meeting at the Villupuram Collectorate, one official mentioned the contrast between the cleanliness of Auroville city and the situation existing in the neighbouring villages. Although he framed the issue as one of image, we would suggest that there are many reasons that the entire area should be brought up to the same standard. So rather than take offense, we are prepared to accept the challenge implied and to share our understanding and resources toward addressing the situation.

We have found that there is considerable goodwill and knowledge on the part on the Solid Waste Management groups with whom TDC is now working closely. Unfortunately, the means at our disposal are disproportionately small when compared to the magnitude of the task at hand. It is clear that only a regional solution will work. Such plans are now under serious discussion.

- **Auroville's attitude:** At one meeting, we were told that it was nice that Auroville was finally acknowledging the villages as partners in planning. But we were also asked: "why are you coming now only? Shouldn't we have tried this effort earlier?" We could only apologize for the past neglect, and hope they would accept that it was better now than never.

They then confronted us with a long history of missed opportunities. They felt that they had generally experienced an inability on the part of Auroville's representatives to keep their word, which they attributed to the fact that they rarely dealt with the same people, and were unable to understand what policies, if any, Auroville was following. In most cases the perception is that Auroville is more reactive than pro-active and tries to solve problems using ad hoc solutions lacking any long term perspective.

We were also told that in some cases the actions of locally born members of Auroville had created additional problems rather than helping overcome difficulties. This has resulted in a further lack of trust and we were told that the TDC initiative would fail if sought to use them as intermediaries in our dealings with the village Committees.

There are also many promises that have been made by well-meaning Aurovilians who have taken individual initiatives without endorsement or coordination with the rest of the Auroville governance structure which lacks any policies on how to address issues of village development. These are policies that would have been followed by bodies such as TDC & WC, ensuring that some amount of follow up would have ensued.

Village dynamics: A deep transformation of village life, structure, population is occurring and becoming increasingly apparent to those who have been here for some time. Many of our interlocutors are better educated than they were in the past, often English speaking, with a good understanding of the stakes. There is still goodwill mainly due to the inherent tolerance and peacefulness of the Tamil culture. It is time we made use of this attitude to our mutual benefit, but we will have to deliver more than promises.

Traditional societies are slowly disappearing and it is unclear what will replace them. However, it is clear that commercial and financial considerations are becoming more and more prominent. We were taken aback when one ward member mentioned the need for an old age home for elders without family support. This typical feature of the traditional Tamil family, caring for one's aging parents, is disappearing, as better educated youths leave the village in search of greener pastures in the big cities. We had no idea the problem was already acute in our region although we knew from reading the press that this was a growing challenge to traditional values. We also felt that this constituted a good opportunity to address an issue very much relevant to our joint planning efforts.

During the Retreat session on the Bioregion, we made several proposals that we feel will give a fillip to the present efforts. Please note that each of these points noted above only skims the surface of the issues involved:

We propose a new plan of action: TDC will map all the existing infrastructure in these villages including roads, streets, houses, electrical supply, wells, etc. In our discussions with the village Committees, we will be able to assist them to identify the needs of the villages in term of schools, community spaces, sports infrastructure, etc., and identify areas where both communities can share common development goals and projects. In brief the Plan of Action will extend beyond the planned outer ring road to reach all the affected villages via a common network of roads planned jointly and a common approach to obtaining a more secure supply of energy, both from TNEB and renewable. It also will propose a common solid waste management structure and, in some cases, the sharing of waste water treatment facilities. The scope is enormous. By addressing the needs of the villages under one common umbrella, Auroville will be able to spearhead a regional initiative to obtaining government support for them that will also benefit our own internal development.

The conditions for success of this plan include:

1. It is proposed to coordinate the energies of WC, Land Board, FAMC and TDC around a unified village development program so that the surrounding villages will be able perceive that Auroville has a coordinated plan in which they can share and that will remain in place regardless of whoever is in charge within these administrative centers. The Auroville Foundation can play an important part in the proposed scheme by facilitating interaction with local, state and national administrations.

2. To look at the land situation with some imagination and be ready for concessions and honest dealing with the villages. One way would be for Auroville to purchase land exclusively for village development purposes and trading it for lands needed for our development.

3. There is a need to create a Board regrouping all Outreach Groups, such as AVAG, Pitchandikulam, Palmyra and all the others in order to exchange information, avoid duplication of efforts, coordinate around the Plan with the administrative and planning groups of Auroville. The proposed Board would in no

way interfere with the work, good will and energy of these groups but it would greatly help to change the perception that Auroville is a hydra speaking different languages all the time depending on whom is being addressed.

4. It will greatly help if all members of our community are fluent in Tamil. This was a recommendation made by Mother. It is never too late to adapt our education system to this necessity.

5. A commitment to stay the course. Once we have engaged the local villages, it will be impossible to retreat without damaging our standing in the region, perhaps fatally.

Conclusion:

It is our conviction that by believing the present status quo in our dealing with the villages can be perpetuated forever, we simply will continue to delude ourselves. On the contrary, by pursuing a sincere and sustained effort to include the missing features that address the needs and benefit the villages, we will do ourselves the best service, as collaboration will create a synergy and attempts at reaching together common goals will ensure the survival of this region and its inhabitants.

This document has been prepared by Auroville Town Development Council (Regional Development Cell) with inputs of David Stein and Achva Bentziger Stein - March 11, 2015

Note: All documents mentioned in the footnotes as well as the "Auroville Green Belt Development Plan, 2012" by TDC, are available on request. Interested parties can also consult the minutes of the meetings held with the Panchayats' Committees since over a year and any relevant documents whatsoever.

Submitted by Auroville Town Development Council (TDC)

[Link to the report on Village planning: <http://www.auroville.org.in/article/47570>]

Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)

February 2015 Report

Regular members: Anandi (Auroville Board of Services), Chali (Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Educational Research), David (Forest group), Iyanar (Farm group), Mandakini (Working Committee), Michael (Auroville Unity Fund), Rathinam (Budget Coordination Committee), Rita (Auroville Council), Sauro (L'avenir d'Auroville), Sonja (Housing Service), Ulli (Auroville Board of Commerce), and Mr. Srinivasmurthy (Finance & Administrative Officer, Auroville Foundation)

New membership: Chali has replaced Ashoke as the Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Educational Research (SAIIR) representative on 6 February.

TRUST & UNIT TOPICS

Concerning liquidation of the remaining stock from the Memories from the Future of Light shop, a detailed inventory resulted in stock at an estimated value of about Rs. 32 lakhs. It is acknowledged that this figure is an estimate only, and the resale potential and actual value is unknown. Based on less detailed information, Daniel (Tanto) had previously proposed and it was agreed, that he would sell the stock. With this new information the FAMC wrote to Daniel stating that they would appreciate it if the stock sales realize over Rs. 5 lakhs in profit, then more than the customary 33% would be contributed to the City Services budget. Daniel began to have second thoughts about taking on the task of selling the stock, while at the same time the FAMC received a counter-proposal from Satyakam to conduct an auction of the stock. The FAMC asked Satyakam to provide details of this proposal. The FAMC are still reviewing the merits of this proposal.

The FAMC met with the trustees concerning Imagination, which is under review.

The FAMC gave time and energy this month to keep informed about the Centre Guest House arbitration decision

implementation, and was involved in the selection of the new executives. The details around Saravanan's move are still pending.

Also this month the Budget Coordination Committee (BCC) proposed a support group for the new executives at Center Guest House. They made some proposals concerning the monthly contribution, that a sub-group of the BCC work with the executives, and provide financial oversight. FAMC responded that it believes a support group for the new executive team would be welcomed and helpful. It was suggested that this support group (BCC/GFCG/ABS reps) could have oversight on financial decisions concerning surplus funds of the guest house, seen as funds for the collective. Contributions could be discussed with the new executives and mutually agreed-upon. The FAMC emphasized that this work be initiated in a spirit of collaboration. One point of the proposal was not supported by the FAMC as it was viewed as micro-managing and is not necessary. The FAMC shares all of this with the BCC.

The Auroville Board of Services (ABS) submitted a draft guidelines document for the service Trusts and units, similar to the new ABC guidelines for commercial Trusts and units. Some changes needed to be made, which were noted and will be incorporated. A revised draft will be submitted to the FAMC.

First the ABC endorsed, and then the FAMC approved, a formal recommendation to process the long-overdue formal closure of Atmarati Stores, Auroville & Atmarati Stores, Pondicherry. The request was sent to the Working Committee.

FINANCE TOPICS

Concerning a Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act Mr. Srinivasmurthy gave a brief report on this notification distributed by the Auroville Foundation office. It was stated that Auroville does not need to ask for this exemption. There is not very much work involved with the current filing requirement.

The Auroville Foundation distributed an audit notice concerning outstanding audit paras that needed to be reviewed. Mr. Srinivasmurthy informed the members that the Audit and Accounting Coordination Group (AACG) is assisting to bring clarity to the paras and it was suggested a couple of knowledgeable Aurovilians provide additional support as well. Srinivasmurthy confirmed that he would move this work forward.

Lyle, one of the AACG members, requested more clarity on their work. FAMC decided to invite Lyle to make a proposal that brings clarity to the work of AACG and to develop criteria for the functions. He was also encouraged to seek the input of people such as Ananda, Hendrik, and Angela (Working Committee), and Palani (Omega). It is acknowledged that the Accounting and the Audit areas are different and need to be considered separately.

In response to a request from Buildaur/Dustudio for a loan of Rs. 15 lakhs, the FAMC conducted a 'risk assessment' using details provided by Buildaur concerning their planned projects and future income. It was noted that there remains a balance due of Rs. 5 lakhs on the Rs. 25 lakhs loan taken in May 2014 which FAMC are assured will be paid as soon as possible. After an analysis of the information was conducted by a subgroup of the FAMC, who recommended the loan to the entire team, the loan was approved, based on the commercial rate of return on accrual loss on the amount used. Buildaur was reminded to please repay the May 2014 loan as soon as possible; and to be precise with a date when the remaining apartments will be ready for occupancy.

The Auroville Institute of Integral Health (AIIH) requested FAMC and WC approval to approach the Finance Committee, through the Auroville Foundation office, for funds for critical medical equipment estimated at about Rs. 9 lakhs. FAMC approved this on the condition that as long as the funds being asked for

would be an additional grant, and not from the funds already sanctioned and allocated.

HOUSING TOPICS

The Serenity housing project holders gave an 'update presentation'. They are experimenting with a new model, a cooperative, with participants and co-creators. The architect is getting a maintenance plus overhead expenses, not a percentage (however a ceiling of 3% is set). They immediately needed an overdraft, or credit line, of Rs. 25 lakhs to be available as and when needed, for a period of 20 months. This was approved with accrual loss to be paid only on the amount used.

The Housing Service requested clarity concerning the allocation of apartments at Maitreye 2. Previously it was agreed to be 'temporary' allocations only. It is presently being proposed that 7 of the 27 apartments be made available for relocation of Promesse residents in anticipation of it being changed into a development project with an outside partner. These allocations could be done on a temporary basis. Before making a decision, it was agreed to hear from the Land Resources Development Task Force which was scheduled to meet with the FAMC on 3 March. In the interim the FAMC informed the Housing Service that 20 apartments can be allocated on a 'temporary' basis to either Aurovilians, or Newcomers.

LAND TOPICS

A member reminded those present that Auroville still awaits permission from the Ministry to sell certain Auroville lands. FAMC wrote to the Working Committee to please bring this up as a priority topic during the Governing Board meeting in the middle of March.

L'avenir d'Auroville requested FAMC input on a potential land lease to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) for a substation. The FAMC supported L'avenir going into negotiations with TNEB. FAMC requested that when an agreement is finalized it would be submitted to the FAMC for approval.

The Town Development Council (TDC) informed the FAMC that Auroville Village Action has proposed a renewable land lease agreement with the Udhayam Women's Federation Trust, which is a project of SEDAB, for approximately 400 square metres located in their compound near Koot Road. Also, they are preparing a building application with L'avenir for construction on the site. The FAMC advised Village Action to draft a lease agreement which includes what happens to the building when the Trust leaves or if the project ends. Also, there need to be clear steps for either party to get out of the lease. FAMC are ready to review a first draft before legal advice is sought.

The FAMC met with the members of the Land Board. The Land Board proposed that a portion of the funds set aside for city area land purchase be used for greenbelt land purchase. The members did not approve this request however the FAMC is ready to review each of the greenbelt land purchase opportunities on a case by case basis which have a strategic position, ie land consolidation. There was a long discussion about the importance of accelerating the city area land purchases and many ideas came up which will be shared with the Land Board when they meet with the FAMC again. Concerning fencing requests the Land Board shared that they see their responsibility for protection and urgent matters only; not for 'regular' community or individual fencing requests. FAMC give full support to the Land Board's position concerning fencing.

OTHER TOPICS

The Working Committee proposed to reconstitute the Fund Raising Team. The FAMC shared some suggestions and proposed one person. The FAMC noted that the Fund Raising Policy is in dire need of an update. One member volunteered to submit a draft proposal. The FAMC shared with the Working Committee that they would appreciate to receive a report from the former members on their activities, challenges, etc...

The FAMC received a short report from Guy and Rathinam with the recommendation that the Repos Beach project be discontinued and the beach area be closed. The FAMC acknowledged in writing to the Repos Team that the project is discontinued and thanked them for their efforts. On a related topic the FAMC approved an access road into Waves. Guy was requested to oversee the construction work being done by Vasu who lives in Repos. The funds used are from cyclone-related accounts as this work does, and will continue to, protect Auroville land from encroachment.

