

# News & Notes

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# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

*No, what I mainly want to know is the difference when you cross to the other side, into the Supermind - the difference in vision between the Supermind and the overmind.*

I don't know what Sri Aurobindo would tell you.... This is just what I am observing these days. To me, the overmental consciousness is a magnified consciousness: far lovelier, far loftier, far more powerful, far happier, far... with lots of "far more's" to it. But.... I can tell you one thing: the gods don't have the sense of Oneness. For instance, in their own way they quarrel among themselves, which shows they have no sense of Oneness, no sense of all being one, of all being various expressions of the Divine - the unique Divine. So they are still on this side, but with magnified forms, and powers beyond our comprehension: the power to change form at will, for example, or to be in many places at the same time - all sorts of things that poor human beings can only dream of having. The gods have it all. They live a divine life! But it's not supramental. The Supermind is knowledge - Pure Knowledge. Yes, it is knowing - knowing what is to be known.

There is no longer a play BETWEEN oneself and things, it's.... Truly, the sign of the Supermind is Oneness. Not a sum of a lot of different things, but, on the contrary, a Oneness... at play with Itself. There's nothing of the way gods relate to each other and the world, for they are still part of the realm of diversity, though FREE from Ignorance. They don't have Ignorance, they don't have what we human beings have here. They have no Ignorance, they have no Unconsciousness, but they have the sense of diversity and of separation. *What about Sri Aurobindo's experience at Alipore, then? You know, that well-known experience when he saw Narayana in the prisoners, Narayana in the guards, Narayana everywhere?... That is the Supreme. Oneness. Is it a supramental experience or.... It is supramental. Supramental? Yes, the supramental experience. He called it Narayana because he was Indian. It's supramental, not overmental? No, no. It's like the message of the Gita as Sri Aurobindo explained it: not overmental, but supramental. It is Oneness, the experience of Oneness.*

The experience of the gods has never been more than a distraction for me - an amusement, a pleasant diversion; none of it seems essential or indispensable. You can treat yourself to the luxury of all these experiences, and they increase your knowledge and your power, your this and your that, but it's not particularly important. THE thing is altogether different. We can do without the gods. We can have access to the Supermind without any of these experiences, they're not indispensable. But if you want to know and experience the universe, if you want to be identified with the Supreme in His expression, well, all this is part of His expression, in varying degrees and with varying powers. It's all part of His experience. So why not treat yourself to that luxury? It's very interesting, very interesting - but not indispensable. I think that once you are identified with the Supreme and He has chosen you to do a work on earth, then He quite naturally grants you all these things, because it increases your power of action, that's all. That's all. As for me, there are no more problems, no more problems! This classification *[of the planes of consciousness]* is very convenient and necessary at a given moment, especially when you are ascending and awakening; but afterwards.... *(silence)*

Sri Aurobindo didn't put too much emphasis on the Overmind. The one significant point is that the Overmind has ruled the world through the different religions. And it is the dwelling place of all the gods, all the beings humans have made into gods in their religions. Those beings exist in their own world, and some humans, coming in touch with them, have been overwhelmed by their powers and their superiority, and have made gods and religions out of them. But it's better not to emphasize this *[in your book]*. As I have said, we can bypass that plane, or even pass through without knowing it. It interested me to read in the Vedas that if you don't ascend the way you're supposed to, if you try to bypass the gods, then unpleasant things happen to you and your way is blocked - do you remember that? That gives you an idea of what it is. It's like an intermediary zone, far superior to the earth, but still intermediary. Some have tried to cross it without stopping; and there, they say, you run into trouble. Personally, I am not sure, I can only speak of my own experience: there was always a sense of fraternity - as you can imagine! I knew them, I was on friendly terms with them, so there was no question of bypassing them or not! But I have a strong impression that that world is still a magnified version of our own, and part of the old path; it has nothing to do with the Supramental Creation, which will bring to earth the sense of the Supreme and the Unique. Basically, it's part of the old path, a consequence of all that has happened, of the whole universal formation as we know it. People who believe in essential Evil would say it's a consequence of "the accident" of creation. But is it an accident? I have my doubts. It has yet to be revealed. And we won't know until... until it's over. I am speaking in riddles, but what else can I do!... I mean that the why and the how of it won't be known until... until the curve is completed. But the gods belong to the present curve. The overmind belongs to this curve. Those gods are all very nice! For some people they're unbearable at times *(Mother laughs)*, but they're really very nice! They have their faults, they have their good points, but with me they have always been very nice! No more *(Mother makes an X across her mouth)*.

MOTHER'S AGENDA. 26 September 1962

MOTHER

*The  
Ponder  
Corner*

Our souls can visit in great lonely hours  
Still regions of imperishable Light,  
All-seeing eagle-peaks of silent Power  
And moon-flame oceans of swift fathomless Bliss  
And calm immensities of spirit space.  
*Sri Aurobindo - ref. Savitri, p.47*

What is needed to administer Auroville is a consciousness free from all conventions and conscious of the supramental Truth. I am still waiting for someone like that. Each one must do his best to achieve that.  
*15 July 1970, Works of the Mother, vol. 13*

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## Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)

### March 2015 Report

Regular members: Anandi (Auroville Board of Services), Chali (Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Educational Research), David (Forest group), Iyanar (Farm group) last meeting 27/3, 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)

Change in membership: In March the FAMC requested the Farm group to consider a replacement representative (details under 'Other Topics' below).

Confidentiality: During this month individual members were named by Aurovilians regarding confidential conversations concerning an especially challenging topic on the FAMC table. The obvious implication is that a member(s) share detailed information, including "who said what" outside of the meetings. Most members shared their concerns about discussing confidential matters outside of the FAMC meeting. It was acknowledged that while members may speak, in general, about FAMC topics outside of the meeting, it is not necessary or acceptable to "name names". The members are a team, make decisions together, and when a member or two are singled out this diminishes the strength, trust and sense of 'safe space' to talk and share openly during discussions.

### TRUST & UNIT TOPICS

Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC) recommended, and FAMC approved, creation of a new unit, Prakrit. The activity is design and production of furniture with executives Torkil and Uma. Under ABC Trust.

ABC recommended, and FAMC approved, creation of a new unit, Holistic. The activity is related to wellness, health, and personal development, personal and groups, workshops, training inside and outside of Auroville with executives Sigrid and Christine P.. Under the ABC Trust.

ABC recommended, and FAMC approved, Auroville Press Publishers additional executive, Herve. The current executives are Christine D. and Alain.

ABC recommended, and FAMC approved, Auroville Transport Service change of executives: Andre & Krishnan (over-due official resignation), Saroja and Venkatababu appointments.

ABC recommended, and FAMC approved, To Be Two new executive: Louis C.

ABC recommended, and FAMC approved, Auromode Trust new trustee: Louis C. This recommendation was sent to the Working Committee.

Auroville Exports Trust trustees have proposed a plan to revive the unit, Imagination. The FAMC have given their support to the trustees proposal and requested a report in 6 months.

ABC recommended a new unit EcoFemme: Education and Research. During the discussion it was clarified that it isn't necessary to create a separate unit from the existing EcoFemme to expand the scope of the project. A couple FAMC members met with the executives and all the details were explained. This unit application is presently on hold.

ABC recommended the creation of a new unit under the Auroville Foundation, Auropriya Constructions, with executives Suhasini and Lakshmi. During the discussion it was clarified that already there is a non-Auroville unit called "Auropriya Construction" working on projects under Logu, a non-Aurovillian. The new Auroville unit was expected to take over and absorb the existing non-Auroville unit. It was agreed to put this application on hold while reviewing the ramifications of granting such a request. Also, an approved housing project holder is presently in negotiations with "Auropriya Construction". If a housing agreement is finalized it will be

necessary for this Auroville unit application to be postponed until after the construction is completed.

The FAMC Resolution template for creation of new units is finalized and will be used starting immediately.

### FINANCE TOPICS - nothing new this month.

### HOUSING TOPICS

Subsidized housing needs to be sincerely reflected upon and clear criteria for allocation agreed-upon (this came up during the Serenity housing presentation). There was a healthy discussion and some preliminary points were proposed. This is a priority topic.

The FAMC and Working Committee (WCom) have been collaborating to bring clarity to the status of one Auroville housing asset at Rayapetei. Shivaraj (Martuvam Healing Forest) claims to be the steward. The conversation is continuing.

### LAND TOPICS

The FAMC met with the Land Board (LB) several times in March. The Land Board proposed a greenbelt purchase strategy meeting which took place at the beginning of April. The FAMC requested the LB members to provide more concrete details of their proposals before giving a considered opinion. FAMC advised the LB to have a close collaboration with the Acres for Auroville (A4A) program. FAMC and LB further discussed 'community' fencing. This can be taken over by the LB and it will be at their discretion to take up a fencing request (criteria: impending encroachment). FAMC gave its full support to the LB members confronting the non-Aurovilians who have been enjoying 0.13 cents at Dehashakti for many years. The LB requested Rs. 23,000 for various sign boards. The former LRM 'projects acct' balance can be used for this. FAMC approved. FAMC agree that the LB is the authority re: cashew lease on Auroville land. Any problem can be brought to the FAMC. The FAMC and LB members agreed to use the Land Care Yard wood stock assessment conducted by Glenn dated 8/2/15 with an effective date of 1/1/15. LB has been selling wood to Auroville parties and is keeping a transparent record of each transaction. With this agreed-upon assessment the LB were authorized to sell wood to outside parties as well. The wood should be sold as soon as possible as its condition and therefore value are deteriorating.

The Land Resources Development (LRD) Task Force asked the FAMC: a. reconfirm LRD raison d'etire; b. approve working budget; c. give a green light for more serious discussion with potential partners / developers; d. pay pending 3 months bills and; e. support to engage a consultant. With the clear message that concrete results are expected, the FAMC reconfirmed the LRD and approved: monthly budget to Dec 2015; payment of 3 months bills and; to engage a consultant immediately to work on a development project. FAMC directed the LRD to focus only on a Promesse/Service Farm project; to apply more human and other resources to this work; to accelerate the pace of the work and; to submit a preliminary report from the consultant by 30/6/15. Finally, the LRD Task Force members were asked to establish and maintain contact with the LB.

