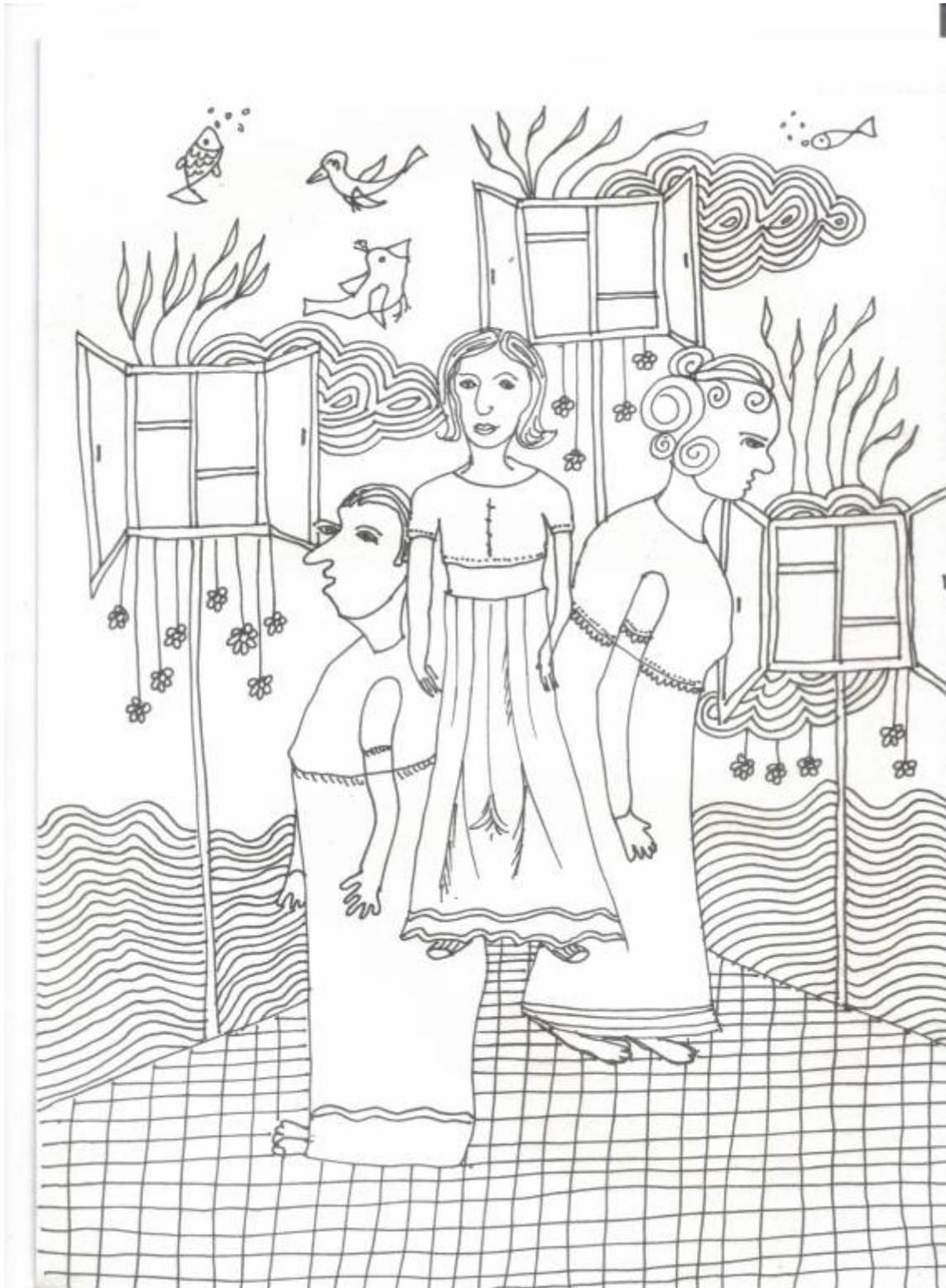


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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

(Continued)

On the surface, it's a very humble work, nothing sensational. There are no illuminations filling you with joy and.... All that is fine for people seeking spiritual joys - it belongs to the past.