The BCC asked for an update to the 19 December meeting concerning the Varuna-Auroville contribution and some of the BCC's individual members' proposals. Following are some key points that arose in a lively discussion among the FAMC members: while the service units' budgets were reduced by City Services (CS) due to the electricity 'gift', commercial units and guest houses, as well as individuals, are not obviously giving back to the common pot as a result. // Ideally the commercial units profit is increased since the electricity is paid for and some of that comes back to CS however, if expenses increase elsewhere it won't. // It was offered that something could be created with the Varuna gift (cited Nandini starting by a donation). In connection to that it was explained that this is a donation for a specific purpose (move toward in-kind economy). // It was suggested to view this gift as one to the community as a whole and not to individuals, separate units, guest houses. A question of how the gift comes back through the CS budget, for the benefit of the whole of Auroville, remained unanswered.

The FAMC received a report and request from those handling the donations for Ajit's medical expenses through the Health Fund. "It has been worked out that 24.85% of each donation (aurovillian as well as non-auroville related people) is to be used for expenses and the remaining 75.15% to be returned." Letters have been prepared to send to donors and depending on one residing abroad, or residing in India, s/he can divert the remaining amount to the Health Fund, to an Auroville project, or in the case of a resident of India, get the money back. The FAMC gave its full support for this next step, and requested a closure report after individuals responded.

L'avenir d'Auroville explained to the FAMC that the current policy is that a project below one (1) crore is exempted from having to prepare a bill of quantities (BoQ). L'avenir started to consider lowering the BoQ exemption limit to Rs. 20 lakhs for public buildings and Rs. 50 lakhs for housing projects. They sought input from the FAMC (& SAIER). After an informative and lengthy sharing, the FAMC gave its support to the limit being lowered to Rs. 50 lakhs for both housing projects and public buildings. L'avenir was requested to communicate this change clearly to residents.

FOLLOWING UP FROM PREVIOUS REPORTS

As mentioned last month...The Auroville Nature Camp had requested a loan of Rs. 15 lakhs, to finish a storeroom. The team responded to initial questions of the FAMC. During the subsequent discussion the members expressed support for the proposal but wanted more information, so a subgroup met with them. During the subgroup sharing it was acknowledged that only Rs. 8 lakhs was required, and the Nature Camp Team provided clear answers to the FAMC questions. [The loan was approved in early March].

In response to the meeting in January with the Temporary Feedback Review Committee (TFRC) the FAMC acknowledge that the Farm group is addressing the question of Ramalingam and Gowri & Raman; the ABC and FAMC are currently reviewing the situation at Imagination which involves Karthik; and there is a fresh look into what is happening at Arka, where Krishanmeyer is a manager. It was agreed that with Selvaraj the FAMC will not follow up. He is aware of the problem and it is up to him to do, or not do, anything to change it.

The Auroville Council did not meet with the FAMC to discuss the Leaving Auroville Allowance as was indicated in the

January FAMC report. It turned out that Cecilia attended. She has been involved in several requests. Also Chali was present on behalf of SAIER and was part of the FAMC subgroup who worked on the original paper. During the sharing it was agreed that the Leaving Auroville Allowance paper would be updated to improve the lines of communication and streamline processes. It was noted that this process only addresses "allowance". When one leaves Auroville there are more aspects to consider which need to be reflected upon; and an expanded process is needed. FAMC informed the AVC that revisions are being done and requested the AVC to enlarge the topic and move it forward.

The Farm group stated that it did not support the Windarra arbitration. The FAMC reiterated its support of the decision and invited the Farm group to meet if they wished. Towards the end of the month Jeff, Ramalingam and Vivek attended on behalf of the Farm group. They stated that the Farm group will not implement the arbitration decision. They do not agree with the arbitration process, and claim the earlier negotiation could have worked but because the deadline wasn't met it went to arbitration unnecessarily quickly. The Farm group wants to manage the farm, and they will restore harmony between Terra Soul and Back 2 Basics groups. It was pointed out that the Farm group had some years to resolve the conflict but was unsuccessful, and their authority ceased when they couldn't resolve the problem. The matter came to the AVC only after this point. Then the AVC initiated a mediation (not successful), and also a negotiation (not successful) before proceeding to arbitration. Jeff, Vivek and Ramalingam were asked what authority they were asserting to not honour the arbitration. They did not answer this question. Their argument was on the process. After 45 minutes it was clear the implementation was not going to be discussed, so Jeff, Ramalingam and Vivek were thanked and invited to leave. In the continuing conversation the members agreed to inform the AVC of the Farm group position, and ask them to proceed with the implementation and monitoring part of the arbitration decision as soon as practically possible. FAMC will formally announce its endorsement of the arbitration and state that the Farm group has no locus standi in the matter.

Following up from December 2014 concerning Martuvam Healing Forest Auroville Village Action Trust (AVAT) sent their reply regarding the suggestion that Krishanmeyer become an executive of the unit; and is ready to support Martuvam closing under AVAT and becoming a sub-unit under Auro Small Scale Activities (ASSA). The FAMC support AVAT's request to have the unit, Martuvam Healing Forest, taken out of the Trust. This should be done by 31/3/15. Martuvam was notified that they need to be under a new Trust by 01/04/15 or the unit will be closed. It was reported that Martuvam might move under AV Food Activities (Artisana Trust) instead of ASSA (Team Trust). Krishanmeyer has verbally agreed to be a responsible manager/executive at Martuvam. At the end of this reporting period this needed to be submitted to the FAMC in writing.

The ABC Support Group made some recommendations to the FAMC concerning Auromode Guest House. The FAMC support a new guest house unit to be created under the Auromode Trust. Surplus income will be used for development of Newcomer apartments and office spaces. The guest house will adhere to the guest house guidelines, contributions, etc.. Andre & Louis will be asked to recommend 2 executives. FAMC expressed its appreciation for the Newcomer apartments to be created; and encouraged the Trustees to create user-friendly office spaces. In a follow-up conversation the ABS expressed a preference that all guest houses be under the Guest House Trust so that all information concerning the guest houses is consolidated. The ABC's reasoning for the recommendation was reiterated during the discussion. Further it was stated that the Guest House Trust was needed for past tax reasons which are no longer valid. It was acknowledged that it is 'convenient' to have the guest house under the same Trust. The ABS agreed to 'stand aside' to the majority decision. Three additional points were shared with the Trustees, Andre & Louis: a. there will be a

review after this development phase is over; b. one of the 2 guest house executives needs to be a manager of the day to day guest house activities and; c. the Newcomer apartments will be stewarded by the Housing Service, like all Newcomer units.

Forest Group Meeting

9-Palms - 6th of March, 2015

34 Participants: Kumar, Glenn, Madda, Mira, Shanti, Dominik, Lawrence, Eric, Jessamijn, Shivaji, Jan, Biggie, Fabian, Agnes(chairperson), Dave (notes), Diego, Christoph, Julia, Nasim, Roberto, Riccardo, Aviram, Cristo, Thanajayan, Hans, Iyanar, Yuval, Raja N., Boobalan, Satyaaji, Ananda, Kaniappan, Joss, Edzard, Geo.

Urban agroforestry

Riccardo and Roberto presented themselves and their 'Urban Agroforestry' project to the group. They plan to introduce a number of urban gardens, as well as wide scale fruit tree planting in the 'city centre' area and sought the questions and advice of the group. The FG offered a number of immediate suggestions and welcomed their initiative. The following are their contact details in case of additional input from interested individuals. These inputs would be very welcome:
thejaof@gmail.com lupoli.r@gmail.com
<http://avurbanfarming.blogspot.in/>

Marti's house

Nasim, currently working in the botanical gardens, introduced herself. At present she is living in Mango field at Renu and Wazo's place and would like to have permission to move into Marti's old house in Success. The group updated her on some of the controversies which have surrounded this house over the years and suggested that as a first step the need to obtain a no-objection from the neighbours. In the meantime, from a practical stand point, the forest group supports her request.

Land protection in Baraka

Achilles reiterated the fact that Raja would like to settle on a disputed land plot in Baraka. The forest group whole heartedly supported his request.

Madda and Infinity

Madda briefly explained the current situation in Infinity where a great deal of progress has been made through the help of volunteers and their own efforts to make the place a success. From the outset, Gopal and Madda have been carrying out the work on site themselves and without the help of hired workers. For that reason an additional half maintenance is requested for Madda, in lieu of a budgetary increase. The forest group was in agreement with the request.

Mani and Samridhhi

In connection with maintenances and as a follow up to discussions held during the last FG meeting, it was agreed that Mani who works with Diego should receive an 'Apprentice's maintenance', which is equivalent to a half maintenance. The requests will be forwarded to HRT in Town Hall.

Maintenances and salaries

A discussion was held around the subject of maintenances in general. It is no longer uncommon for the total income received by a permanent worker to be higher than an AV maintenance. While this state of affairs in general is problematic, in the longer term it will encourage a general shift towards more work done by Aurovilians themselves, with the help of volunteers. This shift in focus was felt to be more in line with the spirit of Auroville. On the other hand, our existing obligations to our workers, many of whom have given most of their working lives to Auroville, should not be neglected.

Govinda and the land board workers

In the same spirit, a letter from Govinda was read out by Diego. Govinda observed how in Gaia forest near Deepanam, the workmanship of the land board was rather 'rough and ready' in comparison with the work carried out by Glenn and

his closely supervised workers nearby. The point was acknowledged by Kanniappan who also agreed that it was better for more work to be carried out by Aurovilians while promising to follow up the matter with the land board workers.

Building permissions

Cristo explained that the form for applying for building permissions in the Green Belt were now available from the TDC. In addition, the TDC was willing and able to provide technical support in terms of eco-friendly building technical advice as needed. This could save time with applications being made in the future.

The mulu project

Glenn described the goal and planned activities of a project recently approved by the PCG for the control of mulus in and around forest communities. Since the cyclone there has been a sudden increase in light to reaching the forest floor, in many places resulting in a big increase in the growth of *Ziziphus oenoplia*. A discussion followed about the different methods to control thorny species.

Threatened encroachment in Discipline

Edzard alerted the group to a recent threat from some landowners in Kottakkarai to clear a patch of peromboke land by JCB. The plot is located in the midst of Discipline. Kanniappan explained that the land-board was aware of the problem and monitoring the situation closely. Forest group members confirmed that they were ready to help if required.

The next Forest Group meeting will be at 3 pm in Pony Farm on Friday the 3rd of April.

Monthly Report of the Green Group for March 2015

1. Building requests: The Green group approved one building extension request for Kalou to build a bedroom for her children in Miracle. A building request from Buddha garden for a new community kitchen is still under discussion. A guide to making a building request in the green belt is being created.
2. Land allocation: The preliminary land allocation in the Irumbai area has been agreed by the Farm group, but not yet by the Forest group. There are questions about three of the projects that need clarification, but once this has been achieved the proposal will go to the TDC for ratification. The issue was raised as to whether the land allocation process was adequate now that there seem to be a much wider range of things that people want to do in the green belt. Once the land use plan for the green belt has been completed, however, it was thought that it will be easier to make more informed decisions about the best use of available land.
3. Land protection discussion paper: The paper is still under discussion in the Green group but once it has been agreed it was decided that a wider discussion in the community is needed. The RA service will be requested to help with this.
4. Abuse of power in groups: A steward of a green space within the city raised the issue of the protection (or in this case the non-protection) of green space in this area. A decision was made to put water pipes across this green space. The steward was not asked to participate in the decision and was not even informed about when and where the pipes were going to be laid. This is being followed up.
5. TDC selection process: Concern was expressed about the next selection process for the TDC. The tenure of the present team has been extended to 2016, but it is unclear what is going to happen after that. The Green group are writing to the AVC to ask them what they are going to do about this. It was thought that it would be a good idea to ask the TDC to start recruiting new people now with the necessary skills. They could begin working with the existing team immediately to maintain continuity.

If you have any feedback or need more information please contact Priya: greengroup@auroville.org.in

Update on Retreat March 14th, 2014

"Power of Collective Aspiration" (1)

Dear Community Members,

A big thank you to all the Retreat participants for holding the space...The atmosphere in the room during the intense work and plenary sessions was charged with energy, aspiration and goodwill.

The Retreat Organisation Team has been requested to make a brief presentation of the Retreat process and the outcomes to the Governing Board. The Retreat Organisation Team will make a more detailed presentation of the outcomes to the Working Committee sometime next week so that the Working Committee can start driving a process of implementation with the concerned working groups and task forces to be set up.

Meanwhile all Retreat-related data, reports, presentations and findings will be uploaded on the Retreat website: ras.auroville.org.in/Retreat2015 - We hope that within the next 15 days this work of documentation and uploading will be completed.

We thank all for their openness and great support. For the Retreat Organisation Team this was an amazing and intense time and a great learning experience. We hope that all of you who actively participated in this journey have also experienced the enormous goodwill, commitment, engagement and strong aspiration towards progress during the entire process.

The phase of implementation of the numerous ideas, proposals and initiatives that came out of the Retreat starts now. This phase will be overseen by the Working Committee and will be implemented through existing working groups and new task forces or teams to be formed.

We are grateful to Aromar Revi who was with us throughout the preparation phase and during the two-day Retreat with his wonderful guidance, energy, focus and deep understanding of Auroville. We are also grateful to the members of the Governing Board and the International Advisory Council for joining the process and sharing their views and perspectives.