The LB was informed that Udyog Trust of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram wanted to gift land of Udavi School to the Auroville Foundation. Plot details: Rs. Nos. 164/1 (1.18); 165/6 (0.49); 165/7 (1.78); 165/8 (1.06); and 165/9 (1.63) for a total of 6.14 acres. The LB checked the relevant documents and requested FAMC approval to proceed. The FAMC members were pleased to learn of this generous offering and with gratitude accepted this gift to Auroville.

Achva & David gave a presentation to FAMC and LB members regarding land-use in the greenbelt. It was well received by all.

The Town Development Council (TDC) asked the Green group to propose a land steward for newly purchased land, plots number B07/7, B07/6 and IR394/5, in the greenbelt (near

Minati). Dominik was recommended. TDC requested FAMC support. The FAMC approved and informed TDC.

#### OTHER TOPICS

The FAMC met with the WCom, two members of the Auroville Council (AVC) and the Residents Service (RS) to discuss concern about Aurovilians living and working outside of Auroville. This first discussion focused on the need for accurate information. The RS has a good database to start with. A subgroup of FAMC and WCom will meet with the RS as a starting point. RS has already identified 15 Aurovilians whose living/working situations need to be checked. The question, "What to do about those not working or living in Auroville," was not addressed. When more information is available then this will be discussed.

FAMC met with the WCom, two AVC members, and Elvira and Niva from Koodam to go over the draft Conflict Resolution Policy. Elvira and Niva from Koodam explained that the policy was needed so that more than mediation could be offered. The policy aims to shift some conflicts (not all) from the scope of working groups, and to encourage Aurovilians to take more responsibility for the conflict they're in. Separate appeal processes are being proposed by the WCom. The next step is a General Meeting and then a Residents Assembly 'decision-making event'. The AVC and Koodeam are moving this forward.

FAMC met with the WCom to discuss a wide variety of points. Topics included Sharnga Guest House executive changes; Water Harvest; units in loss; confirming unit executive status (i.e. Aurovilians out for extended periods of time or known to no longer be involved with the unit); AVF issued Standing Order regarding no longer issuing office orders for creation of new units and the FAMC authority to do so. The FAMC and WCom are meeting regularly.

At Peter's request the FAMC met with him and Kevin (both of Sumark construction unit) about the tender process. It was a frank sharing but did not lead to concrete steps towards any change as viewed by Peter and Kevin as being necessary. The FAMC followed up in writing about the Auroville Retreat, and some outcomes that may address some of their concerns.

It was reported that a guest demanded a refund through Financial Service from a registered Home Stay but the managers had not utilized the collection account as agreed. As a result the FAMC informed the Budget Coordination Committee (BCC) that it is their purview to, in general, track use of the collection account and in particular, to contact the managers of the Home Stay of the guest who was due a refund according to the current processes. BCC is meant to follow up with the FAMC. *Their response is pending.*

The International Zone Coordination Team (IZCT) made a request to create an entity similar to SAIER, with a Board, for all the development and activities in the International Zone. According to IZCT, in order to have a direct and transparent channel for governments and institutions to fund projects and pavilions, this legal body is needed. The IZCT consists of regular members: Linda Grace, Louis C., Claude J., Vera, Aryamani, Luigi, B, Alena, Eric Clapton, Jaya, Vani, Martin L., Bogi. Some irregular members include: Shivaya, Guilio, Miriam, and Auroville International Board members. The FAMC discussed the proposal at quite some length. It was agreed that there is no need to create a 'legal entity' nor to create an 'accounting entity'. Administratively there isn't a need, and infrastructure is done by the various service providers and L'avenir d'Auroville. Donations are, and can continue to be, channelled through the Unity Fund with appropriate and clear designations to various pavilions and projects in the International Zone under the Unity Fund, and under SAIER. The FAMC informed the IZCT.

Hilde wrote to the FAMC with deep concern for the state of the Health Fund. She reported that if expenses continue as they have been over the last year, the Fund may be Rs. 8 lakhs in minus by Feb. 2016. She suggested negotiating with local hospitals on agreed rates for Aurovilians, for example. The FAMC expressed its full support for Hilde to proceed. One priority is to establish a contact at JIPMER that will help facilitate Aurovilians using the facilities.

During the FAMC meeting on 20 March an email was received from the Farm group representative Iyanar, while being present in the meeting and not using any tablet or mobile to send out emails. On further examination it was found that Iyanar had shared access to his email account with a non-FAMC member, thereby violating rules of confidentiality relating to FAMC communications. As Iyanar was not prepared to provide full details of this incident, the Farm group was requested to depute another Farm group member as their representative in the FAMC.

#### FOLLOWING UP FROM PREVIOUS REPORTS

Concerning Sharnga Guest House, a new executive needs to be put in place as soon as possible to work in collaboration with Kripa. The FAMC and WCom members maintain that Bernard cannot continue as an executive; it would be irresponsible for the FAMC to allow him to continue in view of the facts uncovered while investigating the complaint. A joint letter from the FAMC and WCom was sent to Bernard and Kripa explaining the changes in the guest house executives. The FAMC await a report from the GFCC concerning the money paid by the guest to Bernard to determine what, if any, refund is due.

*NOTE: The FAMC are aware that there are other individuals in the community whose actions as a unit or guest house executive are questionable. The members have made a commitment to the WCom, and in collaboration with them will address each person one by one.*

As mentioned in the February report, FAMC were reviewing the merits of a proposal on how to liquidate the remaining stock from the Memories from the Future of Light shop. This month it was agreed to proceed with the auction. The FAMC will collaborate on the public notice which should include one viewing time, sealed bids, and information that the goods have an estimated resale value.

The FAMC reported previously concerning Nolly's housing relocation from Sri Ma. The BCC did not agree with the FAMC idea to defer some funds from the Tanto-Sri Ma contribution to City Services for Nolly's housing needs. In March the FAMC informed the BCC that the funds will be diverted from the Tanto-Sri Ma contribution, up to Rs. 6,5 lakhs, to support Nolly's housing needs. It was shared that the FAMC has the mandate to do so, and with a long term economic view this is a justified use of funds.

As reported last month the unit, Imagination, is under review. Auroville Export Trust trustees Jan and Kathy submitted a more detailed proposal to revive Imagination. This month the FAMC expressed full support for Jan and Kathy's proposal, and requested an update after 6 months. The trustees were advised to speak with Aurovilians such as Gijs, Vikram, and Marc (Coffee Ideas) as they volunteered during the Auroville Retreat to provide guidance and assist units in difficulties.

A subgroup of the FAMC advised the AVC and Koodam concerning Saravanan's family's relocation, as part of the Centre Guest House arbitration decision. FAMC informed Housing Service, Auroville Council, Koodam, and Auroville Unity Fund of its decision.

## General Meeting

General Meeting with the AVCouncil and the Working Committee on the 29th of April at UP at 16.30.

### AVC message

Dear Community,  
Aurore living in Transformation has been interviewed by us and is announced as a new Entry Service team member for the next 2 weeks' feedback time - Please send it to: [avcoffice@auroville.org.in](mailto:avcoffice@auroville.org.in)

Slava living in Maitreya is announced as a new Residence Assembly Service (RAS) team member for the 2 weeks' feedback time and, for your information Hedia living in Maitreya will be a trial member (RAS) for 3 months. Please email: [avcoffice@auroville.org.in](mailto:avcoffice@auroville.org.in)

*Auroville Council*

### A call for architects

SAIIR is planning to develop a cluster of staff quarters in the cultural zone of Auroville. There will be four blocks. Each block will have four apartments, two on the ground floor and two on the first floor. Ground floor apartments are for families (two adults and two children) and first floor apartments for couples. There can be a common space at the centre of the cluster. The carpet area for each family apartment will be up to 100 sqm and for couples up to 70 sqm. The total cost of super built up area of each block can be up to 70 lakhs INR including infrastructure.

The project will start as early as possible during this financial year (2015-16). Interested Aurovilian Architects are invited to prepare and present a concept plan by 30 June 2015.

*SAIIR*

### Adolescents driving without licence

Dear parents,  
Even though we all know it is hard to know our children, in general, we know what kind of vehicle they drive. A young person under 16 is not allowed to drive a motor vehicle (2, 3 or 4 wheels) A 16 year old can obtain a provisional license and drive small 2 wheels (moped, scooter ..) but no motorcycle. Without insurance, accidents can be of serious proportions.

Recently, a serious accident occurred between a young man, drunk and unlicensed, who was driving at high speed. He hit an Aurovilian on his motorcycle. A serious issue was avoided because the victim reported a small accident, instead of the actual story. Needless to say, another victim, another accident could have yielded very different results not in the favour of our young and unlicensed Aurovilian.

We remind parents that a child under 18 years is under their responsibility and these kind of problems often fall on the shoulders of parents. Each of us with children has a responsibility to be vigilant on this matter.

Auroville Council also plans to contact schools about it and see what steps can be taken together for the safety of all.

Sincerely, *Auroville Council*

### Call for Micro-project Proposals 2015

This announcement is addressed to Aurovilians who would like to submit a project proposal through the Project Coordination Group for a Micro-project grant request under INR one lakh in the categories of Informal Education, Women's Development,

Youth Initiatives (from/by Auroville youth) or Innovative start-ups.

*Funding in this category is primarily for activities: funding is not available for infrastructure, buildings, transport or maintenance of Aurovilians or other forms of remuneration for Aurovilians.* Requests for equipment will only be considered if specifically required for the implementation of the project and are not already available in Auroville.

If you are submitting a project that has anything to do with Auroville or Auroville Outreach schools, or students of any individual classes, please send your project to the Auroville and/or Outreach School Boards *before* submitting it to the Project Coordination Group.

The FINAL DATE for submission is Monday, 27 April 2015. Copies of the grant application format will be emailed to you via [pcg@auroville.org.in](mailto:pcg@auroville.org.in) on request or may be *downloaded from Auronet*.

Project holders are invited to send their projects as a Word document, saved in the name of the project title, to [pcg@auroville.org.in](mailto:pcg@auroville.org.in) latest by Monday, 27 April 2015.

If you have received funding for a project through the Project Coordination Group in previous years, be certain that you have sent in a report for that project before making a new application for another grant.

NB The Project Coordination Group will be making further calls for proposals in this *and other categories of funding* in the coming months: these calls will be announced in the News & Notes and posted on Auronet.

You are welcome to email [pcg@auroville.org.in](mailto:pcg@auroville.org.in) or contact the Project Coordination Group at the ACUR (Town Hall) by phoning 2622250 for further information or assistance.

### Update from the Entry Service

1) The Entry Service front Desk will be closed for a week from Monday April 27th to May 2nd in order to focus on internal office work.

2) The process of reviewing new applications will be announced in News & Notes when we are ready.

Thank you for your patience.

*On behalf of the Entry Service Team (Alexy, B, Chitra, Ishita, Neeti)*

### Houses available for transfer

Auromodele - Toshi's house: 117.84 Sqm, circular shaped two stories house, suitable for single or couple.

Surya Nivas (Auromodele) - Avyin's house: 90.24 Sqm, on the first floor, suitable for Couple or Single person.

Pony Farm: 42 Sqm, steel and aluminum structure with outside eco-toilet, for single or couple.

Quiet - Ex-Appie's house: 118.72 Sqm, Combination of sloped Mangalore tile roofing & Thatched roofing of semi-permanent structures supported on pillars/brick walls built in brick work in cement mortar. (Note: Big renovation needed)

Please contact, Housing Service - Phone, 262-2658 or [housing@auroville.org.in](mailto:housing@auroville.org.in)



**Klaus of Nine Palms**

Early on Thursday 16 April, our long-term Aurovilian brother and friend Klaus (Groujean) of Nine Palms was relieved of his body that had considerably weakened after a yearlong struggle with liver cancer. His partner Ingrid and most of their children and close friends were with him at their home in Nine Palms. He was 68 years old.

Klaus was born in East Germany in 1947, from where as a 17-year old he managed to escape to the West through a mine field in the north of the country, risking his very life for a better way to live it. After years of staying in Germany as a refugee, he teamed up with his long-to-be partner Ingrid and they made their way to India, landing in Forecomers in 1972.

When Mother accepted them for living in Auroville in 1973, they moved to the place that would become the well-established Nine Palms settlement, which Klaus started by building a first major dam (next to what is now Miracle). During the following 42 years, he did important water conservation and afforestation work over some 80 acres of land, grew a particular grain of red rice and a variety of vegetables in order to peacefully and patiently raise and sustain a large family of seven, - and in later years even did some serious writing on the side.

Of Klaus & Ingrid's seven children, currently Bhama, Gopal, Shivaji, Ananda and Shanti live and work in Auroville; Sita lives in France and has just arrived; Mohini is in Germany.

Klaus's body remained in Nine Palms where on early Sunday morning 19/4, the family - Ingrid, the children and grandchildren, along with many old-timers and Greenbelter friends- buried the man who had created their beautiful home at a place chosen for the purpose by himself, in a most natural, touching and loving atmosphere.

While we'll miss the sight of Klaus on Auroville roads, zipping by in colourful attire, long hair flying in the wind and radiating that flamboyant easy-rider image, we know that now he's free and rides along in the Light.

Thank you, Klaus, and with love and support to Ingrid and family.

OM-



**Johan (John Defour) passed away**

Information reached us that Johan Defour, our Belgian friend and brother who stayed with us in Auroville for several years in the nineties, left his body on 21 April at the age of 60. He had been living in Ibiza, Spain, and had been ill with lymphatic cancer. His Aurovilian friends met together during a silent gathering at the Banyan tree in the late evening of Wednesday, 22 April, remembering this artistic and passionate man whose inner search was the main thread in his life - - OM -

*Johan left the body of earth at the age of 60, today 21.april 2015 in Ibiza Spain, where he lived those last years. He was ill with Lymphatic cancer. Johan dear...may you keep dancing to the echo of your flute in freedom and peace...Dariya*

eens was ik het kind  
de ogen geschenken van de zee  
mijn gelaat nog onbevaren  
de euforische glimlach  
teken van niet weten  
toen zong ik nog de  
ballade van het tevreden - zijn!  
Johan D. (original)

Once I was the child  
The eyes gifts of the ocean  
My face still un-sailed  
The euphoric smile  
Sign of not knowing  
Then I still sang the  
Ballad of Being - contented!  
Johan D. (translation)

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Access road to Citadines, Mitra and Inspiration closed**

Dear Friends,  
We need to inform you that from this MONDAY 27 APRIL the access road to Citadines, Mitra and Inspiration will be fully closed until further notice due to the construction of "Sunship". For all deliveries, taxis, etc., one needs to come through SAIER/AV FOUNDATION gate and cross the pavement stretch which comes from the Town Hall Parking - You will find clear sign-boards.

We will keep you informed,  
*With kind greetings from "Sunship" and Citadines Team*



FRANCE = Throughout the years, Paris-based members of AVI France such as Gap & Robert Aarse, Yanne Dimay & Jean Larroquette (Croquette) have been Auroville's direct contacts with UNESCO's Paris headquarters. The current team continues the trend: Evelyne Guinouard, board member of AVI France attended Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech at UNESCO on April 10th, which was preceded by a private wreath-laying by the PM at Sri Aurobindo's statue in UNESCO's Garden of Peace.

In the evening of April 13th, Mandakini Lucien-Brun, AVI France board member and Acres for Auroville co-organiser, attended a dinner at the home of India's Ambassador to UNESCO, Ms

Ruchira Kamboj, in honour of Dr. Karan Singh's presence in Paris. The UNESCO Ambassadors from Bangladesh, Nepal, and Uganda were there as well as a former Ambassador of India to the US. During one occasion, with regard to the A4A campaign, Dr Singh once again congratulated members of AVI France for "the splendid work that you are doing to raise funds for Auroville."

CANADA = As a telling gesture, members of AVI Canada team hosted on 21 April a dinner for their outgoing President and Secretary, Christian and Andrée Feuillette, thanking and honouring them for their more than ten year energetic work for the Centre. A spicy little detail: the dinner ended with a specially designed cake depicting a superb Inuksuk!

THE NETHERLANDS = the Dutch AVI team brought out [a lively newsletter](#) which, unfortunately, is only in Dutch! Apart from a call for a general meeting of their members on 7 June in The Hague, the letter contains photos, links and info on the Acres for Auroville Campaign, International Zone, volunteer options in Auroville, Savitri readings, Integral Psychology courses, translations into Dutch of several works by Sri Aurobindo, Auroville's Voices of Youth, a unique solar group net-metering programme undertaken by AV Consulting in the Pondy Ashram, and on La Maison des Jeunes.

A quite novel issue in the letter is the outcome of a work done by two young 'International Lifestyle' students of the Fontys Academy for Creative Industries in Tilburg, The Netherlands. Ellen and Iris, specialising in trend watching & concept development, had an internship in Auroville from August through December 2014, observing, analysing and applying certain specific trends they noticed in the City of Dawn. Mainly focusing on youth, they clustered their findings on a [website](#) in four sections, Inner Growth, Nature Branding, Food Medicine, Simply Living. The site makes for an interesting read and even if you don't know Dutch, their fun photos and snapshots are telling enough!

URL of newsletter: <http://us10.campaign-archive1.com/?u=92a7a7d7d1e886a752117696a&id=d4465ea946&e=b440b064fe>

URL of trend site: <http://internshipauroville.weebly.com/>

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## Security Advice

Dear friends,

This is to inform you that during the month of March, 2015, 3 thefts (Aspiration, Adventure, Transformation), 1 robbery case (near Last school), 1 bag snatch case (near Lakshmi park), 5 harassment incidents (near Joy guest house, near Discipline, near Gaia, near Pre Crèche, Transition), 1 attempted harassment incident (near Courage), 1 physical violence incident (near Youth camp) and 1 accident (near Felicity) occurred in different areas of Auroville.

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

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

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

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

To those who leaving town: please inform your neighbours to keep watch over your houses/apartments. Kindly inform your watchman /gurkhas or house-sitters to contact us immediately when there are any people / incidents to be reported. We recommend all residents and guests to travel in and around Auroville:

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

As the summer approaches, we would like to remind the community residents and guests to remain alert to the dangers of forest fires. We request residents and guest not to light any fires and to keep sand and water nearby in case of emergency.

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

## Auro-Orchard: Eggs

Dear all,

Please note that due to our absence, no date will be marked on Auro-Orchard eggs in May and June - unless one of you is ok to come over and do it every day ;-). This is a good opportunity to remind you of the following: the Auro-Orchard eggs are 1 to maximum 3 days old when they are delivered to Foodlink. They are sold on the same day.

Eggs are considered "extra fresh" up to 9 days after the laying date. This means you can use them raw (chocolate mousse, mayonnaise...) during that time. After this, they are considered "fresh" for another 20 days.

The tradition of Easter eggs come from the catholic Lent fasten, during which people refrained from eating eggs. So they collected them, and ate them at the end of this.... 40 days period!! (So we are way secure!!).

Enjoy!

Flore & Christian / Auroorchard

## Leaking Roof???

Dear Friends,

Some of you may have a home that is leaking causing stress and discomfort especially during the monsoon season. Aurora and I are two of those people and we are seeking a solution before the next rains. One of the solutions is to seal the roof with a waterproofing liquid. We are planning to contact a representative from a company in Chennai that supplies a product called Kemperol.