Love,

Retreat Organising Team [*Alan, Helena, Inge, Lalit, Manoj, Margarita, Mike, Min and Toine*]

Update on Retreat March 18th, 2014

"Power of Collective Aspiration" (2)

As mentioned in the announcement "Retreat: Power of Collective Aspiration (1)", the Retreat Organisation Team made a presentation of highlights of the Retreat to the Governing Board and the International Advisory Council (IAC) in the presence of the Working Committee and members of the Vision Task Force. Both Governing Board and IAC members expressed their deep appreciation of the Retreat preparation process and the Retreat itself and members who had attended the Retreat shared their impressions and observations. The Retreat Organisation Team will meet with the Working Committee this Wednesday to initiate the handing-over of the Retreat outcome and to discuss implementation plans. The proposal of the Retreat team to have bi-annual Progress Events was also appreciated. The presentation to the Governing Board and IAC can be found here: goo.gl/tqsSOa

Love,

Retreat Organising Team [*Alan, Helena, Inge, Lalit, Manoj, Margarita, Mike, Min and Toine*]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selection for new members of the Auroville Security Service

Following the request of Auroville Council and Working Committee for concerned members of our community to step forward to take up the responsibility as new executives of the Auroville Security Service, the following Aurovilians/Newcomers have proposed themselves:

- **Sathyaseelan**, living in Aurobrindavan, working with the Land Board on legal matters
- **Balu Kuppusamy**, living in Equality, working in the Housing Service
- **Muthuraman**, living in Lakshmipuram, working as site supervisor
- **Shankar**, living in Auro Farm, working at Stone Park
- **Velu**, living in Promesse, working in the Auroville Security
- **Mani**, living in Douceur, working at the AV Transport Service
- **Paul Vincent**, living in Courage, working as consultant for TDC
- **Jayendra Saraswathi**, living in Djaima, working as a lawyer

The Auroville Council and the Working Committee invites feedback on the proposed names from the community at large. Kindly send your appreciation or concerns to: wcoffice@auroville.org.in before Saturday the 4th of April.

Sincerely,

Auroville Council & Working Committee

From the Housing Service

The summer season starts and people would like to give their houses to be taken care by a house-sitter. The housing service

would like to invite to sign the house-sitting agreements to make sure that we can do any required follow up.

For longer than 3 months of absence, this is required. Houses which do not have a signed housing sitting agreement with HS, will not receive help from housing in case of need of funds for repairs.

Kindly do think of Newcomers and Young Aurovilians and volunteers to take care of your houses instead of guests. Contributions for the maintenance of the housing asset can be channelled via the housing service account. It is illegal to send a contribution or rent to a foreign or Indian Bank account. This could result in a cancellation of the stewardship for the housing unit.

Auroville Housing Service

Housing assets available for transfer / new stewardship

Please note, Housing Service receives the names of those interested in new stewardship for a period of 2 weeks from the date of this announcement. Thereafter, names will not be taken, unless a new announcement is made. Please be sure to inform us in the 2 week time period if you would like to be considered for new stewardship.

Luminosity - Alain's house (Contact Housing Service)
78.36 sqm, on the first floor, suitable for single person.

Luminosity -Office (Contact Housing Service)
39.18 sqm, office space in ground floor.

Shanthi - Gilles B.'s house (Contact Housing Service)
131.76 sqm, brick and cement concrete structure with thatched roof. Ground +1 suitable for couple or small family.

Pony Farm (Contact Housing Service)
42 sqm, steel and aluminum structure with outside Eco-toilet for single or couple.

Auromodele - Petite Ferme (Contact Krishna - 2622675)
79.76 sqm, ground floor + 1

All housing assets are listed as being suitable for singles, couples or families. As a guideline the Housing Service does not allocate outside of these parameters, e.g. a single individual will not be allocated a family sized housing asset, or vice versa. For details please contact Auroville Housing Service, 2622658, housing@auroville.org.in, or come to the office in Town Hall during posted public hours.

Houses for transfer

Luminosity -Alain house 78.36 sqm on the first floor, suitable for single.

Luminosity Office for 39.18 sqm on the ground floor for transfer and one office for rent

Shanthi - Gilles B. house 131.76 sqm for couple or small family.

Pony Farm: Steel and Aluminium small house, for single or couple.

For more information please contact the Housing service.

TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville - 14th of March 2015

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 a 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.

1. TDC invites feedback for the proposed design of the transformer room along the Crown Road opposite Surrender. See map & drawing on Auronet.

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.

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N - NO- 591 dated 21.03.2015

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.

AUROVILIANS:

Costantino CORCIONE (Italian) - Staying at New Creation, working as sales representative at Mia Studio and Sound Wizard. ((H/o)Stefania (Estee) MAZZONE (F/o) Gregorio CORCIONE, India CORCIONE, Guglielmo CORCIONE, Constanza CORCIONE, Luce CORCIONE)

Debabrata (Debo) SAHOO (Indian from Orissa) - Staying at Matrimandir, working as part of the management team at Sunlit Future.

Kazue YONEMURA (Japan) - Staying at Arati 2, working at Pitanga as a receptionist.

Rima DAS (Indian from West Bengal) - Staying at Humility, working as Tour Coordinator at Inside India.

NEWCOMERS:

Irena ATELJEVIC (New Zealand) - Staying at Udyogam, working as part of managing team at Aurosoya.

Saravanan GOVINDAN (Indian from Kullapalayam) - Staying at Sustenance Farm, working at Earth Institute as Secretary and Training Course Coordinator.

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:

Yves (IG) IRAGUHA (Rwanda)

Manuel Sanchez ALCARAZ (Spanish)

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

Nasim GHOURCHIAN (Iranian)

Lara DAVIS (American)

Dany FOUREAU (French)

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.

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

Publication of the first book of "Journal du Yoga" by Sri Aurobindo.

A French translation of the original English "Record of Yoga".

"I experimented day and night for years and years, more carefully than a scientist verifies his theory or its method on the physical plane." - Sri Aurobindo

The Journal of Yoga is the agenda of Sri Aurobindo, written between 1909 and 1927. Every day, Sri Aurobindo noted down in extraordinary detail the development of the multiple aspects of his sadhana [spiritual discipline] and the progress of

the "program" he received internally sometime after his arrival in Pondicherry in 1910. The phased deployment of this program called Saptā Chatusthaya - a system of seven (saptā) points, each with four elements (chatusthaya) - culminates with the discovery of the Supermind in 1926-27. Late in 1926, Sri Aurobindo, already very withdrawn, withdraws completely. This will be the beginning of the official creation of the Pondicherry Ashram - the writing of "Record of Yoga" stops in the following months.

"Started 'The Life Divine'" announces a terse note of July 18, 1912. Major works such as the "Synthesis of Yoga", "The Life Divine", "Secret of the Veda", comments on the Gita, on the Isha Upanishad, etc. were written during the time of the Record - and were part of the broader "program". While

reading this work today, one can easily recognize many elements of the great discoveries noted in the "Record of Yoga". This particularity even applies to the masterpiece that is "Savitri".

Another aspect of the Record, and not the least, highlights the strength of Yoga applied by Sri Aurobindo for global purposes. A characteristic and edifying trait is the use of the spiritual will from his bed in Pondicherry during the First World War, applying it also to the Balkans, India, Ireland and Mexico...

"Record of Yoga" began in June 1909, just after his release from prison, as Sri Aurobindo, invited by the Nationalist party, travels to Barisal, Khulna district, Bengal in the present Bangladesh.

Then the notes stop for a year and a half. At this time Sri Aurobindo, still leader of the Nationalist party, writes in English for the newspapers Karmayogin and Dharma in Bengali. The British threat becoming more and more pressing, in February 1910, while staying in Calcutta, he receives an *adesh* [an inner injunction] saying "go to Chandernagore". Once in Chandernagore, the voice orders: "Go to Pondicherry". Sri Aurobindo is safe in this French enclave. The Record resumes in January 1911. Then start the regular notes.

The French version of the "Record of Yoga" will be published in three volumes: Book I covers the period extending till early 1914. In order to facilitate the reading, the many Sanskrit words used by Sri Aurobindo are translated into French immediately following the word, or in a note at the bottom of the page. Book I is accompanied by a glossary covering all 3 volumes.

M.D., Submitted by Auro Traductions

Subscription for the publication of book 1 "Journal du Yoga" by Sri Aurobindo

A French translation of the original English "Record of Yoga".

This publication has been authorized by the Sri Aurobindo Ashram Trust, printed by Auroville Press and published by Aurohasha. Five years were necessary for this first French translation. The English original, in two volumes, has approximately 1,500 pages. The English glossary for "Record of Yoga" has not been published but is available on the website of the Ashram Archives.

The French translation will include 3 volumes + 1 glossary. Volume 1 is with the Press / Volumes 2 and 3 are being proofread.

This subscription is for 1 volume + 1 glossary (required for all 3 volumes). If you participate in this subscription you will be informed and receive your copies immediately after the books are published. The subscription price is:

India: Rs 1,300 / France, Europe: 38 € (including transport)

For Aurovilians: Thanks for giving us your agreement by email to: france@auroville.org.in, as well as your account number at the Financial Service.

For France and Europe: please mention your agreement, your name, surname and e-mail address. Please send a check in the name of: Auroville Maintenance (please mention at the back): "Journal du Yoga".

Address: Pavillon de France, International Zone, Unity Pavilion, Auroville 605101, Tamil Nadu, India

Submitted by Aurotraduction

Auroville Retreat

Parents To Be - Saturday & Sunday, 21st & 22nd March 2015
Stress, pollution, and our modern lifestyles have an adverse impact on Fertility. The available conventional treatments are predominantly medical in nature, and take a huge toll on the health and finances of couples hoping to start a family. This Retreat will expand your knowledge of natural therapies and special exercises, as well as provide tools to prepare your body, mind and couple relationship for parenthood. Held in an intimate group in a serene and natural environment, this Retreat will be an eye-opener - instead of treating you like a

patient, it will foster your health in totality. "Pregnancy and birth are the blueprints for life". Provide a loving and healthy space for your child by choosing the journey of conscious parenting!

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

Yoga Foundation - Saturday & Sunday, 28th & 29th March 2015

Are you longing to feel more comfortable in your body, and more energy through your day? Do you wish to handle stress and the demands of daily life in a balanced manner, and experience a sense of deep relaxation in the process? This Retreat will provide you with a foundation in the principles of classical yoga as an integral practice to complement your busy lifestyle. You will be given individual guidance in your practice of postures, breathing techniques, meditation and relaxation.

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

Some news from Serenity Cooperative Housing Project

We would like to inform everybody that this housing project has received the final NOC from L'avenir and we are going to start the construction work on site soon. For those interested there are still some apartments free for singles, couples, families and if necessary spaces for offices. Please contact us immediately.

We would like to inform also that we are going to try for this housing project a new approach for its practical organization. What follows is the presentation we made to the FAMC:

There is presently a debate raging in Auroville again around how AV architects and project holders treat housing projects in Auroville in terms of their fee and related work practices. This topic is presently being debated at the FAMC. We would like to contribute to these discussions by proposing a cooperative model for such projects.

1. We believe that our work within Auroville that is dedicated to other members of the community should be aligned with AV values and not contain notions such as 'profit' and 'clients' that are normal in the outside world but are not applicable here.

2. Our work has to be an expression of the values such as cooperation, solidarity and fraternity that enhance and build a sense of community and strengthen mutual relationships within the community.

3. We should explore alternatives to the present modus operandi and contemplate how to satisfy different and contradictory elements in construction projects. We will have to balance between escalating prices whilst enabling adequate compensation for the work done by professionals involved. There are no simple answers and probably the best alternative could be a pluralistic approach in which different ways can be tried simultaneously.

4. We suggest Serenity housing project as a self-build housing cooperative. This cooperative will be an Auroville project where residents can self-organize themselves in order to build housing assets by a formula of a not-for-profit cooperative.

5. The people involved in the construction directly (Serenity project team) propose that they will work within the AV Maintenance guidelines. The other members (stewards) not involved directly in the construction will help in other areas of the organization, helping to collect the funds and other technical aspects. The ideal we want to manifest here is that everybody should be co-responsible in the preparation and development of this housing project.

Serenity project team (Sonali, Min, Joseba)

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 Aurovillian 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 of 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.



222 People helped Ecoservice for 1 hour

During 1 month, everyone was welcomed in Ecoservice to join a 15 min tour followed by a 45 min to help in the segregation of the recycle (more than 55 categories) from the waste. The goal was simple: develop the potential of beauty (pink) and bring a sense of community (stars) in our recycle & waste management. Here are my 3 conclusions of this experiment:

1-The minority always make the CHANGES

The presence of the 222 participants (37 Aurovilians, 2 Newcomers, 41 Volunteers, 36 Guests, 93 Students, and 13 AVworkers) created a big change in Ecoservice. First, it has started this sense of community and involvement in this service used by everybody but that no one want to do full time (collection and segregation of recycle & waste). Second, the participants now understand how to do the segregation of recycle & waste (at home or at work) to make the work of the Ecoservice team a lot more fun and clean.

2-The biggest difficulty of recycle & waste is not technical but HUMAN

I think recycle & waste represent a huge difficulty for 98.5% of Aurovilians. It can represent something we don't want to be bothered with so it's the last thing we will prioritize, or something that is dirty so we don't want to be involved in the

process! As long as these difficulties are not overcome as a community, I believe Auroville will not be able to be a TRUE example of recycle & waste management.

3-The solution lies in our ability to make a consciousness shift as a COMMUNITY

Are Aurovilians ready to transform a common difficulty into a great opportunity for personal and community growth? I think they have the potential to do it, but they need to see the emergency of the recycle & waste problem in our World and the necessity of beauty in this area too. Only then Auroville will be able to lead the way!

The experiment of the 1 hour involvement in Ecoservice was not a failure nor a success but a step to a new consciousness toward recycle & waste management. If you want to be part of this necessary change of consciousness please like our Facebook page or send us a mail to: the1hour@outlook.com to learn how you can help!

Alex [<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ecoservice/1541837466070115?ref=hl>]

Ecoservice community recycling survey

During this last month of March, the Ecoservice began conducting a survey community by community. We are interested to see the progress in recycling shelters, segregation, our own workers' performance, etc., plus the problems we are facing on the ground. A small team of volunteers is sharing the responsibility and accompanying the collection truck on all of its rounds.

Some preliminary observations and requests:

Our first STRONG IMPRESSION is that over the last 5 years or so a large number of recycling areas have developed into very neat shelters with barrels with lids and labels clearly marked on them, most are well looked after. THIS IS GREAT NEWS!

However we do find too many Recycling areas with barrels full and the floor covered with garbage!!! This is a lot work for our workers to clean up. One contact person at each location should be keeping an eye on their area and call before this happens if possible.

One WEAK area is definitely in the SANITARY WASTE department. It is very important that sanitary waste is disposed of in BLACK PLASTIC BAGS that are TIED SHUT. Why is this so important?? Simply to protect our workers who open each and every sack and bag that we collect. When they see a black plastic bag they know it contains sanitary waste. They do not open it and store it accordingly. If you don't use the black plastic bag they do open it, which isn't fair to them. And it doesn't get stored in an enclosed shed away from animals.

SANITARY WASTE disposal bags are available in Pour Tous, PTDC, Nilgiris, and many other stores in Pondy. They can also be supplied by the Ecoservice waste collection team.

SANITARY WASTE includes used sanitary pads, tampons, condoms, diapers, and tissue papers.

Please SMOKERS -- DO NOT put your ash and butts into the waste.

We get a lot of wet or damp waste. If the waste gets wet please lay it out in the sun to dry before offering it to us again to avoid it being landfilled.

We DO NOT take any kind of bulbs, CFLs or batteries as they get broken when mixed up with bottles or glass. These must be returned to PTDC or Pour Tous.

We DO NOT take jars or other containers with old food inside. This ends up in the landfill which is such a waste of precious resources. PLEASE WASH all glass jars, food containers, plastic bags before putting them in the trash.

Overall, 65% of Aurovilians participate in the Ecoservice. We thank you for your committed support to handling waste consciously. We also look forward to expanding our service to include the other 35% of you.

These are some of the observations after two weeks of doing the survey. We will continue to add more as we discover something that has to be shared with you.

Ecoservice team



Auroville International: Personal Note of Thanks from Friederike, AVI Chair

On coming home from a month-long stay in Auroville, which was enriching and very intense, as always, I would like to share some of my strongest impressions, the freshest and strongest one being gathered during the participation in the Auroville Retreat just two days before my departure. I am full of admiration, as much for the meticulous organisation of this event as for its very concentrated, target-oriented and non-confrontational atmosphere. The retreat experience and its outcome will surely be a major stepping stone in the process of defining the core issues of Auroville's development during the upcoming years, its 50th anniversary being set as the next target point.

I am grateful for the opportunity to mention and emphasize at the retreat the importance of the International Zone for Auroville's further unfolding, a fact that still finds too little attention in the wider community. Hence my call to the Auroville community to get involved in International Zone development activities and to strengthen the groups already dedicating their energies towards this work! From my own experience with the International Zone coordination team, I can only say that there is an open, inviting atmosphere and the group certainly would welcome further active support in its big task.

Please find below the letter that has been sent out by the AVI Board to the GB and IAC members in order to also invite their support for the International Zone's unfolding and for the respective Auroville groups' concentration on working out a concise IZ development plan.

The Auroville Retreat and my own stay ended with a unique highlight, the concert of Carnatic singer Prince Rama Varma in the Bharat Nivas hall. There were two members of royal families on stage, Prince Varma and Dr. Karan Singh, who gave a little speech on music, revealing that he is not only well versed in poetry and in Indian classical music but that he is also a great Rock 'n Roll fan - where else in the world than in Auroville/India would you feel such a heart-touching warmth, such a relaxed atmosphere in an occasion of this sort and quality?!

Thank you, Auroville, for making all this happen!

Letter from AVI Board to Members of GB & IAC

12 February 2015

Dear Dr. Singh,

Dear Mr. Doshi,

Dear members of the Auroville Governing Board,

Dear members of the International Advisory Council,

We, the Auroville International Board, would like to bring to your notice our deep concern about the ongoing lack of a concise, commonly agreed Auroville development plan for the International Zone of Auroville.

Quite naturally, the special sphere of interest of Auroville International is the development of Auroville's International Zone and though promising steps forward have been made over the last fifteen months in the collaboration between Auroville International (AVI) and the International Zone Coordination Team, a development plan for the Zone has still not manifested.

Several groups from within Auroville and from AVI are ready to start concrete steps towards the materialization of their national or continental pavilions in the International Zone. Following the Mother's request for governments to be involved in the building of Auroville "for their own good", promising contacts have been established by the group that is pursuing plans for a first manifestation in the European area, for example with European parliament members.

What is urgently needed for the following up on these contacts is significant information material, based on an approved development plan, outlining the basic ideas and broad development strategies. A group within the International Zone Coordination Team has started to concentrate its efforts on producing this information material but, as mentioned above, the basic requirement for any substantial statement is an agreed upon development plan for the International Zone area and for Auroville as a whole, which is still lacking.

We perceive the development of the International Zone and the establishment of the national and continental pavilions as an important part of Auroville's challenge to get involved in and provide "unending education".

Over the last decade or more, Auroville has started to concentrate on sharing its unique knowledge in many fields, accumulated since its inception. Volunteers, students and professionals from all over India and from the rest of the world are already coming in growing numbers to experience, learn, grow and spread Auroville's message. Quite a considerable number have chosen to return and become Newcomers. Hence Auroville's educational focus seems to be a key factor for further growth in which the International Zone can play a major role.

Knowing that you are aware of all of the above, we trust you do everything in your power to support Auroville's planning bodies in their task of urgently providing a development plan for the International Zone.

Signed by Friederike for the AVI Board

AVI Newsletters = The recent AVI UK and USA newsletters can be found here: <http://aviuk.org/news/aviuk-newsletter-march-2015/> and https://aviusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/AVI_connect_fall_no3.pdf

Canada = Christian sent us a small update of the meeting with Canadians near the Inuksuk on Auroville's birthday where some 20 people (mostly from the French-speaking province of Quebec, 5 from the Province of British Columbia and 5 from outside of Canada) had met. Christian also mentioned that he has been speaking about the Mother and Sri Aurobindo for Montreal Radio Mieux-Être in the context of a "L'homme en devenir" programme. (An 18MB .mp3 file of his one-hour talk, in French, can be obtained from mauna@.)

For all AVI matters, contact Vani via vani@auroville.org.in

This column is maintained by mauna@auroville.org.in

POSTINGS

Update from the Entry Service

1) The Entry Service front Desk will be closed for a week from Monday March 23 until April 1st. We will not be addressing ANY exceptional requests or be receiving anybody during this week. Thank you for your understanding.

2)-As for resuming to process new applicants, we will announce the date in News & Notes when we are ready. Thank you for your patience.

On behalf of the Entry Service Team (Chitra, Ishita, Kripa, Vika)

Christian Feuillette - resignation

Dear Friends,

I want to inform you that, for personal and family reasons, I have decided to resign from my position as chairman and member of AVI-Canada Board, and also from vice-chairman and member of AVI Board. This resignation will take effect on April 18th 2015, following the public presentation of the work we have done in February in Auroville. In fact, I found it difficult this time in Auroville to be separated from my wife Andrée, who was not there to support me in my work. And, in the near future, we want to give us more time together, and spend a

few months a year in different countries. In accordance with our statutes, AVI-Canada vice-chairman will serve as interim president until elections in next August. I will offer him my help for it to fulfil this task without any problem. Warmly, Christian Feuillette

Irreversible saline intrusion if nothing is done

"The biggest threat and challenge this place has to face is: If we are not combining all possible efforts to drastically change direction, course of action, planning and all, there will be saline intrusion in 10 years from now! If that happens, it will be irreversible and there will be no potable water under our feet in aquifer 1 and 2. - And we have to look at the big picture of let's say 700 sq.miles around us comprising the entire watershed. What to do? Immediately identify the areas with the highest percolation rates - as known in our land use plan - put a fence around it and - as is done in all developed countries - put big sign boards 'Water Reserve-protected area-no tankers with hazardous chemicals anywhere near allowed', and no roads, no buildings whatsoever." - *by Edzard. Submitted by Evelyne (AVI France secretary).*

Gas Bottle Service Closed for stock taking

Gas Bottle Service will be closed on Tuesday 31st of March for stock taking. Sorry for any inconveniences.

Another Appreciation of "My Burning Heart" read by Norman

Norman's reading of an adaptation by Moghan of "My Burning Heart" by Satprem, with music and film shots by Christo, surprised me in that I felt I was in the physical presence of Satprem and going through his journey once again as I had through all the Satprem's books I read in the 70's and on through the 80's. I had never read this autobiographical piece. Being there as a listener I found myself gaining a greater understanding of Satprem and felt that I was in the room with him. The experience was quite exceptional as I touched in to all the moments of the past while discovering something new through the reading. I encourage everyone to attend the final reading of "My Burning Heart" (25 March, 7.30 pm, Unity Pavilion) to experience Satprem rising from this reading - *Jeanne Korstange*

Auroorchard: chickens and eggs update

Last week, we announced some bad news regarding chickens, explaining why the production of Auroorchard's AV eggs is low. But there is also some good news: The first is that last week we finished the renovation of shed #3, which became ready to welcome a new flock..And on Sunday morning, we received the new batch of day old chicks! They are cute and very healthy. They need 6 months before laying, therefore production should increase again by September. We are sorry for the current shortage and be sure that we do our best... *Christian*

A V A I L A B L E

TVS Super & Mountain bike

TVS Super and SPECIALIZED Mountain Bike from the US. Second-hand refrigerator, works great even in power cuts. Tata Water Filter, only a few months old and has a brand new replacement filter - Contact *Tia* at: 9787468553 / tialovesart@gmail.com

Black ink cartridge

I have recently changed my ink jet printer and I still have a genuine black cartridge (sealed) available from the old printer: HP Officejet 920XL. Sold with 10% discount. Anyone interested please contact *Claude F.*: 8940543874.

Hero Honda Glamour

Hero Honda Glamour model 2007, mileage unknown. Rs 14,000. Contact *Gilles*: 948 942 71 95.

Motorbikes repair in AV

Auzolan is offering a bike servicing done by a professional mechanic. Call Manolo @ 9159008653 for appointment. Only for FS account holders. The workshop is situated on the right side of Aurovelo in Réve (blue doors). *Eric for Auzolan*

Some items

5 mattresses, 4 beds, 1 wicker chair, 1 swinging chair, 1 inverter, Water Filter, pressure cookers, rice cooker, kitchen stuff, Sujata Mixie Blender, Cushions and Pillows, a table, 4 plastic chairs, glass containers. Contact *Moonstar*: 09878916170

Stuff

1) Bicycle, Italian made - 10 speed. Good condition. Imported from Europe. Colour red. 2) DVD Car Cinema Set 12V Jay Tech 1 DVD used only. Double screen 3) Violin with case (2 strings missing) 4) Little grinding drilling set, 2 Machines for making earrings, rings, etc. with case 5) DVD/mp3/mp4/mp5/ Beamer, new, 12V. 220? 12V needs to be bought. 6) White big suitcase, hard case - ideal for traveling 7) Hand drilling machine (No power needed) with lots of drillers, stone and iron 8) Solar night lamp 9) Rope, original firefighter rope, 22m red, very strong 10) Rucksack, very handsome, 1 big, 2 little pockets. Please call *Reiner Annapurna farm* at: 7094584284

Lady's cycle / baby pram

Lady bird cycle for ladies and a gear cycle for children boy or girl, and Baby pram for sale contact: 9443536547. *Meera*

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

Temporay accommodation in Geneva (Switzerland)

Hello Everyone! My name is Kalrav Acharya and I'm an Auroville kid and Ex-Future School student. I am currently in a Masters program and I have the opportunity to intern with the United Nations in Geneva. I'm looking for temporary accommodation for 4 months in Geneva, from April 5th through August 10th. If you (or someone you know) could accommodate me (even for a partial duration) I would really appreciate it. If you think you might be able to help, please call my mom (Meena) or uncle (Aryadeep), or email me. Thank you very much!! -*Kalrav* - Contact: Meena (+91-94863-66731), Aryadeep (+91-413-2623699) / ka394@cornell.edu

Assistance

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

Traveller to Paris

Urgent: Looking for a traveller to Paris to take a rolled painting (60cm) and deliver it before the 10th of April. Contact: aumarieclaire@gmail.com - *Marie-Claire*

Traditional musicians

I am French and I play the bagpipes (central France). I am looking for other musicians [guitar, violin, percussion, flutes, etc...] to play "Traditional" music and possibly organize a folk dance. Contact *Alain*: cathy-et-alain@hotmail.com or by phone at: 80 98 89 31 69

Some construction materials

We are extending our accommodation and want to do a small bathroom & study room. If anyone has any leftover construction material like sand, cement, bricks, metal pipes, iron grill/gate/door, etc.; if you have any materials you think might be useful to us, please let us know by email: dnagappanav@yahoo.in or Grace@auroville.org.in or call: 9443627117. Thanks, *Nagappan, Grace - Pumphouse*

Music device

We (Free Progress-Day-care) are looking for a Stereo, CD-Player, or any other electronic device which can play music. If somebody could give one away we would be so happy and grateful. Please contact *Lopa*: 9943154450. Thank You :)

Old video8 or Hi8 handy camera

Anyone who wants to give away or sell their old Video8 or Hi8 handy-cam, in good condition. Please contact *Edward*: 9841274006 / email: sledatavpf@gmail.com

Somebody coming to AV from Paris, France.