Kemperol once applied to the roof forms a permanent elastic, seamless membrane. This is the same product that is covering the disks on the Matrimandir. We would like to bring together as many people as possible in order to keep the cost down and discuss a strategic approach to how we can seal the problem once and for all.

We would also be grateful to receive information from anyone that has found a cheap, strong and long lasting water proofing system that has been proven to work well. Especially with all the problems a house faces in Auroville e.g termites, cracks, movement in the foundation, heat, humidity etc. Please note we would prefer to use organic material if at all possible.

For more info on Kemperol please go to this link: <http://www.kemper-system.com/UK/eng/liquid-waterproofing/9643-kemperol-v210/>

Those that are interested to discuss this topic please contact Elaine at 9952463904 or come to my house in Auromodele on Sunday, April 26 at 2:30 pm - We are looking forward to meeting with you.

## POSTINGS

### "Invocation" Phase 4 - Booking of Apartments

Stage 1 of Invocation Phase 4 has successfully been completed end of March and the new residents have already moved in. The raw structure of Stage 2 is also almost complete with the last roof concreting due in 2-3 weeks. Of the 6 available apartments 3 have been booked. Additionally 3 apartments would be available once Stage 3 of the project commences. In case you are interested do reach out to us via email: [Sumark@auroville.org.in](mailto:Sumark@auroville.org.in) or via phone: 0413 2622 472 - Looking forward to hearing from you, *Peter and Kevin*

### Blue Light reduced service

We have too much work for our reduced team. We will not be able to provide support as quickly as we would like. Apologies in advance for any disappointment. *Sincerely, Damien for Blue Light [Blue Light free and open source service and research]*

### A message from Verite

Dear Presenters and Therapists - Greetings!  
We would like to inform you all that we are closing our programmes and Therapies for the summer break and repair &

renovation work. We will resume in mid-June. Please send your proposals for programmes/therapies by 1, June 2015. Many thanks, *Kathir*

### A message from Quiet

Dear Friends,  
This is to inform the community that the Quiet Healing Center will be closed from Monday the 27th April till the beginning of June for its annual repair and maintenance work. Please contact us in June for your therapy appointments, once we have re-opened - Warm regards, the Quiet team

### From Nandini Tailoring section

No order taken from Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of April to Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of April . We start again on Saturday 2nd of May .Don't forget to bring your bag with your new order. *Anne and Vidya*

### Free Store timings

Summer Opening hours in May & June: Every Monday-Saturday, 9 am to 12:30 pm. Please bring your clothes washed and in good condition! At her service, *Free Store team.*

## AVAILABLE

### Whirlpool Water filter / oven

At WeDK we have a Whirlpool Water filter and an old oven which are not being used. If you are interested in either of these items, please contact us (phone number: 2622804 or email: [teresa92@auroville.org.in](mailto:teresa92@auroville.org.in)).

### Organic cotton towels available

Upasana has hand woven organic cotton Madurai towels in stock and available at a special price. They are light weight south Indian towels with texture for good rubbing. They are available in two sizes as well as hand towels. It is a great offer for the Guest houses, public places and homes for a year stock.

Just pass by Upasana or write to us at: [office@upasana.in](mailto:office@upasana.in) or call us on:-04132622957 // SMS us on 9442982957

### A Puppy

Puppy seeks a new house - "Titi" is a sympathetic and cute dog 6 months old female puppy that loves spending the days out in the nature. She goes along with kids, cats and groups of people. Call: 904-777-3628 - *Olivier (Olae)*

### Mattress

Queen Size mattress (60 inches wide) - used 3 months only. Foam with coir on the other side for summer. 904-777-3628 - *Olivier (Olae)*

## LOOKING FOR ...

### Wood

I am Sathyaseelan [Aurovillian, working at Land Board and representing Auroville in the Karuvadikuppam dump court case before the National Green Tribunal]. The Housing Service has given me and my family a house in the Adventure Community. I request individuals and units (such as farms and forest communities) to spare some wood for repair work and furniture. You can contact me at 9443843190 and email: [sathyanlaws@gmail.com](mailto:sathyanlaws@gmail.com) and I will be happy to collect the wood and timber. Thanking you, *Sathya, Kanimozhi and Guna.*

### Almirahs

In Edayanchavadi village, Rajan has created a small, beautiful Center, dedicated to The Mother and Sri Aurobindo: Brahmanaspati Kshetram, open to all. To keep precious materials and books of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo (in Tamil and English) the center is in need of big/small almirahs. Do you

have a second hand one? Or even better one that you could donate? - Contact: [kshetram2014@gmail.com](mailto:kshetram2014@gmail.com) / Mobile : [7639845821](tel:7639845821) / Submitted by *Claire and Michel*

### Actors

A Chennai-based film production company is looking for 2 young actors, caucasian, one male and one female, to play the role of a young German couple visiting India. The work would be for 2 days maximum and they are offering Rs. 2500/- per day per person. To get more information, please email: [aurovillearts@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurovillearts@auroville.org.in)

### Amma

We are looking for a half-time amma to work in our project "New Colors". Days: Monday to Saturday. Place: Edayanchavady - Contact Cell No: 95855 13279 - Regards, *Nikadass*

## LOST & FOUND

Key.(Found): With a tag (Omega, Maison CJ) and a small plastic fish - Pass by the News

Moped key.(Found): With a leather oval shaped key chain; found on the road near Arka last Monday. Please collect it from News office.

## THANK YOU

### One Day we'll Sing like Birds

We are happy to announce that we have already begun distributing the Children CD "One day we'll sing like birds" to the schools and Kindergartens. The songs in the album, according to us are for children between the age of 4/5 up to perhaps 9/10 years and perhaps even older.

The only thing is that we could not make copies for all the children and so we suggest that those who receive a CD share it with others, by for example letting them make a copy of it. After all we are a big family. We will also give two copies to the Music Library from where they can be borrowed. Hope the children enjoy the music. In any case do give us some feedback.

Thank you again to all those who contributed financially to this project.

Last but not least, a big "thank you" to all those who made this music project possible by offering their creative and artistic talents either as song writers, singers or accompanists. And to others for their technical skills and patience over this last one year.

We were in fact carried by goodwill and a "fun to do things together" spirit that still exists in this community. May it continue.

*Joy, Jivatman and others.*

## ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

### House-sitter 1

Seeking Aurovilian, Newcomer, or long-term volunteer to share a two-story house (across from Gaia's Gardens). Looking for a female, very clean, responsible, easy-going person. Mid-April to mid-May, may be extended. If you're interested, please send some information about yourself to Mimi by SMS: 7639-662566 or at: [mimiliu88@hotmail.com](mailto:mimiliu88@hotmail.com).

### House-sitting 1

We are a professional, responsible and conscientious couple with a 4 year old son. We are coming to Auroville to volunteer for 6 to 9 months, arriving the last week of June 2015, and we

are looking for a house-sitting opportunity. Ideally we would like to look after your home for as long as we stay in Auroville but we understand if it is available for a shorter duration only. Please contact Polly at [pollykirby@yahoo.com](mailto:pollykirby@yahoo.com) or by phone on +91 962 901 7518 if you can help. Warmest thanks from *Polly, Paul and Theo*

### House-sitter 1

Cute home stay bungalow available for long-term volunteer: private bedroom, kitchen, toilet/shower. Large garden space, quiet and peaceful. L'aura's House, Centre Field (Joy GH campus). Contact L'aura: 9442788016, [laura.joyful@gmail.com](mailto:laura.joyful@gmail.com)

## TAXI SHARING

April 26th: Dep 26th April 10 pm to Chennai airport for Etihad Flight. Share both ways possible, Sigrid: [sigrid@auroville.org.in](mailto:sigrid@auroville.org.in) / 0413 2623888 9626006961

April 27th: Looking to share a taxi with one other person from Auroville to Chennai airport on Monday, April 27, 2015, at about 8:00 pm. Please email me ASAP at: [alicia@sharan-india.org](mailto:alicia@sharan-india.org) if interested. *Alicia*

April 28th: To Chennai, departure in the afternoon, must arrive at airport at 6 pm at the latest. Contact: [didemdagkiran@gmail.com](mailto:didemdagkiran@gmail.com) / 8098865646 - *Olivier*

April 28th: To the Airport on 28th of April - Leaving late afternoon. Anybody who wants to share, mail me: [Khan.assia@gmail.com](mailto:Khan.assia@gmail.com) - Thanks, *Assia*

April 29th: Leaving Av on Wed. the 29th at 3.30 pm to Chennai Airport. Would be happy to share and split the cost. Please call *Paolo* at: 8098174379

April 30th: Leaving Av to Chennai Airport on Thursday, April 30 at 8.30 pm. Call Ongkie at: 984 3930178 or mail: [ongkietan@yahoo.com](mailto:ongkietan@yahoo.com)

May 1st: Friday - Leaving Auroville to Chennai (airport & city) in the afternoon, around 4 pm. If you are interested in sharing the taxi, please contact *Kerstin*: 8220129576. Thank you

May 2nd: On Saturday the 2nd of May, a taxi (empty) will leave AV around 5 pm for a pick-up in Chennai airport at 8.30

pm. If interested please email [avlella@yahoo.com](mailto:avlella@yahoo.com) or phone 2623763 - *Lella B.*

May 2nd: A taxi will be leaving Auroville for Chennai airport on the 2nd of May at 2.30 pm approximately. We are looking for shares either on the way there or back. Please email: [shahnandi@gmail.com](mailto:shahnandi@gmail.com) or call: 0413 2622637 or *Nandini*: 9871620526.

May 2nd: Hello, I am leaving Auroville on Saturday morning the 2nd of May to Chennai Airport. Would be happy to share a taxi and split the costs. (Taxi can be shared both ways) Please send me a text: 99 95 95 24 06 or email: [missacattani@gmail.com](mailto:missacattani@gmail.com) - *Sarah C.*

May 3rd: Who wants to share a taxi on Sunday 3rd of May? I will leave around 11.30 pm in order to reach British Airways flight to London at 5.30 am next morning. If interested please call or send SMS: 94436 98002, *Biggie*

May 3rd: Looking to share a taxi on Sun, May 3. Leaving AV at 9 am and arriving at Chennai airport around 12 noon. Contact L'aura: 9442788016.