I've been without a personal laptop for 10 months since mine was stolen just before coming to AV. I'm looking for somebody soon coming from Paris who could fly and carry it for me, since my father can provide me one. He's living in Paris and can arrange a meeting. Anyone returning to AV? Or having friends/colleagues/family coming to visit? Thanks a lot in advance. It will allow me to work independently again!! *Isis*: +91 944 295 2914 / isisrouxpages@gmail.com

A cycle suitable for a 5-years old kid

I am an Aurovilian looking for a 2nd hand cycle to gift to my niece who is coming to live in Auroville with her parents. If you have one and you are willing to sell it, please contact me at 9442328120 or at giovanni@auroville.org.in. Thanks a lot, *Giovanni :-)*

A job

Kandan from Kottakkarai is looking for work. He has been at Angiras Garden since 2001, doing all kinds of garden work. Before that he was at the Pony Farm for many years. Due to our financial situation we had to let him go. To contact him please call his son Anand: 9751532736. For further info e-mail: rena@auroville.org.in - Submitted by *Kathrin*

Second-hand laptop

Is there anyone having a second hand laptop in good working condition at a reasonable price? I would like to help some local children to improve their computer skills. Please write to Laura at: lauraninam@hotmail.com - Grateful for any help, *Laura*

A special community :)

Dear friends, I've always been curious... Is there a community here in Auroville without any hired labour? Where *everyone*, including the cooks, cleaning and maintenance staff, are either volunteers, newcomers, or Aurovilians, who have come here from around the world to be willing servitors of this divine experiment? I would like to visit your community! Please get in touch with me at: sattvig@gmail.com or 0840 799 7970 - In gratitude, 'G'

A motorbike

Hi, I am looking for a bike, second hand, Hero Honda Splendor or similar - Please contact *Veronique J.* 948 85 12 678 or 26 22 638

LOST & FOUND

CASIO watch (Found): Dear friends, a Casio watch was found on the road near Gaia forest. Kindly contact AV Security Service, Ramesh.V : 94430 90107.

Slippers: Thoughtlessly I took your slippers at the bakery? Pour Tous? On Sat. To have them back please call: 9655654370 *Georg*

THANK YOU

AV Retreat

My deepest gratitude to everyone and all, that helped me in the Logistics of AV Retreat. Work with you all, has been an unforgettable experience, and we delivered what was expected beyond imagination. We were all together as a fantastic AV Retreat Team.

Some comments are: From Aromar: "I work with teams across the world in many different circumstances, including my own in Bangalore - but I haven't seen such silent, conscious and perfection-oriented support in a very long time". And from Toine: "The logistics was so well done that it has become an example of how you translate vision into divine action."

Please forgive me if I have omitted someone. The below list has not any priority order. Love, *Margarita*

Aromar Revi

Unity Pavilion Team: Jaya, Shivaya, Kasthuri, Eric, Nadia, Patricia, Chitra, Khanan / SAVI Team: Dominique, Sabine, Sara, John, Kasper, Michelle, Karen, Nelson, Ahana, Hugo, Anna / Matrimandir Team: Selvam, Yadaba, Sergei, Andres, Alain

Retreat Team: Animesh, Olae, PK, Hedia, Aurotaranti, Kavitha, Vikram, Shankar, Auroananda & the Youth / RAS Team: Inge, Slava, Jesse, Selvam / Stewardship for a New Emergence Team: Monica Sharma, Jaya, Uma, Sanjeev, Bridget, Deoyani, Isha, Helena, Shivaya, Matilde / Solar Kitchen lead by Angelika / Visitor Centre Cafeteria lead by Nicole / Tanto Pizza Team lead by Daniel / Youth Centre: All of you!!!

And the samosas from Town Hall Café downstairs / Marc and Coffee Ideas Team / Flowers: Pala, Lola and team / Savitri Bhavan Team: Shraddhavan, Ruben, Dhanalakshmi, Murugan / Sound System: Bharat Nivas Auditorium with Ruben and Rolf / Video Teams: Francis, Doris, Srinivasan / Photographer: Giorgio / Auroville Radio Team: Andrea, Miriam and volunteers / Town Hall printing section Team / Prisma Printing

Auroville Foundation: Mr. Srinavasamurty and his team / Governing Board Members: Aster Patel and Ameeta Mehra SAHIER Team: Ashok, Li Jun, Aaron, and sweet lady that always take care of us with the tea-lemon juice / Swagathan Guest House Team lead by Vijaya / News & Notes / Financial Service: Nico / Last school: Deepti, Aurevan, Shrishti, Smiti, Manjula, Satyakan, Dyuman, Rishi, Bhavyo, Priamnada, Sagarit (Sorry for the wrong spellings) / Transition School: Ishaan and Kripa / Chandra and her magic flute

Other helpers: Marie Claire, Janet, Hemant, Mawite

UTS Taxi drivers / ACT bus leady by Anand / Gifts Books: Mitra Team lead by Michael and Slava / Stationary supplier: Venkatesh

Reply and Gratitude to Ricardo

May the earth become divine again, may the Soul of India, by the Divine's Grace, maintain and uplift this earth, may Auroville continue its progress and be more and more the expression and attempt of a 'learning society' to annihilate the terrestrial confrontation.

Listen, Auroville:

'The silent resonance of the Light which teaches you Silence by pacifying your narrator that you may live in the Consciousness which activates your Spirit and where your auto-examination is purified in the melting-pot.'

With a lot of Love,

GangaLakshmi [House of Mother's Agenda, Savitri Bhavan]

Thanks to Tony's helpers

The family and the friend would like to thank Michael from "farewell" for his help in sending Tony on his way. Not only did he organize and help during the initial time, he also came to help clear the ashes and remained in the area until the place was cleared and clean.

His sensitivity and demeanor helped all of us remain calm and assured that Tony will depart in dignity. Auroville is blessed by having such a valuable member take on himself this important role.

Thank you Michael for exhibiting an extraordinary warmth and care.

Special thanks are also sent to Ralf, Pablo, and the members of the community who provided sustenance during the most difficult time.

We lost a special man who was loving and supportive husband, caring father and a closed and dear friend.

Achva Stein

A P P E A L

For the children of Auroville

Dear Aurovilians,

We are really in need of your support to complete the children songs CD project "One day we'll sing like birds". We have presently Rs 20,000 and are in need of another Rs 25,000 to meet all the costs still involved in the production. The account name and number is "AV Children Songs" 0527 (*corrected from last week*).

Thanking you for your collaboration,
Joy, Jivatman, Swaha and others

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

House-sitting 1

We are two volunteers offering to keep your house for a couple of months. Kasper, who's working at Unlimited Tamil Nadu and Martin, volunteering at the Earth Institute. As musicians, finding a house would be an amazing opportunity to play music as much as we want without bothering anyone... In return, we promise to take care of your house as well as our instruments!

Contact Martin and kasper: Martin.fessard@gmail.com or +918826064124

House-sitter 1

We are looking for a house sitter for our house in Auromodele from 26.3 until the end of October. Please contact *Dani*: 0413 2623379 or send your mail to: wachsmann@gmail.com

T A X I S H A R I N G

March 22nd: Taxi share to Chennai Sunday morning, leaving Auroville at 3.30 a.m. Contact *Elvira* 890 330 6837.

March 23rd: On Monday the 23rd of March, going to be dropped in Chennai - Anyone to share? I'm planning to leave home at 3 pm. Call at 948 75 67 593 - *Matilde*

March 28th: Looking forward to share a taxi to Chennai airport, leaving Auroville on the 28th at 6 am. For the return trip to Auroville I would need to leave from Chennai airport at 3 pm. Contact *Sigrid*: sigrid@auroville.org.in; 0413 2623888, 09626006961.

March 30th: Leaving Auroville around 2 am to Chennai airport, it can be shared both ways. Please contact *Catherine*: 8939062672 / mail: catherinelandraud@yahoo.fr

March 30th: Share a taxi to Chennai airport leaving March 30th evening, leaving 9 pm latest, but could be earlier. Also if you know of anyone coming in that night (30th/31st), they

could use it for the return trip. Please contact Swaha at: SvahaUS@gmail.com or 890-342-1742. Thanks!

April 1st: A taxi will leave Auroville/Kulaipalayam Wednesday April 1st to Chennai Airport at 4.30 am. The same taxi will return empty to Auroville after drop (around 7 am) - Call *Ulla* 7868824532 or *Ulli* 7868824562 for info.

April 5th: I leave Auroville for Chennai Airport on Sunday April 5 at 4:15 pm. Please contact Simone by email if you wish to share a taxi with me. Mail: simone@auroville.org.in

April 12th: Hi Friends, one seat available for taxi sharing on 12th of April. We leave from Auroville to Chennai airport around 11:30 am. Thanks, *Sunaina* - email: sunainanargis1@gmail.com / ph.: 9815049102, 8288899099

April 12th: From Auroville to Chennai airport on 12 of April leaving Kuyapalayam at 15h. Contact Gilles: 948 942 71 95.

W O R K O P P O R T U N I T I E S

At "To Be Two" - Auromode

"To Be Two"-Auromode, is looking for Aurovilians, Newcomers, and Volunteers, only.

- Sales and Project co-coordinator: Sales assessment, planning, co-ordination with boutiques and workshop.
- Trainee for pattern making of garments: Somebody who has the basic training in pattern making and wants to learn more, and wants to apply their skills on field are welcome.

Please Contact *Anyuta/Auromode* at: 2622193/2622161 or just pass by our office.]

For Imago architecture and design

Imago architecture and design is looking for a manager/ secretary preferably with:

- Basic accounting skills (or at least an understanding of)
- Knowledge of MS word, MS excel, basic internet skills

- A love for communication with people
- An interest to make site visits with us
... and the rest can be worked out as we go! The work requires a half-day commitment 5 days a week.
Half maintenance available.
If you are interested, please mail us at:
imagoarchitecture@hotmail.com
The Imago team

At Upasana

We are looking for Aurovillians, Newcomers or volunteers only.

Project coordinator: Coordinating small steps projects. Need of good writing skill and basic computer skill. It is a part-time job.

Style coordinator: Working in the stock-room, putting styles together, creating a collection with existing pieces and being in touch with shops and their requirement. Need organizing skills, basic computer skill (Excel) is required.

Fashion Stylist: Working with organic cotton, natural dye and Indian textile...working with a team, creating, coordinating, streamlining the existing set-up.

Please call or write to us: Office@upasana.in / 04132622939 / 939

Blue Light: looking for an Office administrator

We want to help to make Blue Light run smoothly. You may be a junior secretary or a seasoned manager. If you think you may be able to help us, please discuss with us. Possible tasks (you do not have to be able to do all of them):

Responding to people who contact Blue Light by email, telephone and in person then organising appropriate actions
Using issue tracking software to organise work
Organising our meetings and writing the minutes.

Organising our finances: daily accounting, annual accounts, budgets

Managing routine work, projects and strategic development

Building the team: recruitment, training and bonding

Personal Requirements: You should have basic computing skills, integrity, English (spoken and written), social skills and be well organised. It would be nice if you have a deeper interest in computing.

BLUE light team: location: Town Hall, MMC Annex (near AV Foundation Office) / timings: Mon - Sat, 10:00 am to 4:30 am / phone: 0413 262-2500 / email: bluelight@auroville.org.in

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Listeners,

Summer is slowly starting, orange dust covers the trees by the roads and the heat is beginning to rise. Auroville Radio is looking for a Web site expert to help us merge the radio and TV site, we are also interested in an IOS and Android APP developer and anyone who is passionate about Social media and wants to join the team. Meanwhile in the coming weeks we plan to finish the assessment work we had started earlier.

Our account number is 251369 - we thank you for supporting the Auroville Radio!

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

Conference de Gilles Boeuf (Ecology Awareness 14/03/2015)
Gilles Boeuf explique ce qu'est la biodiversite -[French, 109 Minutes]

Performance Moroccan evening (Music 14/03/2015)
Moussine gives his secret to live in happiness -[English, 9 Minutes]

Interview Gilles Boeuf en Inde (Ecology Awareness 14/03/2015)
Gilles Boeuf temoigne sur sa visite en Inde -[French, 12 Minutes]

Plenary of AV Retreat (Social Development 14/03/2015)
Dr.Karan Singh addressed gathered at the plenary of AV Retreat in which 150 members, 200 volunteers participated. -[English, 41 Minutes]

PTDC - Collective Experiment (Free Economy 14/03/2015)
Anandi joyfully shares with us some thoughts on collective experiment of Pour Tous Distribution Center 9th Birthday -[English, 13 Minutes]

IZ Coordinating Committee Meeting (International Programs 14/03/2015)
International Zone Coordinating Committee Meeting to plan development of IZ for 50th Anniversary of Auroville in 2018 -[English, 90 Minutes]

Project Albatross (Performing Arts 12/03/2015)
Mathias Muller and Nisha Pandaey on classical guitar shared with patrons of Solitude Farm restaurant jazz. -[English, 102 Minutes]

Selections par Gangalakshmi-30 (Performing Arts 11/03/2015)

Lectures par Gangalakshmi -Cette semaine; Satprem sur la Kundalini et Savitri de Sri Aurobindo. -[French, 17 Minutes]

Siyahamba, AV Retreat (News from Auroville 11/03/2015)
Featuring Divya talking about concert at What is Auroville? Festival in Chennai at the concert of AV choirs. -[English, 11 Minutes]

Alternatives to coal fired plants (Ecology Awareness 14/03/2015)
Plants, coal burning, pollution, alternatives, Chennai, Auroville, social activist, environment, solutions, water, earth -[English, 10 Minutes]

Working Committee GM 06 March (Governance 10/03/2015)
Presentations by working groups organized by Working Committee for review prior to GB and IAC meetings on 15 March. -[English, 71 Minutes]

Authority in our lands (News from Auroville 09/03/2015)
Today at 4.30 pm L'Avenir d'Auroville will inform us on the New Town Development Authority, with Q&A session. -[English, 8 Minutes]

Auroville Festival in Chennai (International Programs 08/03/2015)
Featuring Krishna and Samvit updating us on the Auroville Festival Chennai - What is Auroville? -[English, 11 Minutes]

Biodiversity - Our Future (Ecology Awareness 08/03/2015)
With an interesting talk of Professor Gilles Boeuf on life on our planet, and what transformation awaits us. -[English, 79 Minutes]

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

HEALTH

Tibetan doctor

Dear Friends,

This is to inform you that the Tibetan Doctor and his crew will be in Auroville for the monthly consultation on Saturday the 28th of March. For your appointment please call Namgyal or Kalsang @ 0413 2622401 or send an e mail @ kalsang@auroville.org.in
Regards, *Pavilion of Tibetan Culture.*

SPORTS

Last year's champions again take first place in Auroville Bio-region Volleyball Tournament

Udhayam Educational and Cultural Center is happy to announce the successful conclusion of the Auroville Bio-region Volleyball Tournament, which took place in Kottakarai this past weekend. The sports event was organized to foster goodwill and friendly relationships within the Auroville bio-region.

On Saturday evening, the volleyball tournament kicked off in the presence of the village elders with a friendly game between two children's teams from the Udhayam Educational and Cultural Center. Out of the twenty-seven teams from the Auroville bio-region that participated in the tournament, the Bulls (Kuilapalayam), BPM (Boommayapalayam), Raju Friends (Edaiyanchavadi) and Fire Star (Vanur) reached the semi-finals on Sunday night. After very competitive semi-final matches, BPM and the Bulls faced off in the final match. BPM won the first two matches against the Bulls, earning them first place in the tournament and allowing them to keep their title as reigning champions. Raju Friends won the third-place match set against Fire Star. Prizes were given to the top four teams, and the top tournament defender and attacker were also honored.

We would like to extend our thanks to special guests Ramanarayan from SAIER and his wife, Frederick and Jothi from the Auroville Sports Resource Center, Buntly from Inside India, and Raju from Aurocab for their presence, support and encouragement. Udhayam would also like to specially thank Mr. Ranganathan, the president of the Irumbai panchayat, for his attendance and support of the event. And last but not least, the tournament could not have happened without the time and effort from Kottakarai's Sports Club.

Thank you all!

To see pictures from the event, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/udhayamvolleyball>.

See you next year!

The Udhayam Team

TRAVEL

Latest News from the Travel Shop - located at Inside India in Auroshilpam.

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

For the convenient of our clients we are open now from 09:00 to 13:00 and again from 13:30 to 19:00

Emirates has promotional offers to many European destinations.

Etiihad Airways had announced promotional offers to many European destinations with partners Air Berlin and Alitalia.

British Airways has special offers to Europe and USA.

Qatar Airways, Srilankan Airlines, Kuwait Airways and Oman Airways have special offers to all their destinations.

Spicejet is flying to Hubli from Chennai via Bengaluru.

Tel: 2622078, 2622604, 2623030, travelshop@auroville.org.in, domestic@inside-india.com, doulat@inside-india.com

EATING OUT

Korean Shushi 'Kimbab' Home Delivery

Jolly Kimbab is running a home delivery for tiffin and dinner.

Kimbab is a Korean version of sushi where rice is rolled in seaweed/nori along with diverse and fresh ingredients in the middle. We have 9 items to make a relaxing time with family, friends...

Running days: Monday to Saturday (Closed on Sunday) - Welcoming orders one day ahead or two hours beforehand.

Ordering for birthday parties, celebrations, events, gathering, etc....

Phone number: 97517 83912

GREEN MATTERS



This week we publish an article by guest writer Jan from Fertile, a pioneer Aurovillian, who spends part of the year in Fertile's Forest and also lives in Australia where she works as a bush regenerator and represents Auroville International. She writes about her work in two continents where she found the same proliferation of the "wait-a minute" or jackhal jujube invasive creeper...

The green center welcomes guest writers to contribute to the green column!

Paying heed to the 'Wait-a-minute' (Jackal jujube)

Visiting Auroville during the monsoon last November I noticed the overwhelming presence of the *Ziziphus oenoplia*, commonly referred to as Jackal jujube. In Auroville parlance it is simply referred to as 'wait-a-minute' as the tiny hooked thorns engage in one's fine cotton garments and tear at the skin. If you come in contact with it in forest thickets it is wait five minutes, sometimes ten! This plant in its present rampant behavior pattern can grow to up to three meters in height. In a more manageable state it remains closer to the ground, spreading and mingling with other native plants.

There are many theories as to why it has proliferated so quickly. Cyclone Thane removed so much of the high canopy, it became opportunistic, and enabled by a burst of extra light it was spurred on by the generous monsoon last year. Once you identify it you will notice it cropping up in many areas where there is any sort of reforestation; however I am sure there are outcrops almost everywhere in Auroville. In stretches of the Fertile forest it has become the chief member of the understory, and it has created impenetrable barriers to whole tracts of land. It is overpowering and smothering all in its wake.

In its present rogue state it has become a weed, despite having admirable qualities. Indeed the entire plant has a long history of use as herbal medicine. Its root is used in Ayurvedic medicine. The fruits are delicious and full of vitamin C, and it proliferates this way though man, animal and birds. There is testimony online to its healing powers and it is under scientific investigation regarding its various positive properties.

In Sydney, Australia, as a bush regenerator I became involved with the ecological restoration of remnant vegetation. This often really amounts to the quite pleasant task of weeding; in the right seasons we plant. We are attempting to rescue our various bushland reserves throughout the city from invasive weeds, and garden escapes, in doing so we are helping to protect and enhance the floral biodiversity.

I have been happily employed for some time now, and it is rewarding to see the bush returning to the way I remember it in my childhood. Follow-up is required and we return to the difficult sites quite frequently until the weed elimination is thorough.

Perhaps if more Aurovilians could be vigilant about the Jackal jujube in a similar manner, the problem might be resolved in a season or two. Some think it will die back when the canopy returns. Johnny of Fertile has constructed a strong tool to extract the root from the dry earth. He was inspired by George of Forecomers who had a special tool made at Aureka. Best to be on guard if one wants to continue to enjoy an occasional stroll in the beautiful Auroville forests and come home unscathed.

Sunday
walk
Farms & Forests

Sunday 22nd of March - Auro-orchard with Christian 10- 2 pm with a potluck lunch (phone 89408 72019)
So bring some food to share!

Directions: From Solar Kitchen (about 25 min) follow the road past Certitude, take a right turn on the cross roads follow the road past Reve and Aurovelo and through the village of Edyanchavadi , past Hope on your left and Dayakara on your right and Auroannam, see the Auro-orchard signboard to your left and the gate , just before an electrical transformer. Come in, take a right after 100 meters, then left, there you are!

Sunday 29th March Botanical Gardens with Nasim and Marie 9- 11 am (details in next News & Notes)

Last 2 walks:

The Urban Garden Garden walk with Ricky, Luigi, Gino and Robi had 40 participants. The walk was carefully prepared and coordinated, with the help of the Citadines residents and Janaka who showed a Power point presentation. Citadines, Mitra, SAIIER and the Foundation buildings and the Maison des Jeunes were visited. The beginnings of the inner gardens with flowers and fruit trees, vegetables for the use of the residents was shown. The future roof top terraced gardens were visited and some fruit trees, ornamental plants and vegetables were planted by the participants. Thank you organizers! The whole morning was wonderfully instructive, interesting and truly positive!

Last Sundays' walk to Pebble garden forest with Deepika and Bernard was also truly inspiring: there were about 25 participants (Mark Tully amongst them) most of whom only left after sunset! Pebble Garden is a highly eroded land, regenerated into a seed garden and biodiverse forest. Started in 1994, this amazing place was built up without external inputs (no soil or organic matter from outside) and no hired labor.

Notes 

Tony Barter - A tribute



Tony Barter, a dear friend passed away two weeks ago. He left us in the same manner which he lived: quiet and discrete. Tony believed in the ideals of Auroville, He read the writings of Shri Aurobindo and the Mother and felt that all of us could aspire to, and actually achieve, a state in which we treat each other decently, compassionately, and accommodate opposing opinions. The way people resort to war whether for national reasons or personal convictions and greed offended him personally. When he felt it in Auroville, his heart literally gave up.

Tony was an old fashion architect. He believed that the structures he built are the vessels for life not the objects of personal artistic expression. He listened to his clients carefully, tried to understand their hidden wishes as well as observing their daily life, He carefully analyzed the land and the territory that the future structures he designed would occupy and brought all the factors together in clear and elegant forms. A few days before he passed away we asked him to sketch for us a plan for a cabin we intended to build in our sister's backyard. Since he knew us he could sense our

requirements. He studied the site issues for a while and in two days sketched for us a plan that we loved instantly. "Light," he said, "will be the essence of the small cabin. We will catch the sun not only through the correct position of the windows but by catching its reflection on the water channels and project it into the house. We will create as much as possible a seamless indoor outdoor space," thus giving the 650 square foot house a sense of a 'Pavilion in the Garden'. Tony loved designing. He often smiled as he worked and because he enjoyed it so much, he could not bring himself to charge enough for the work he had done. Architecture was not his profession - it was his vocation and mission.

In many religions there is a belief that good people are taken early from us because the God (or the Gods) wants them by his side. That idea is comforting to some. We are happy that he did not suffer and passed away with the "kiss of death", but he left us grieving and missing him a lot.

Achva Stein

Chinese Cultural Evening: Open letter to the Working Committee

Dear Working Committee,

Following the report you put on Auronet and N&N on the recent Chinese Cultural Evening, we are surprised and obsessed by the report and are unable to accept it. The report implies that Chinese Aurovilians were invited to the event by the organizers but did not give any support, and logically they have to take the responsibility, to some extent. It is not the truth and it is also unreasonable.

We have to mention that no Chinese Aurovillian was invited for the joint meeting, but the report mentioned quite a lot about Chinese Aurovilians. Thus we feel it necessary to restore the truth and make some clarification to the WC and Auroville as a whole in the hope that the Organizing Team can seriously review the event and learn a good lesson from it instead of trying to pass the blame to the innocent ones.

1. Totally we are currently 4 Chinese Aurovilians: Chun, Duan, Lifang and Lijun. Throughout the process we were totally ignored by the performance initiators and organizers and now once again we are ignored by the WC, as well as for the joint meeting on the 6th of March. We have to say, thanks to your report, we got to know the whole process; it seems the HK people were the initiators but unfortunately we have had no contact with them even though we heard of them before. We were NEVER contacted / informed by the HK people or other organizers in any way. You may ask why they did not contact us or ask support or help, and actually this is also our question; we feel this to be inconceivable.

2. Lijun and Chun did receive 2 mails from Jyoti of ONE ASIA with the original and modified performance poster in mid-February; that is the first time they heard of this event. Jyoti was not part of the event at that time and he had no information about the performance, even he himself was hesitating as to whether to participate or not; he was unable to offer any information to Lijun and Chun about the program and Chinese performing group. They both replied to him that they did not have any information about the program and this Chinese group (LIAOWU or whatever - relevant information are not available on the internet). Lijun even told him of her doubts about this group. Owing to the lack of necessary information and being doubtful about the group they were not interested to participate in such a foggy event and they never confirmed to Jyoti that they had any intention to get involved, let alone to offer support or help.

We won't comment on the performance in detail here, but the general idea is that this is definitely NOT Chinese culture and more like self-entertainment by some amateurs - poorly organized overall, very disappointing.

But finally it happened and therefore what we should do now is to review, to ask how such an event can happen so smoothly and how it can go to the sacred stage in Auroville (BN in many residents' mind) - the 4 fresh Chinese Aurovilians obviously had not the energy to bring them there. We also should think about what we shall do to avoid such things to happen again in the future.

The audience came in flocks that evening; it shows real Chinese culture is still attractive for many people, including local villagers, perhaps also people from Pondy. Let's expect a true, well-organized Chinese cultural performance on the Auroville stage one day - We shall not give up; let's contribute to the early realization of that dream.

Love and light,

Chun / Duan / Lifang / Lijun

So what next? Volunteers' Tax solutions

In Auroville, the so-called 'volunteers' tax' goes back some time and has gone through several changes. Different rules and systems have been applying to different types of volunteers - long- and short-term volunteers, volunteers on farms and services, and volunteers working for commercial units.

Some volunteers have clearly abused the system, and it is thus understandable that there should be a more thorough means of determining who should pay the guest contribution, and who deserves recognition for their offering to Auroville in the form of a financial waiver. This applies to many volunteers working in farms, forest, health care, education, communications etc.

Volunteers come to Auroville at their own expense, and pay for their accommodation, food, transport and daily needs. (This is in contrast to volunteering in many places - for example woofing - where boarding and lodging is offered in return for part-time work!) The time, effort, energy, enthusiasm and goodwill volunteers give to Auroville is often huge and cannot be actually quantified. If a volunteer has a good experience, this helps create a vibrant network which in turn brings more volunteers, future Aurovilians, and also funds to our Township.

Volunteers choose to join a particular project on the base of their specific interest; however they bring with them their own skills sets, and often get involved in additional aspects of a project, e.g. web design, communications, fund raising, building, management, electrical installation etc. Such skills contribute enormous value in terms of creativity and educational opportunities for us to learn. Many of these skills would otherwise come at a considerable cost, and shouldn't be taken for granted. Often volunteers bring a fresh perspective to a project, a deeper understanding of what is needed, and an ability to capture the essence of a project.

Together with Aurovilians, Newcomers and villagers, our volunteers are an indispensable part of Auroville's fabric and have an important share in the building and the daily functioning of the township. If a volunteer who contributes so much in terms of his or her time, energy, skills and dedication, gets additionally taxed for being here, this creates a feeling of imbalance and unfairness which inevitably affects the candid goodwill, appreciation, love and gratitude they have for a project. Volunteering creates a unique and beautiful spirit, quite different from paid employment, but taxing the volunteer skews the relationship and seriously compromises the volunteering spirit. Has not Auroville itself been built mainly through the spirit of volunteering?!