May 6th: From Auroville to Chennai - I need to be at the International Airport at around 7pm. If you are planning on travelling on that day to Chennai, please let me know. 9159910199 or email me: [eilocna@gmail.com](mailto:eilocna@gmail.com) - *Ancolie*

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

### Pre-creche is looking for Volunteers

Pre-crèche is looking for volunteer teachers who would like to work with children aged 1-1/2 to 3 years old for the next calendar school year - starting in July until the end of April 2016.

There will be no Maintenance available. If you are interested please call the school (0413 2623161 between 9:00 a.m to 10:00 a.m.) at the earliest.

Regards,  
*Pre-crèche Team*

## Future School is looking for advanced level French and Italian teachers

Future School is looking for both a French and an Italian teacher with a strong background in the subject, be it academic or mother-tongue. Teaching experience is not required but appreciated. The positions available are for teaching advanced courses at a high school level. The courses will begin in the new school term (July, 20th, 2015) and we ask for a minimum one year commitment. Maintenance can be provided based on hours of involvement in the school. Please contact us if you are interested or for any further information on: 2622596 or [futureschool@auroville.org.in](mailto:futureschool@auroville.org.in)

## Are you looking for a dynamic, inspiring job opportunity in Communications?

Are you passionate about work for Environmental & Social Wellbeing?

SEDAB - 'Sustainable Enterprise Development in the Auroville Bio-Region' is a project that is empowering village women around Auroville to create community-based, eco-friendly enterprises. The project is implemented by Auroville Village

Action Group (AVAG) and Pitchandikulam Forest Team, who provide support for these enterprises to grow and thrive. The project is in its third year and has already created several teams of women entrepreneurs who own their enterprise and who produce eco-friendly products and services to improve the wellbeing of their environment and community.

This project needs a 'Documentation & Communication' person with the following qualifications:

- A deep desire to support Sustainable Development initiatives.
- Capacity to listen, observe and write in Tamil & English.
- Manage offline and online tools for creating, editing, presenting the project.
- Coordinate / communicate among several organisations & units within Auroville and in the Bioregion.
- Organize meetings and attend, managing communication regarding the same.

Of course, it would be great to have a cheerful, young person, who can work well in a team. Compensation / Maintenance is available for a deserving candidate. If the above sounds exciting for you, write to: [sedab.comm@auroville.org.in](mailto:sedab.comm@auroville.org.in) or call Partha: 9443114307 or Kavitha: 8940568266.

## AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Listeners,

The FM license matter is progressing: we have been meeting with Vinodhini to help us fill the application and its many requirements. As soon as this is ready we'll send the documents to be checked by One World India who is associated with Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and is taking in care of the Community Radio applications. Meanwhile we sent an email, requesting the various building managers of ACUR, SAILER and AV Foundation to consider a little space on their rooftop for a small antenna for the FM transmitter. We are hoping to hear back from them soon.

This morning we received a large number of new Future School students to introduce the Radio work for their community service period starting in July. We look forward to working with them.

Ruben is still providing basic introduction on live sound production in Kalabhumi from 4-5 every Saturday if you are interested to learn just drop in. These are activities that are related to the project of the Media Lab- Art and Science school of Communication.

If you are passionate about any kind of music that you would like to share and/or introduce, the Auroville Radio will provide you with a slot of time for culturally valuable music from anywhere and any period of time to be broadcast. We have started this program with Don introducing Western Classical Music from the Auroville Music Library.

We are always looking for interested persons who would like to be trained in the field of journalism and sound production to join the team and help us deepen and widen the Auroville Radio Work and Team. We are also looking for a photographer to share images of Auroville life daily on our social media network and a software developer familiar with apps for mobile would be very welcome. There are many fun and exciting projects to carry forward and develop that are waiting for you!

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

Off the Cuff-24 (Performing Arts 17/04/2015)

Off the cuff on random topics that interest us: This week steps at the radio, exit entry & Sat events at the Pony Farm - [English, 17 Minutes]

Clementine & Jurriaan in concert (Music 17/04/2015)

These two long term volunteers decided to sit down -[English, 72 Minutes]

Reach For the Stars (Kids & Youth 17/04/2015)

Stephanie, the founder of the project Reach for the Stars shares with us some facts at the occasion of 5 years of it. - [English, 15 Minutes]

Music, Dance, Theater (News from Auroville 16/04/2015)

Tonight Following Sounds with Juriaan, Clementine and Matthew at Pitanga at 8pm. Adishakti plays and concert 18th, 19th -[English, 9 Minutes]

Lilaloka fundraising in Srma (Music 16/04/2015)

Lilaloka fundraising concert at Sri Ma, Auroville. Fabio Pollonio, Andrea Camerini and Savana Chiavetti -[Italian, 60 Minutes]

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

Selections par Gangalakshmi-35 (Performing Arts 15/04/2015)  
Gangalakshmi reads in French from Sri Aurobindo's Savitri, Book 11 Canto 1 -[English, 18 Minutes]

The Philosophy of Consciousness (The Path 14/04/2015)

University of Human Unity Series 2015 The Philosophy of Consciousness Â- Hegel and Sri Aurobindo lecture by Rod Hemsell -[English, 78 Minutes]

Vocal Colours - Concert (Music 13/04/2015)

Jazz, Soul, Pop, Bossa Nova and French chansons performed by Marlenka, Ahilya, Victoria, Moghan, Jivatman & Susana - [English, 86 Minutes]

Puthandu Vazthukal (News from Auroville 13/04/2015)

Tonight at 7.45 at Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas celebration of Tamil New year with dances -[English, 9 Minutes]

Nathalie John Quartet (Performing Arts 12/04/2015)

Four amazing women, jazz musicians at Solitude Farm past Friday - Nathali John Quartet. -[English, 92 Minutes]

## SPORTS

### A wake-up call

2 weeks ago this announcement was posted on Auronet and in the News and Notes:

*All the members of our team have basic Life Saving/CPR skills but they are not Certified Lifeguards. Their duty on the deck is to make sure that the rules of safety and hygiene are observed by all swimmers to help avoid and assist possible accidents. (They are not babysitters! Children under 12 must be supervised by an adult at all times).*

But the point does not seem to have filtered down into the community. Today I was on duty at La Piscine. Here is a short account of what happened:

Four young boys (between five and nine years old) were playing together in the pool. At one point, I realised that there were only three children visible in the water. As I could not see the fourth child, I assumed he had left the pool for some reason. As I scanned the pool to see where he was, he surfaced from under the others, where he had been trapped and unable to breathe. I immediately got in, took him in my arms and pulled him out of the water.

Luckily, what happened today did not become a serious incident, but I've thought about it a lot, because when emergency situations arise, we just act, and then afterwards reflect on them. Of course, for me it was a pretty intense

experience. I saw his expression when he finally managed to surface and draw breath. I saw the fear in his eyes. It was a close call, and he and I both felt that.

It also really brought home how even in shallow water with children who can swim very well an accident like that can happen. I was four metres away from the children and looking right at them, and I could not see that a child was under the water.

Even after this incident occurred, I saw how little attention some parents and guardians pay to their small children in the water.

There were other young children at the pool, and the 'responsible' adults were paying so little attention, I am not sure they even noticed what happened. The adults talked to others, swam, and barely looked at the kids, who were sometimes at the other end of the pool twenty-five metres away. One parent/guardian was busy with her phone on the deckbed.

Please, for the safety of our children, WATCH YOUR CHILD IN THE WATER.

Clare

## TRAVEL

### Latest News from the Travel Shop

Located at Inside India in Auroshilpam - For ticketing - International and Domestic Flights, Trains, Buses, Tours and Hotels. We are open from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 13:30 to 17:00

New Airlines Offers: Emirates have promotional offers to the UK / Oman Airways have promotional offers to Europe / Qatar re-introduced offers to Europe and USA

Hotels: International and Domestic room booking can be done at discounted rates / Trains: Can be booked 120 days in advance / Insurance: We strongly recommend that you avail of a Travel Insurance to Europe and USA.

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

## EATING OUT

### Garden Café open on Sundays

We are happy to announce that The Garden Cafe will be open on Sundays throughout summer! Do join us for a hearty meal on the most important day of the week.

Note that we will remain closed on Mondays. Our new timings are: Tuesday to Sunday, from 9am to 5 pm.

*Naturellement Garden Cafe*

### GOYO closed

A tiny silent Korean restaurant in Luminosity, GOYO will be closed during the summer. It will open in the middle of July. Thank you for all your beautiful supports!

*Won ja from Goyo*

## GREEN MATTERS

Sunday  
**walk**  
Farms & Forests

Sunday 26th of April 7 am - noon, Aranya with Kundhavi & Saravanam [Tel; 290 3590 or 948 932 5433]

Departure 7 am Solar Kitchen return around Noon / Bring some organic food to share.

For the Sunday walk of the season and in honor of Earth day The AV Green Center invites you to an adventurous walk, brunch and a transport to get you there!

If you want to come and avail of the transport please send a mail to: [avgreencenter@auroville.org.in](mailto:avgreencenter@auroville.org.in) before

Friday evening the 25th April - Please come on time to not miss the walk!

Aranya is a research sanctuary for indigenous flora and fauna, about 12 km from Auroville and near Ousteri lake; a wetland that attracts thousands of migratory birds. It encompasses 45 hectares of plateau and a large area of gullies and ravines. A former wasteland with a few remaining pockets of TDEF (Tropical Deciduous Evergreen Forest) and a sacred grove dedicated to the deities Muneeswaram and Veerapan - One of the oldest places in Auroville.

Several attempts were made to save this site along with the surrounding area, but it wasn't till 1994 that a comprehensive plan under a project funded by IDRC (International Development Research Center) was drawn up to restore the coastal TDEF by rain fed afforestation using indigenous species. In three years' time 36,000 pioneer trees were planted on 40 acres of plateau using saplings at hand and genetic stock from the few surviving sacred grove around this region. Endeavors were also made to enrich the water table, prevent soil erosion and involve local people in the effort. The afforested areas extend to three villages. With the enormous conservation and afforestation work done by Hermitage and Sadhana forest this outlying north western area of Auroville is a treasure to visit. Aranya attracts students of natural sciences and field biologists and has established Eco- Clubs involving school children and has sensitized a younger generation on the need for community-based conservation and livelihoods. A new venture are the 2 and 3-day Wilderness and Adventure camps Aranya is organizing. On our visit we can try out a walk on the rope bridge. We hope to see you there!

For the AV Green Center, *Bridget, Lisbeth & Jasmin* [[avgreencenter@auroville.org.in](mailto:avgreencenter@auroville.org.in)]

# Notes

## Goodbye Klaus

Klaus died yesterday in Nine Palms.  
He had been suffering for some time.  
He had long hair and an Enfield.  
He was Asia's grandfather.  
She was sad when I saw her at school today.

I'll bring him a flower from the garden.  
Red hibiscus that grows near my kitchen.  
I'll give it to remember his life, family and farm.  
Good bye Klaus.

*By a Voice in the Forest*

## The Green Cathedral - An homage to Klaus von Nine Palms

Sunday morning, we are sitting around the freshly stacked mound of earth covering his last resting place and I remember this spot where I visited him for the first time in early 1975. This is the place where it all started and at that time there was, apart from nine palmyra trees, nothing but a lunar terrain filled with gravel and hot as hell. I looked around and I knew I was sitting now inside a green cathedral surrounded by tall trees offering their shade, protection and beauty.

When they wanted to be remembered Kings let built castles to comfort their ego or cathedral when they had some spiritual inkling. Klaus in this sense was a better King, as he built this cathedral himself with the deep sense of spirituality and devotion that was the hallmark of his life.

We became closer to each other in the last 22 years when, in 1993, Ananda, his eldest son, came to share in the green work at Revelation. We started then to meet each other more often than in the preceding 20 years. In one of our last conversation he said that if our friendship had not come from the heart it would have dissipated in the sand of time.

What did we share that made this closeness possible? The language and the German culture? The fact that we both in our youth shared values the beatniks and hippies of the 60s were slowly disseminating around the world by their constant travels in search of a better society where mankind would finally live in peace with itself? Our love for children and family values? Our concerns for the environment? Yes, a bit of all and more, of course.

But, we were so different in some respects that it looked like an improbable match between us. We came from vastly different social background. He escaped communism of the East when I was seeking to see it take over the West. Mother entrusted him with building a farm and plant trees and he gave Her a large family that would carry on with the work long after he left. She gave me the task of working at building the city and this was what I did for 20 years, building shelters for newcomers and schools for their kids. We had animated conversations during which we tried to find a common ground for our aspirations and we succeeded because there was this "heart thing" between us that accepts the differences and seeks to find a common ground where to unite our efforts at the realization of a more balanced and caring society.

Recently, we discussed the Pony Farm issue and he was concerned about trees that may have to be cut. He said these are living beings and we should respect them. He said there is no tree that is less valuable than others and to this I had to agree because it is true that nature does not play dice and every trees, plants and beings have a precise role to play in the game of self-discovery this universe plays with Itself.

When his family was flourishing, mine was scattered, and I sought and found solace in the embrace of all his kids and grandkids. I am extremely thankful to Klaus and Ingrid and their children for the support and love they have constantly showered on me. It helped me staying alive when I had not much energy left to carry on with the burden.

Till the end he kept his humor and faced his odds with courage and dignity. I know that somewhere I will find him, and a couple of old friends, that are now on the other side of the mirror, when the time has come for me to call it a day. Together we will return to continue the tasks given us by Sri Aurobindo and Mother. So this is only an "Aufwiedersehen", an Au Revoir. Take care Dear Klaus, have a good trip, it has truly been an Honor to know you!

Om namah Shivaya!

*Cristo- Revelation April 20, 2015*

## Matrimandir Gardens - An answer to Tim

Dear Tim,

Following your posting on "Matrimandir gardens" in last N&N, allow me to clarify some points:

In a nutshell: "One Garden" (in 12 gardens) came out from our exploration on the significance of each garden according to the name Mother gave, the Flower and her comment. It came naturally as we realized that all the gardens are deeply interconnected and complementary, creating altogether one single entity full of very deep significance. "Unity in multiplicity" is coherent with Sri Aurobindo and Mother's vision, and is the basis of integral Yoga's knowledge. It should not be surprising that some kind of unity emerges when one study the Matrimandir area.

But please note that this is simply "where we are today", and that there is nothing absolute about it. Furthermore, we have no intention to have it "adopted" as you wrote.

Kind regards,

*Marc*

## Just a coucou...

I have been truly inside of all that is happening in Auroville - through the nice displays of Giorgio's photos. From the Auroville retreat, to dance, to paintings, meetings, schools, beaches with Gods, exhibition in Chennai, or simply photos of children. Anyhow all this is life; those are efforts to justify life in progress. There is also Auroville Today which demonstrates and emphasizes realities and exposes the progress in many fields. All are alright, but maybe I am wrong, in all this something is missing, which could be just behind, like a presence, a Consciousness which will be there as supporting all. I don't say that it was not there but...

*"The World is preparing for a big change, will you help?" (The Mother).*

In all we see, it seems like there are the unnoticed seeds of a will for something else - on the contrary there is a certain complaisance in all that is done, a certain feeling of knowing, understanding, that's all. It is not wrong, it is not enough.

If life has to change, something else higher than our mental should be felt, a Force which has a strong presence in our being, at work changing all that obstruct the light, the true intuition, the opening of the psychic being etc. If this could be felt collectively, life would be simply a miracle, with an inner Joy shared without a word. We have come to the point that all life is from inside (the origin of all knowledge) to outside - The true condition for a new creation, towards Harmony, breaking all differences, with love.

Just a coucou,  
Andre T.

## Lack of Compassion

*(Reply to Housing Board N & N #595, April 18)*

Auroville Council decided that all parties in the Progress issue should refrain from further feedback or comments to the issue until it is resolved. Thanks to the non-cooperation of the groups involved the arbitration has been put on hold. HS/HB did not respect the decision of a selected working group and published their spin.

The Progress building, as the name suggests is NOT part of any Line of Force. In 1997 architect Dominique gave his own twist to the galaxy and sited the building wrongly, 60m off its actual site as per the present Masterplan. The LOF project holders built Maitreyee 1 at the tail end of this building, effectively eliminating any possibility of continuing the Progress building as approved by Roger.

More than 5 architects since, have studied the continuation of the Progress building as LOF for over 15 years and arrived at a dead end due to which nothing has progressed in the Progress plot (of 5 residents) in over 2 acres of land in an otherwise densely populated residential zone, sector II.

2 years ago, a senior Aurovilian, with considerable funding commissioned studies for the real one, which was not encouraged by the Line of Force project holders and by lobbying at L'avenir TDC deviated him to another project at another site.

L'avenir attempted thrice (in the N&N and 2 different MOU's) at giving permission to enclose a 32 sqm veranda of an existing free standing building built by the Progress residents/LOF project holders. At each attempt the concerned Progress residents would come up with reasons that found no ground until finally after 15 months later under the name of HS/HB (of which they were members) decreed that a building used as a studio flat and announced as one in the N&N, August 2007 could not be used as a studio flat again.

At the time of transfer, I had a flat in Creativity nearby. I needed to use the Progress building as studio only and signed the agreement accordingly.

The process of how in a time of housing crisis a studio flat became exclusively for office only was never explained by Housing.

Less than 150m as the crow flies from the Progress gate, is Dinesh tea shop, Auro cool corner, moped rental etc. which is closer to the center and doesn't seem as threatening to the galaxy than a verandah being enclosed.

Sheril

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# 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*

## INVITATIONS

### We call forth the Auroville Artists!

The Av Bakery invites you to express your talent on the wall!  
If you like to paint, and have a creative idea for a colorful sign for the main entrance at the Av Bakery gate.  
You can share your sketch with us and have your painting painted on our wall (by you or by our painter).

We will provide paints and brushes.

The sign should illustrate the Bakery as well as the café'.

You can send the sketch to: [avbakery@auroville.org.in](mailto:avbakery@auroville.org.in)

Please see that the file is jpeg and dimensions are around 800/750

We will be choosing the final sketch by June.

With love,  
*Av bakery team*

### Open earth Day

Save the date and share some LOVE and energy to build earth houses at 'SacredGroves'.  
Join us in shaping a greener and healthy planet. Experience how we the "children" of nature honour mother earth in a joyful and a great earthsome day.

When and where?

April 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 2015 - 10 am to 5 pm

At SacredGroves, Auroville.

Contact: Amal- 9626678609 / Veeren-09159895840



### Gymnastics adventure with Terra



Children aged 6 to 8 are invited to a testing session for next year's gymnastics adventure with Terra.  
Our training is based on developing strength and flexibility, attention and coordination. You will learn a wide range of skills that can be useful for you in the future.

The testing sessions are for prospective new students. No skills are required.

The sessions will be held in New Creation Dance Studio on two Saturdays, 26<sup>th</sup> of April and 3<sup>d</sup> of May, at 9:30.

Please come with sport clothing on and be on time.

If you have any questions, you can write me [terra@auroville.org.in](mailto:terra@auroville.org.in) or call 948-848-32-89.

## TALKS, SEMINARS

### Water Talk No 5

Dear Friends

Yesterday we had the presentation by Giulio about the history of the geology of Auroville and its region.