We therefore would like to propose a system along the following lines:

All volunteers who work full-time for a particular service receive a full waiver, on presentation of a letter from the unit for which they work.

In deciding the details of the volunteers policy, the voice of any particular project or service should be heard, acknowledged and respected, as they are after all the ones hosting the volunteers, and directly working with and accountable for them.

It is our hope that a spirit of trust, joyful giving and of generosity will be allowed to shape the reality of volunteering in Auroville. Only on such a basis can we expect Auroville to flourish, along with all the countless people of goodwill who are inspired to help us build the city of dawn.

Krishna Mc Kenzie

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

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

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 GARDENS PRESENTATION

The Garden design team presents to the Community
Proposals for the completion of the Matrimandir gardens.

Place: MMC Cinema Paradiso

Date and time: March 31, Tuesday at 4.30 pm

All are welcome to view this power point presentation and then interact with the design 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 - Tamil Nadu Workshop 2015

Under the auspices of the Tamil Heritage Centre and Arulvazhi Training Centre, a workshop will be held on:

Date: 29th March 2015 / Day: Sunday

Time: 10 am to 1 pm and 2.30 pm onwards

Place: SAWCHU circle, Bharat Nivas

Subject: "An hour began the matrix of new Time." (Savitri Book 5, Canto 2)

Delegates from Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Auroville will participate.
(Proceedings mostly in Tamil, partly in English)

All are welcome

Rajagopalan (9176600308) / Varadharajan (9442934306)
Coordinators for the workshop

Responsible Energy Management - 23-24th May 2015

Auroville Town Development Council invites all Aurovilians and Newcomers for a two-day seminar on Responsible Energy Management 23-24th May 2015 at Unity Pavilion.

Participants will be introduced to energy conservation, efficiency and energy auditing practice as well as solar PV basics (site and system assessment, system design, maintenance etc.).

The seminar timings are 9:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Full program attendance is required. No prior knowledge is required.

The program will be facilitated by Auroville Consulting and Sunlit Future.

Registration is required; if you are interested please drop an email to: info@agpworkshops.com.

Wellpaper Birthday celebration

Greeting from Wellpaper!
On the 25th of March we are celebrating Wellpaper 10th Birthday and International Women's day.
You all are invited to celebrate with us at Wellpaper Unit (between Bamboo Center and Kottakarai)

Celebration Timing

Morning: 10.00 to 10.30 Traditional Pooja of opening celebration
10.30 to 14.00 Special discount sale of Wellpaper products
Chai and local snacks (Samosas, Vada etc) will be served
Come and have fun,
Wellpaper team.

Pre-Creche invites parents of children

born from March 2013 to end of February 2014.

We, at the Pre-Creche, are organizing (for) the coming school year 2015/16. The kids who join our bigger group will stay with us without parents. To help the gradual adaptation we are preparing several groups who will join one after the other in a several weeks' time, starting from July. We are having a long list of children, so if you wish to join the Pre-Creche, even from September or January, please come to our meeting to get to know our work and register your child.

The meeting will be on the 28th March at 10:00 a.m. at the school, Near Deepanam School.
Please come on Time. Looking forward to meeting all of you.

Lovingly,
The Pre Creche Team

Kalpana Housing Project

The project holders and the architect / Ovoid Atelier
Have the pleasure to invite you for the public presentation
At SAIER meeting room 1st floor On Thursday 26th March 2015 at 4.30 pm

Fully equipped 43 apartments, 4 offices, community office and internet center,
laundry, store room, public toilets, hybrid energy systems solar/TNEB. Fully landscaped
The posters, the Model, the catalogue with 3D presentation and full details
will be available at the Housing Service from Friday 27th March 2015

Launch of the first capacity building programme of the Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI)

25th March 2015 - 10 to 11 am
At Naicker House, Irumbai Village (HARVEST building)

The Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI) is a precious idea that has become a reality. It represents several levels of deeper values being manifested as an Institute, a platform for bringing in the critical aspect of environmental, economical, social and cultural sustainability into designing, managing and evaluating the livelihood programmes of the government of Tamil Nadu in collaboration with the institutions of Auroville and its networks.

While the Institute as a campus will come up in the vicinity of Auroville in the immediate future, the Institute as a living entity comes into being from the time the first training programme is organised under its banner on March 25/26.

In line with its far-reaching vision and aspirations, the inauguration will be a simple 1 hour event, with the light being lit by the hope and promise of Auroville - its youth.

We welcome you to join the event and bless this venture.
RSVP: sli@auroville.org.in or by SMS to 97877-97814.

EXHIBITIONS

AUDREY'S EXHIBITION

On Sat. March 28, Audrey will have an open show at Citadines Gallery.
All are welcome.

There will be the whole body of work of the last two years, not all shown in Chennai, The Holon and Cut Patterns Series.

The Teachers Center invites you to a presentation by Lucas Dengel
on "Soil & Health - insights of environmental health".

What impact do we have on the natural life cycle?
We start with this area because earth/soil is our physical base, that nourishes us and we in turn can nourish it by our behavior.
What understanding do we need about this in order to pass this on to the children who are the future?
This will be followed by future sessions on different topics, to start with on physical education.

Some of the topics that will be presented are:

- Soil and its relationship to chemical elements and nutrients;
- Soil and food;
- Criteria for healthy food;
- Soil development in gardening and farming;
- Chemical farming vs. organic farming;
- Soil life;
- Dirt and health - a concept of ecological hygiene.

This is the first gathering in a series on "the Manifestation of the Dream - Physical Education".
The aim is to enrich our own knowledge and to create a space for sharing on different aspects of Integral Education.
We will end together by enjoying healthy Auroville grown organic snacks, raw food and others.

When: Saturday 21st of March at 3pm to 5pm, we request all to please be on time.
Where: The Conference Hall, SAIER
Welcome!

TRIO BENARES

World Music in Concert

Roger Hanschel on Saxophone
Deobrat Mishra on Sitar
Prashant Mishra on tabla

Bharat Nivas Auditorium
Thursday, 26th of March 2015
At 7:30 pm

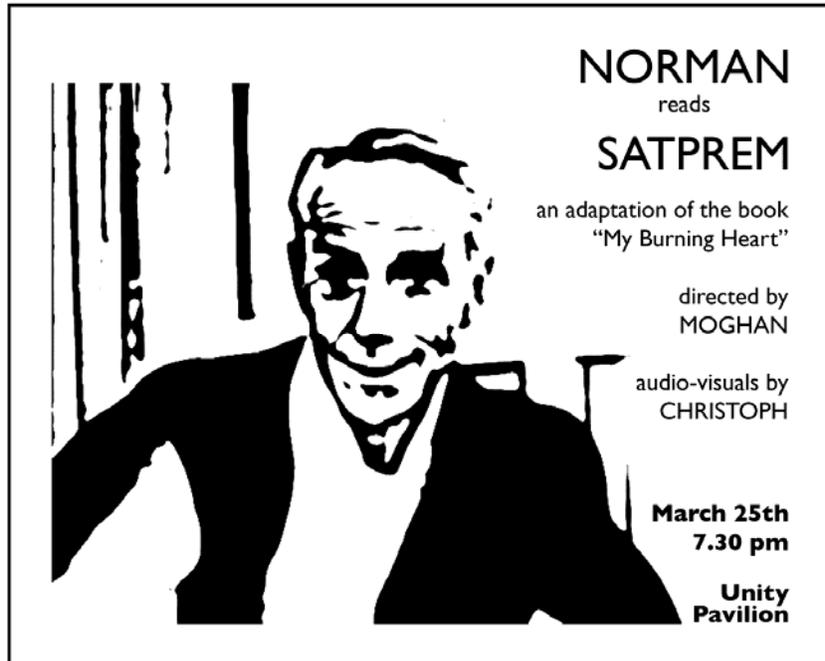
"Exciting, sensual, beautiful!"



Double Violin Concerto

21 March 2015 at 7.30 pm
At Cripa

With Veronique Papillion - Violin (Paris Opera)
&
Holger Jetter -violin (Auroville)



Singing and Dancing Celebration

In Yatra Arts Foundation

Joyful Songs and Chants

From all over the world - Keyboard and Drums
With Osiva, Antje, Rani, Ines and friends

Thursday, 26 th of March 2015 at 7.30 pm
At Yatra-Arts-Foundation

Yatra-Arts-Foundation near New Creation Sportsground / La Piscine / Auroville, 605-101 Tamil Nadu
For further information: info@singhalleluja.de / Phone: 00919629832216 (Osiva)

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS



Dance Improvisation and Composition Workshop

Play Practice Research with Abhilash Ningappa
Tuesday and Wednesday, March 24 and

25, 2015

10-12 noon @CRIPA, Kalabhumi

The Workshop will focus on Improvisation, working on fundamentals like breath, speed and energy, involving the core structure of the body influenced by different methods of Kalari Payattu and other martial arts combined, focusing mainly on the dancer's relationship with the space and the people around.

For More Information see Auronet. For registration contact: Jill at 9486416173 or (0413) 2622-840

Abilash ningappa:

Abhilash Ningappa was born in India. He is a Performer, teacher and choreographer in India and Europe. He post graduated in SEAD (Salzburg) and Post Masters in APASS (Advanced performance and scenography studies) (Belgium) on a movement research project called PLAY PRACTICE. A yoga practitioner and a martial art teacher, trained in Kalari Payattu and contemporary dance, started his training in India and later travelled in India and Europe working and practicing. He has taught in Royal Conservatoire Antwerp (ARTESIS, Antwerp) and has been teaching professional classes in Dock 11

(Berlin), Dansehotel (Malaga), PARTS (Brussels), Le chien Perdu (Brussels), Attakalari (Bangalore), Dance Identity (D.ID)(Austria), Danskias (Vienna), and Association of professional dancers (Ireland). He has organized professional training program in India called PROTRAIN, and a scholarship program for "Improjunction" festival facilitated by Katie Duck and Goa contact festival.

He is currently working on developing an art practice called "Play Practice". Play practice is a movement research project developed since 2009 in different residencies in different countries. It started in DANSKIAS Vienna residency and later became material for a research-based program in APASS (Advanced performance and scenography studies) working with various artists in different residencies, mainly PARTS summer residency, PAF (performing arts forum) and Lopital (Antwerp).

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

24th of 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: 'Collective Yoga'

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

Ikebana lessons

Ikebana - The Japanese Ancient Art of Flower Arrangement (Sogetsu School of Tokyo).

Classes for all levels.

For further information please contact: Valeria Raso Matsumoto, cell.9442992827, valeriaraso@hotmail.com

Respiration Workshops

Sve Dam 2 workshops: Mars 26th and 27th, April 2nd and 3rd

9.00 to 12.00 and 2.00 to 5.00 - Open to all (any age)

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.

- 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 deeper contact with ourselves, increase health.

The body is often lazy to learn 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 breathing centers you within your body, enlarges consciousness in your life and brings you into the «Here and Now» - Stress is the main reason of diseases; by learning to develop and control your breath, you acquire an efficient skill to dissolve stress, layer after layer. As everyone has different issues, a large part of the workshop will deal separately with each participant.

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 13

The thirteenth session will be held on 28th March 2015 (Saturday) at 10.30 am.

At Life Education Centre, opposite Isaiambalam School.

This will focus on the preparation of Vallarai Thovaiyal (chutney made from Pennywort/Brahmi), as well as simple rice/varagu preparations made from mango and curd, for easy digestion and allowing the body to remain cool. Having a quick and light lunch during summer season helps the body to digest better and does not heat up the body.

Vallarai (Brahmi) is used in herbal medicine in the preparation of nervine tonics (tonics that strengthen and restore the nervous system).

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

These bi-monthly sessions are offered by Buvanasundari.

The aim of these classes is to make you confident enough to prepare by yourself for your consumption at home. Allowing us

to become aware of and using locally grown vegetables, the optimal use of mild spices and oil with good cooking techniques, will enhance the taste and savour, besides helping in getting familiar with using vegetables available where we live.

Looking forward to see you there on 28th of March, where we will see, learn, do, eat and ask questions!

Life Education Centre team

Russian Singing Bells

Healing Sounds workshop with Vera Lipen
23rd of 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.

Contact dance in Hall Of Light (Creativity)

Monday and Friday from 5 to 8 pm

Contact Improvisation is about two (or more) people in contact, freely improvising movement, using the floor and each other. It brings awareness to the body and quality into touch and movement. We will guide you the first hour into a warm-up and a little bit of technics to give you the fundamentals to play during the rest of the jam. We have live musicians who will be playing and interacting with the space and dancers.

Aurovilians and Newcomers free, guest Rs 100 contribution.

For more info contact: *John - 7868827567 or Elise - 7767892429*

Practical Experimenting for Building Community

A workshop on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of March.

Practical experimenting for building community, using tools of creative communication.

At the Tibetan Pavilion, starting on Friday evening at 7.30 pm. plus the next two full days, Saturday and Sunday.

Focalised by Ina Welpman from ZEGG community and Judith Goldblat from SchlossTempelhof a community in Germany also.

Registration: Ambre@auroville.org.in

Women Temple Circle

We come together in silence to connect with the Shakti flow as it keeps changing. We pray with our bodies, connect through music and touch, we self-inquire and hold space - A practise and discovery of embodied feminine spirituality, where every experience can be a portal to presence. Where here and now is 'the moment'. Supporting each other and drinking the nectar that the circle creates (Inspired by Chameli of Awakening women institute).

Wednesdays, 7-9pm, In Sve-dame @ Butterfly Barn (weekly until Wed. 15. or 22.April), (Please come early to settle in, we start on time and then the door closes)

Yoga dance workshop with Brassica Kristel

Dynamic and pranayama technique of breathing, time dance and somatic approach with the movement, dance to go deep inside yourself, inviting the elements of water, air, fire, earth - relaxation and massage.