It was fascinating to surf over millions and billions of years and to see the specificity of this aspect of our ecosystem. We could finally understand, in simple terms why the Ottay clay formation is black, why some limestone has some coral origin, why the Ramanatapuram stinks and has carbonaceous mater in it and why the Manavali clay is not regular in thickness... among other things

Thanks so much to Giulio to offer us this rare insight in our past even if the number of years were mind blasting.

This was the first episode of the educational program and we hope soon to present you the same thing on hydrogeology, meteorology and all other water management related activities.

Please note that this presentation will be offered at a later date, probably after the summer migration, and that it can be done also in the schools.

### Water Talk No 6

Next week we shall meet again at the Terrace of the Solar Kitchen on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> at 1700 hrs

On the program we shall make a presentation on the concept of Neighbourhood water distribution System.

In case of rain we shall dance under the rain...

Working with you at Her Service  
*The Water Talk team.*

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## Local and healthy food system

Towards a vibrant, local and healthy food system for Auroville Monday 27th April at 4:30 pm Unity Pavilion

We invite for a short presentation on a local and vibrant food system for Auroville. Covering a description of current home vegetable garden initiatives at Auroville, locally and organically grown grains and the future plans for the new Foodlink distribution centre. The session will close with some samples of healthy vegan food prepared with locally grown vegetables.  
All are welcome.

*Bindu, Dorle, Jeff, Kyoung Hyoun, Martin, Ricky, Tomas*

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## CULTURAL EVENTS

### Greetings from Deepanam.

We end the academic year every time with a cultural programme.  
This year also we have some pleasant surprises in our cultural programme with recitations and songs, drama and dance with children.

So please join us on 25th of April, Saturday - From 7.00 to 8.00 pm.

*Deepanam School*

### Udavi School Annual Cultural program

Dear Friends,  
You are cordially invited to enjoy our Annual Cultural program at Udavi School!  
Our students will entertain you with songs, dances and 2 Tamil dramas!

Date: 26/4/2015 (Sunday)

Time: 4:45 pm!

Venue: Udavi school stage

### The Three-Maskmen and the Mysterious Package

Play performance  
Sat. April 25th / Sun. 26th @ 7:30 pm  
New Last School campus (near Kalabhumi)

A one-act play written and produced by Last School students during the 2014-2015 school year. Duration: 40 mins

## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

### Symplexity

The 3 day (25th to the 27th of April) holistic leadership workshop will be taking place at Base Camp.

We have planned it as a co-creative event, meaning that you will be engaged in taking on some tasks in the orchestration of the event that are to be seen as a learning by doing exercise on how different groups will need to be lead through a process/task.

Lunch, tea and snacks will be collectively organised for a menial contribution of Rs750 for food and sustenance during the event, payable to our AV Account under: SEA:251152 with reference: Symplexity.

To register you need to send your birth data (Time, Day & Place (largest major city close to place of birth)) to [unltdtamilnadu@gmail.com](mailto:unltdtamilnadu@gmail.com) or call Apoorva:09701530490, Vinai:09949591382 or Gi: 8940230984

### Programming Classes from Auroville Web Service

Auroville Web Service is currently managing Auroville's intranet (Auronet, [www.auroville.org.in](http://www.auroville.org.in)) and the public website [www.auroville.org](http://www.auroville.org). We are happy to offer free classes to students who want to learn programming languages, especially those used in web applications.

What will the students learn?

- Basics of network
- Various internet protocols and their usages
- HTML/CSS/JS
- Programming languages: Ruby, PHP, Python

Web application frameworks: Ruby on Rails, Laravel, Django

Class timing: 3-4pm every Saturday

Location: Aspiration Community

Initial classes will be discussion oriented to understand the interests of students and their choice of programming language to learn. Later classes will be practical.

Classes will be given by Shankar Dhanasekaran.

If you are interested please write to Shankar: [newage.blogger@gmail.com](mailto:newage.blogger@gmail.com) or [auronet@auroville.org.in](mailto:auronet@auroville.org.in)



# Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium  
 Film program 27 April 2015 to 3 May 2015

Indian - Monday 27 April, 8:00 pm:

- UGLY

India, 2013, Writer-Director Anurag Kashyap w/ Rahul Bhat, Aliya Bhatt, Surveen Chawla, and others, Crime-Mystery, 128mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: R (A)  
 Shalini is a middle-class housewife literally cloistered by her second husband, police-chief Shoumik Bose. She considers suicide and is interrupted by her daughter, 10yrs old Kali, who unaware of anything asks her mother to call her estranged father Rahul. It is Saturday, a day she spends with her dad as decided as per the custody agreement. Rahul, an aspiring actor take Kali for a drive but ignores her in favor of phone calls made to try to further his career. When Rahul leaves Kali alone in the car to go to an audition Kali went missing. On the other side of the story is a power-hungry super cop who is increasingly dependent on a cocktail of alcohol and anti-depressants. *It is a highly acclaimed film.*

German - Tuesday 28 April, 8:00 pm:

- DAS WILDE LEBEN (Eight Miles High)

Germany, 2007, Writer-Director Achim Bornhak w/ Natalia Avelon, Matthias Schweighöfer, and David Scheller, and others, Biography-Drama, 114mins, German w/English subtitles, Rated:R  
 This film is on the wild life of Uschi Obermaier, a German icon of the sixties, who was befriended by the leftist Rainer Langhans as well as the musicians Keith Richard and Jimmy Hendrix. Her main partner though was a German Club owner from Hamburg with whom she traveled all over the world by van and whom she eventually married in a traditional Hindu ceremony in India.

Cultural- Wednesday 29 April, 8:00 pm:

- THE PARSON DANCE COMPANY

USA, 2006, Director Thomas Grimm w/choreographer David Parson and the dancers from his company, Documentary 1107mins, English w/French subtitles, Rated: NR  
 David Parsons is one of the golden boys of American dance, combining great popular appeal with quality, integrity of ideas, and execution. As artistic director, choreographer and dancer, he has transferred to his own troupe, The Parsons Dance Company - eight exceptionally polished and energetic dancers - the charm, virtuosity and physical power that made him a star of the Paul Taylor Dance Company. David Parsons himself introduces each of the seven pieces presented in these programs and it is easy to see why he has such a considerable following.

French - Thursday 30 April, 8:00 pm:

- LE MÉTIS DE DIEU (The Jewish Cardinal)

France, 2013, Director Ilan Duran Cohen, w/ Laurent Lucas, Aurélien Recoing, Audrey Dana, Drama, 96mins, French WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES, Rated: PG.

Exceptional destiny is the one of Jean-Marie Lustiger, a Jew who becomes archbishop of Paris. At the age of 14, France being occupied by the Germans, he converts himself to Catholicism, against his parent's wish. Having joined priesthood, he worked his way up to the top of the ecclesiastic hierarchy, thanks to Pope John-Paul II with whom he becomes close friend.

International - Saturday 2 May, 8:00 pm:

- SONG OF THE SEA

Ireland-Denmark-Belgium-Luxembourg-France, Director Tomm Moore w/ David Rawie, Brenden Gleeson, Lisa Hannigan, and others, Animation-Fantasy, 93mins, English-Irish-Scottish Gaelic w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG  
 Saoirse, a little girl (from Irish Scottish legend) who can turn into a seal, goes on an adventure with her brother to save the spirit world and other magical beings like her. *A wonderful highly acclaimed film!*

Children's Film - Sunday 3 May, 4:30 pm:

NO FILM SCHEDULED

Masterpieces of Japanese Cinema @ CINECLUB  
 Ciné-Club - Sunday 3 May, 8:00 pm:

- ONIBABA

Japan, 1964, Director Kaneto Shindo w/ Nobuko Otowa and others, 103mins, Drama-Horror, Japanese w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

A landmark in fantasy cinema, this lyrical ghost story is set in medieval Japan amid a bloody conflict between rival fiefdoms. While the warrior Kichi's impoverished wife and mother wait for his return from battle, they maintain a humble existence by luring lost soldiers into the surrounding fields of tall grass and murdering them in order to sell their armor and weapons for food. This compelling masterpiece represents the finest in horror filmmaking, driven by powerful imagery and aided by sumptuous black-and-white photography.

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

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

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

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at [mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in).

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

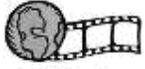
*We appreciate your continued support: monthly or occasionally. You can also make a contribution to "Cinema Paradiso" account at the Financial Service.*



C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM  
 There will be no film show during the Month of May and June. Enjoy the Summer - *Aurofilm*

## VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

The shows at the Visitor Center will resume from mid-May, as I am out of station. Sorry for the inconvenience.  
 Regards, *Suresh*



## "The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, May 1st, Friday at 19:00

### BULLY

2011 - 98 min. Directed by Lee Hirsch

Bully is a documentary film that follows the lives of five students in the U.S. who face [bullying](#) on a daily basis. Filmed over the course of a single school year, Bully sheds new light on the pained and often endangered lives of bullied kids today, revealing a problem that transcends geographic, racial, ethnic, and economic borders.

Audience Choice Prize at the Bergen International Film Festival, Award for a Film of Conflict and Resolution at the Hamptons International Film Festival, Best Documentary at the Washington DC Area Film Critics Association

*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!!*

*Schedule of Events: 16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour / 16:40 Tour of Sadhana Forest / 18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club / 18:30 Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films / 20:00 Dinner is served / 21:30 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen*

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

## SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Some Auroville Acronyms: ABC Auroville Board of Commerce; ABS Auroville Board of Services; AVC Auroville Council; BCC Budget Coordination Committee; FAMC Funds and Assets Management Committee; FS Financial Service; HRT Human Resource Team; LMTF Land Management Task Force; PTDC Pour Tous Distribution Centre; WC Working Committee

[Kindly let us know of any changes in opening/closing hours for the service. Eds]

Auroville Ambulance: 9442224680

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

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

City Transport: Quick "Pick up and Drop" Shuttle Service in Maruti Omni 4-seater van, with per passenger fares, from Rs.80/- for 1 person single trip inside the city area, destinations up to Aspiration/Auromodele and Repos/Quiet. Phone Visitors Centre main gate 262-2611 or to the driver directly 94876-50951 daily 9.30am-6.00pm (summer season - no longer available evenings). Please note that it is not a taxi that will wait for you for onward or return trips, but if needed will come back to pick you up again when called.

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

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

Auroville Dental Centre: Protection / Telephone: (0143) 2622265 or 2622007 / email: [aurodentalcentre@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurodentalcentre@auroville.org.in)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Green Care: Tree care, pruning, rigging, removal of trees, and or branches over structures. Garden maintenance grass and hedge cutting. Call: Jonas 9159843579 or Anadi 9655477329.

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

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

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

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

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

Matrimandir: The Inner Chamber is open for Aurovilians daily 06.00am to 08.45am. 11.30 am to 12.30pm (02.00 pm on Sunday)

04.30 pm to 08.00pm

Please keep the Chamber neat and tidy. Straighten your mat and put back all extra cushions neatly by the door. Please refrain from rearranging the cushions which are laid out for you.

To bring family members and personal friends please book by calling 2622579 from 9.30 to 11.30 am any day except Tuesday. Be at the office gate of Matrimandir by 8.45am on the day of the visit. Please remain with your guests throughout the visit. Matrimandir is closed to visitors on Tuesday.

Aurovilians wanting to bring their children to the Matrimandir are recommended to do so on Tuesdays between 9 am and 11.15am.

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

**Nandini Tailor section: (Auroshilpam):** tel: 2622527  
Open to public on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday full day: from 9am to 12.30pm and 3pm to 5pm  
No new order taken last week of the month. Don't forget to bring your bag

**Nandini Distribution : ( ptdc , solar kitchen )** tel : 2622033  
Open to public from Tuesday to Saturday morning from 9am to 12.30pm and Tuesday, Thursday afternoon 2.30pm to 4.30pm  
Don't forget to bring your bag

**OutreachMedia Services:** The services provided by OutreachMedia include: dealing with all media that come to Auroville for filming, writing, photographing - reporters, journalist and writers. 2622-098 or 9443602194 or 9952463904 Multi-Media Centre. Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoons and Saturdays by appointment.

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

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

Thank you, Residents Service Team  
**Savi:** Services for Volunteers and Hosting Units/Services of Auroville

We are a link between Auroville Projects and long-term Volunteers (minimum 2 months).

We offer welcome informations, placements opportunities, support with visa procedure and follow-up throughout the volunteers' stay.

Come and visit us at Unity Pavilion, Monday to Friday 10am-12pm. Phone: 0143-262-2121. Email: [study@auroville.org.in](mailto:study@auroville.org.in)

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

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

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

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

## ACT NEW TIME TABLE

**EARLY TRIP (daily except Tuesday).** *This service is conditional to MM being open to visitors. Usually not running on rainy days (enquiries: 2622235)*  
7:45 AM from Transport Service near Certitude Corner, opposite to Gas Service  
12:00 Noon from Pondy rue St Louis (beach end of J.N. Street) opposite Ashram playground

### SHOPPING TRIP

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

### AFTERNOON TRIP

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

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

Please Note: In case the ACT bus is not available as per the time table please be on the lookout for a replacement by Auroville Jeep or Van, we will ensure that a small white and orange sign is visible on the replacement vehicle.

All trips are paying trips and ACT welcomes your contribution everyday on every trip. ACT maintains its voluntary contribution policy aligned with Auroville's utopia, ideals and aims. At present it is YOUR contribution ALONE which keeps the service afloat. Travel passes are available from Financial Service (Town Hall & Aspiration) and Guest Service (above the Solar Kitchen).

For more information contact ACT (0413) 2622962 or [act@auroville.org.in](mailto:act@auroville.org.in)

### 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).

*NB: Messages with large attachments (more than 1 MB) will not reach our inbox.*

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

**The Wednesday deadline (11am) is absolute as the News is given to the printers by Wednesday 2 pm.**

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

**We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Wednesdays due to work pressure.**

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

**Visiting hours:** Mondays, Tuesdays 9am to 11.45am and 1pm to 3pm; **No visitors on Wednesday.** Please, no dictations over the phone unless it is an emergency or you have a medical problem.

**Soft Version:** We encourage you to ask us for a soft version of *News & Notes* send directly on your own mail. First, it saves trees, cost of paper (Rs 12.000 monthly are spent only on purchasing paper) and labor cost (900 copies are printed every week). Second we send your soft copy as a PDF file (Same formatting as the printing version with colored pictures) on Thursday morning and you can get information earlier than the printing version which is delivered only on Friday and Saturday. Don't hesitate to mail: [newsandnotes@auroville.org.in](mailto:newsandnotes@auroville.org.in) or to phone 2622133.

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## Lands for Auroville Unified Auroville Centre for Urban Research, Administrative Area,

### **ACRES FOR AUROVILLE – 24 April 2015**

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1920 is the day when the Mother returned to Pondicherry for good. She wrote on the significance of her return: "**The anniversary of my return to Pondicherry which was the tangible sign of the sure victory over the adverse forces**", or, as Sri Aurobindo put it poetically in Savitri:

***"In a new act of the drama of the world  
The united Two began a greater age." (Book V, Canto III)***

Auroville was founded to hasten the advent of "a greater age". Within Auroville, the International Zone is envisaged to focus on and research the highest attributes and achievements of each nation of the world with a view to foster them and, thereby, further the march of human evolution. **The International Zone is one of the two target areas of Acres for Auroville**, and so we are pleased to share this message from **Friederike Mühlhans, Chairperson of Auroville International**:

*"For the first decades of its existence, Auroville had to concentrate on realizing its spiritual center, the Matrimandir, and on securing its essential physical base in three vital city zones: residential, industrial and cultural. Although not yet fully developed, these areas have become a reliable base for Auroville's community life. This great progress now gives Auroville the opportunity to increasingly focus on "a living embodiment of an actual human unity", as laid down in the Charter, by sharing its accumulated experience and achievements with its neighbors and the world at large.*

*The **International Zone**, the fourth central area, is envisaged to play a decisive role in these outreach activities. According to **the Mother's vision**, the International Zone shall function as a gateway to the world, inviting people from all nations to engage in a quest for their nation's soul. She also specifically wanted the governments of the world to engage, in one way or the other, in the development of Auroville "for their own good", for the establishment of peace and harmony on earth. That is why she welcomed and very much appreciated the support and endorsement by UNESCO right from Auroville's inception.*

*Several groups in Auroville and also within Auroville International are intensely engaged in working out concrete development strategies for the International Zone and have established contacts with different national and governmental agencies. It is in this context that Auroville International greatly welcomes and supports this call - this fourth auspicious occasion to affirm our goodwill through action and donation - by the Acres for Auroville Team and its drive for the acquisition of land in the International Zone. While most of the land in this vital area already belongs to Auroville, **crucial plots are still needed** for securing the zone to enable its full development.*

*We call on the vast family of Auroville's friends and well-wishers around the world to make this fundraising appeal from the A4A team as big a success as the previous ones and to **help the Mother's vision for the International Zone come true!***

The A4A Team thanks Friederike and Auroville International for this inspiring message to us all!

Aryadeep

Mandakini

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## ACRES FOR AUROVILLE

### 24 April 2015

On April 24<sup>th</sup> 1920, the Mother settled definitively in India to join Sri Aurobindo in the work of humanity's enlightenment and Earth transformation. One of their goals was the realization of Human Unity, and Auroville was created for that purpose. The Mother said:

*“I am speaking of the countries' combined collaboration in CREATING something. It's not when Auroville has been completed: it's the nations' collaboration in creating something – but creating something founded on the Truth instead of a rivalry in Falsehood's creation.... it's truly a hope – it's founded on a hope – of doing something that can be the beginning of a harmony.”*



### THE INTERNATIONAL ZONE OF AUROVILLE – A GATEWAY FOR “THE COUNTRIES' COMBINED COLLABORATION”

An important new step for the International Zone and the collaboration of nations for Auroville took place on the Mother's birthday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 2015. In a beautiful ceremony inaugurating the European Plaza, the soil of 44 European countries and from the Samadhi of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother was mixed with Auroville soil, and a tree planted. The earth from the UK was taken from Cambridge, where Sri Aurobindo had done his studies.

**The International Zone is one of the 2 key targets of the Acres for Auroville campaign.**

Let's boost this fresh energy by helping to acquire the vital plots needed for building this zone dedicated to incarnating international unity and peace. **By contributing to A4A, you support the aim and development of the International Zone!**

In solidarity for the City of Dawn  
Aryadeep, Mandakini, Sigrid, for the **Acres for Auroville Team**

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*\*Photos by Martin / Quotation from the Mother's conversation of 21 September 1966*



Inauguration Ceremony of Auroville, Auroville, Amphitheater, February 1968

## PAPER BALLOON

AN EXPERIMENTAL ARCHITECTURAL PROJECT



The project "Paper Balloon" is an assembling together of pieces of paper that represent more than 60 people of 20 different nationalities.

The collection of these pieces was made during a special journey initiated in November 2014 from Brussels, Belgium, that went almost entirely over land from country to country to finally reach Auroville in March 2015.

The people met during the trip were invited to make a "Hand-Print", in a certain way so that materials could be collected to build the Balloon. The work of this 5 meters high paper construction has been in progress since one month in Auroville and it is now time to set it afloat:

1.5.15 - COME TO SEE THE FLOATING OF THE HOT AIR BALLOON!



Part of the "Hand-Print Collection", Nov 2014 - April 2015

OVER THE AMPHITHEATRE, MATRIMANDIR  
ON FRIDAY, 01/05/2015  
AT 6.30 A.M

Entrance from Office Gate - Guests are requested to carry their Aurocard.

Project created and executed by Gaspard Van Parys - [www.balloonarchitecture.wordpress.com](http://www.balloonarchitecture.wordpress.com)