Monday 23 march - 10am to 12.30pm at Eluciole circus, Miracle community

Contact Kalou: 9787332791

Vinyasa flow - Yoga Classes - with Bebe

At Windarra, SunSpace - Friday & Monday, 9 to 10.30 am
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.

SCHEDULES

QUIET HEALING CENTER: COURSES & WORKSHOPS

PILATES WORKSHOP with Teresa
Pilates Routine & the Six Principles
Wednesday 25 - Friday 27 March 2015 (3 days)
10.00 AM - 5.00 PM (lunch included)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)
Pilates is a gentle form of exercise, which re-introduces you to your own body. The better you connect with your body, the easier you release tensions and relax. Pilates deepens your breathing, improves blood circulation, strengthens spine and muscles, and floods the psyche with positive feelings from exercising the whole body.

During three days we will gradually develop the routine, while you learn how to apply the six principles: breathing, centering, control, precision, fluidity, and adaptation of each exercise to the right level for you. At the end of the workshop you will have a routine that you can practice safely at home and develops strength, flexibility and control over your body.

No prior knowledge of Pilates is required to learn the routine, which can be adapted to any physical condition and age.
Teresa received her teacher's training at the Ochoa Pilates School, Spain, in 2007 and studied Mat Pilates at the Spanish Association of Pilates, Tai Chi and Qi Gong during subsequent years.

Water & Dance with Dariya & Daniel
Thursday 26 - Friday 27 March 2015 (2 days)
9.00 AM - 6.30 PM (15 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)
A 2-day workshop for lovers of movement, dance and flow. We will playfully explore and express ourselves on our own, with partners and in group, on land and in water. From self-connection to allowing movements to unfold -- no one deciding where to go, while opening doors for non-verbal communication and sharing.

Connecting on land with our deeper longings, we give the body permission to find its own ways of expression and possibly contact others. Warm water with its sense of weightlessness and fluidity invites us to let go and experiment with our own organic, flowing way of moving. Water & Dance gives 15 hours of credit for registration as a supplemental class with Watsu India. No previous experience required!

Aquatic Bodywork for Couples with Dariya & Daniel
Saturday 28 - Sunday 29 March 2015 (2 days)
9.00 AM - 6.30 PM (15 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)
A 2-day journey for couples to relax, connect and celebrate. We offer a safe space and simple explorations on land and in water, where you can rediscover one another in new ways of intimacy. You will also learn easily applicable skills to hold space for each other, fun ways to be together and connect with others in the group.

This workshop is inspired by aquatic bodywork (Watsu, Liquid Flow etc.), Tantsu (simple ways of holding and massaging on land), free dance, deep listening... and our innate longing to play, connect and simply be.
Space is limited to 6 couples. No previous experience is required (also no need to know how to swim!)

LOE Research: Cellular Consciousness Workshop

No need of the Kabbalah or whatever else to be able to speak with your cells. It is not complicated at all; it is on the contrary very simple. A method had been put together since decades right here in Auroville by me, straight from Mother's experience and also my own, precisely to help people learn how to do it.

Interested? Just come over to my Laboratory of Evolution (LOE) workspace in Djaima, any day (except Sunday), 9 to 12 or 2 to 5, and arrange with me a workshop for you, in English or in French. Contact Bhaga: bhaga@auroville.org.in, 0413-2622328 or 9443362328).

VÉRITÉ PROGRAM

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)

Fate or choice? (family) constellation workshops

Friday, 27 March - from 9 am to 4.45 pm with Moghan
Saturday, 28 March - from 9 am to 4.45 pm with Yuval
In our lives hidden dynamics can unconsciously create our fate. To become aware of them, we can bring back choice by applying (family) constellation techniques.
Yuval is life & business coach. Moghan is a psychotherapist.



PITANGA NEWS

WORKSHOPS

Reiki Level 1 with Vani

March 27th - 9.30 - 5 pm, Sat March 28th 2-5 pm and Sunday March 29th 2-5 pm.

Reiki first degree is focused on teaching everything one needs to know about the art of Reiki, upon completion, a student will know how to use the Reiki energy for self-healing and to channelled energy to help other people, more specifically their friends and family. First degree Reiki can also stimulate personal and spiritual growth in a person. The origin of Reiki can be traced back to ancient Tibet, thousands of years ago. This technique was re-discovered in the late 1800's by Dr. Mikao Usui of Japan. Reiki is a healing method that operates on all levels of the bodies: Physical, Emotional, Mental and Spiritual. The energy that is channelled through the hands is drawn from a blending of Rei (Universal Energy) and Ki (the energy within us). Everything contains Ki or Chi and radiates it. It is the bio magnetic energy from the aura. Ki is also the essential life force of the earth, the planets, the stars... Reiki is used to facilitate the healing of all kinds of illnesses so as to return the individual to a state of equilibrium, wholeness and oneness.

Registration required please see contact details below.

CULTURAL EVENTS

Concert - "Barkha Songs of the Rains" based on Indian Ragas presented by students of Nandita Di accompanied on the tabla by Debasish Dass (Pintoo Da) Saturday March 21st 7.30 pm.

Concert - "From Music to Silence" by Christa Eschmann, Sunday, March 22nd at 17:30 pm
Johann Sebastian Bach Partita aminor Sarabande Allegro, Vanraj Bhatia Sangit Raat (Night Music) for flute, Christa Eschmann evocation for spiral drum, storm drum, tubalophone and voice.

EXHIBITION

Pioneers of the New World - The Matrimandir Construction Site by Paulette until March 24th.



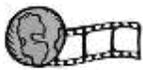
C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

(FRIDAY 20 MARCH - "LES MISERABLES" by Bille August)
 FRIDAY 27 MARCH - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7:45 sharp)
 "THE LOST WEEKEND"

Directed by Billy WILDER- USA, 1945 / Stars: Ray Milland, Jane Wyman, Phillip Terry

Synopsis: Don Birnam is a novelist with a drinking problem. Escaping from the apartment his worried brother has confined him to for the weekend, Don eventually makes his way to his favorite tavern, where he knocks back drink after drink. For the remainder of the weekend, he sinks further and further into his drunkenness, thinking about his past, often messed up by this addiction. But this bout looks like being his last... one way or the other...

Original English version with English Subtitles - Duration: 1h.41'



"The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, March 27th, Friday at 7 pm

FAT, SICK AND NEARLY DEAD 2

2014 - 88 min. Directed by Kurt Engfehr, USA English
 Part two of the influential films about Joe Cross and how juicing renewed his and other people's health. This time he examines how to make healthy habits last. Joe meets with experts who present realistic solutions to make long-term sustainable improvements to eating behaviors and overall health.

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 sadhanaforest: 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

At Savitri Bhavan

Monday, 23rd of March 2015 at 6:30 pm (Duration: 41min)

"Pictures of Sri Aurobindo's poems - part 2": painting and recitation by huta.

Paintings and Recitation done by Huta, Music by Sunil and Film by Manohar.

Huta said about the work that she did the paintings "according to Mother's inspiration and instructions...from time to time she corrected my paintings and never forgot to explain to me in detail the colour scheme." - The Mother saw all the

paintings of Sri Aurobindo's poems and approved also Huta's recitations.

From Sri Aurobindo's poem "A God's Labour" Huta is reciting:
"I have gathered my dreams in a silver air / Between the gold and the blue / And wrapped them softly and left them there, / My jewelled dreams of you."

Special Screening of the German Pavilion Group

Tuesday 24th of March at 8 pm, in Visitors' Center Movie Auditorium

ALTERSGLÜHEN - Speed dating for seniors!

Comedy with Senta Berger, Mario Adorf, Martin Gwisdek, Brigitte Janner and others,
 Dir.: Jan Schütte; 85 min, Germany 2014 (WDR), original version (no English subtitles)

An old beautiful villa: seven women meet six men for seven minutes at a time - they have only this one chance for flirting and chatting with each other, for finding Mr. or Mrs. Right. Thirteen lonely-hearts beyond the age of 70, ready to open up for a new, most likely the last love in life.

It needs courage to show oneself in such a "dating roulette", looking for a happy future while being aware of one's finite nature in old age. But not only the characters of the story are courageous, also the 13 well-known German actors who joined this innovative TV film experiment. They only knew an outline of their character, there was no script, no rehearsals - this team of highly spirited actors improvised live in front of 19 cameras, without repetitions. Like that they created an entertaining and touching piece of art.

Don't miss this heart-warming comedy - a movie for all who understand and enjoy German language!

The French Pavilion presents

« Il était une forêt » (once upon a forest).

A film by LUC JACQUET Director of "The March of the Emperor" and "the Fox and the Child".

Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 5:00 pm at Cinema PARADISO

Film in French with English subtitles.

For the first time, a rainforest will rise before your eyes.

From Oscar-winning director Luc Jacquet comes this visually spectacular feature capturing the beauty of some of the world's greatest tropical rainforests. World-renowned botanist Francis Hallé takes us on an enchanting journey of discovery from the forest floor to the heights of the canopy. Immersed in the symbiosis of forest life we marvel at the remarkable ability of the tree to communicate with other species and defend itself against predators.

Accompanied by stunning cinematography, delightful animation and the sage narration of Hallé, "Once upon a Forest" inspires a new appreciation for the incredible life within our forests and the living, breathing monuments of the natural world - trees.

"Since the dawn of time plants have given us the air we breathe. Must they vanish for us to remember that?"



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 23 March 2015 to 29 March 2015

Special - Monday 23 March, 8:00 pm:

- **TSUNAMI ARCHITECTURE**

Austria, 2012, Dir. Christoph Draeger & Heidrun Holzfeind, Documentary, 58mins + Q & A, English-Acenes-Tamil-Thai-Others w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

The film investigates the state of architecture built in the aftermath of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami in the five countries most effected -Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Maldives and India - through conversations with survivors, eyewitnesses and aid workers. The film asked the critical questions, e.g. "...how the flood of aid money has transformed the affected regions, rebuilt and refashioned local economies and shaped communities. How has architecture built after the tsunami been able to respond to the individual needs of affected communities? How have they been adapted over time?" More importantly how did architectural interventions alter societal and communal structures?" *The film also includes interviews with a few known faces in Auroville. The film-makers are making this screening possible and will be available for Q&A for ~30mins following the screening.*

Italian - Tuesday 24 March, 8:00 pm:

- **ROMANZO DI UNA STRAGE (Piazza Fontana: The Italian Conspiracy)**

Italy, 2012, Dir. Marco Yullio Giordana w/ Fabrizio Gifuni Valerio Mastrandrea, Pierfrancesco Favino, and others, Drama, 129mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Autumn of 1969 was a tense time in Italy, when many feared the communists would take power, segments of the military were preparing a preventive coup and groups of left and right extremists were very active. The 12th December a bomb goes off in a bank in Milan's Piazza Fontana, killing 17 people. The movie dissects such event, to highlight the cynical manipulations and tragic consequences of the deed and subsequent investigations.

Cultural- Wednesday 25 March, 8:00 pm:

- **TIBET IN SONG**

INDIA, 2009, Dir Ngawang Choephel, Documentary, 86mins, English, Rated: NR

This award-winning film is both a celebration of the beauty of traditional Tibetan folk music and a heart-breaking tale of cultural exploitation and resistance. This film provides a raw and uncensored look at Tibet as it stands today, yet which is willing to fight for the existence of its unique cultural heritage. *(Incidentally, March (10th) commemorates the Tibetan Uprising Day that took place in 1959).*

Nordic - Thursday 26 March, 8:00 pm:

- **SOFIES VERDEN (Sophie's World)**

Norway-Sweden, 1999, Dir. Erik Gustavson w/ Silje Storstein, Tomas von Brömssen, Andrine Sæther and others, Drama-Fantasy-History, 113 mins, Norwegian-Swedish-German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

Sofie is an ordinary Norwegian teen-aged girl. One day she receives a video tape on which a man talks directly to her from ancient Greece. He will soon take her on a strange odyssey, reviewing all the major philosophical events of Western Civilization.

International - Saturday 28 March, 8:00 pm:

- **MUD**

USA, 2012, Dir. Jeff Nichols, w/ Tye Sheridan, Jacob Lofland, Matthew MacConaughey, 130 min., Drama, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG 13

Two teenage boys in the Arkansas delta, Ellis and Neckbone, travel to a small island in the Mississippi River where Neckbone found a boat stuck high in a tree, likely from a flood. They intend to make it their own. They realize someone is living in it and meet Mud a fugitive who grew up in the area.

Children's Film - Sunday 29 March, 4:30 pm:

- **THE LITTLE RASCALS**

USA, 1994, Dir. Penelope Spheeris w/ Travis Tedford, Bug Hall, Brittany Ashton Holmes, and others, 82mins, Comedy-Romance, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG
Alfalfa is wooing Darla and his "He-Man-Woman-Hating" friends attempt to sabotage the relationship.

Masterpieces of Japanese Cinema @ CINECLUB

Ciné-Club - Sunday 29 March, 8:00 pm:

- **NARAYAMA-BUSHI KO (The Ballad of Narayama)**

Japan, 1958, Dir. Keisuke Kinoshita w/ Kinuyo Tanaka, Teiji Takahashi and others, 130mins, Drama, Japanese w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

This kabuki-inflected version of a Japanese folk legend is set in a remote mountain village where food is scarce and tradition dictates that citizens who have reached their 70th year must be carried to the summit of Mount Narayama and left there to die. The sacrificial elder at the center of the tale is Orin, a dignified and dutiful woman who spends her dwindling days securing the happiness of her loyal widowed son with a respectable new wife. Kinoshita's highly stylized exploration of the Narayama story is a deliciously stunning exploration of the possibilities of color, and has some of the most inventive use of transition in film.

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.

We appreciate your continued support: monthly or occasionally. You can also make a contribution to "Cinema Paradiso" account at the Financial Service.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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