It's a very modest work, very modest, even from a purely intellectual vantage point. It's different from the sensation of knowing things because you ARE them, which gives you joy, a sense of progress. It's not even like that! It is VERY humble, a very humble and unglamorous work, but which keeps on very regularly, with extreme regularity and STUBBORNNESS.

It will surely stretch over a long period of time.

And at each step, it's as though you had to take great care that nothing gets thrown off balance. The new combinations of vibrations, especially, are difficult for the body - it must be very, very quiet, well under control, very peaceful, or else it panics. Because it's used to vibrations whose effects follow a regular pattern, so if the pattern changes there's a kind of frightened jolt. That must be avoided, the body has to be very gently kept under control.

What the mind thinks, what it expects to see, looks so childish in comparison, like... yes, like theatrics, really. It's the difference between some grand extravaganza and the very modest life of each minute. Exactly that.

All the powers, all the *siddhis*, all the realizations, all these things are... the grand extravaganza - the great spiritual spectacle. But this isn't like that. It's very modest, very modest, very unobtrusive, very humble, nothing showy about it. It takes years and years and years of silent, quiet and extremely careful work before there can be any visible and tangible results, before anything can be noticed, even for the [Mother's] individual consciousness.

As for those who want to go quickly, if they try going quickly in this realm, they'll be thrown off balance.

You can't go quickly.

Once, when I saw how it was, I complained a bit to the Lord: "Lord, why did you make the body this way for doing this kind of work? Just look at it!" He answered me (*laughing*), "It's the best that could be done." So I said "Thank you!" and kept quiet.

And that's probably true! It has some good points: what they call stubborn in English - you know (*Mother plants down her two fists and holds them motionless*). And stubbornness is an essentially British quality, so there's no other word for it. The body is stubborn; and that's what is needed.

All right.

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 28 August 1962

MOTHER

*The
Ponder
Corner*

Only for good the secret Will can work.
Our destiny is written in double terms:
Through Nature's contraries we draw nearer God;
Out of the darkness we still grow to light.
Death is our road to immortality.

*Sri Aurobindo
ref. Savitri, p.424*

AUROVILLE TELEPHONE SERVICE: ANNUAL REPORT: APR 2014 - MAR 2015

General: The effort to keep BSNL committed and active in providing services to AV subscribers is an ongoing and constant process. AVTS has built up a good working relationship with the service provider and despite their constraints in terms of aging infrastructure, competition from agile private competitors and being bound to social commitments in rural areas vis a vis purely profit driven business, BSNL is reacting positively to our aspirations.

Some facts about BSNL show the enormity of their capacities: 46 million basic line capacity, 52 million GSM and 5.06 million WLL capacity, 39000 exchanges, 6 lakh OFC KMs and growing, Loss in 2013-14: ₹ 7019.76 crores.

New Connections: In the past 12 months, 52 new line connections, 22 shifting, 87 broadband connections and, 190 changes in plans were provided.

After a major jointing and repair effort, funded by AVTS, new areas like Darkali and Annapurna Farm, were able to join the wired network, though the last mile was financed by the subscribers.

The process of digging out and repairing old and deteriorated jointing is being undertaken on a regular basis.

Telephone & Email Directory 2015: A fresh and updated edition was published. To encourage recycling of old and defunct copies, the new edition were offered at cost price. This was well received and almost 300 pieces were recycled at AV Papers...

Self-Care Portal: The website is a powerful tool which provides for excellent management of individual connections. New plans, changes, data usage details, call details including numbers dialled; duration, cost, bills for previous 6 months, billed and unbilled data usage are all available at the click of the mouse. AVTS has created accounts for each number and provides login details suo moto to subscribers.

Figures etc.

Income (₹ Average Per Month)

10% Group Billing discount	133175.00
2% AVTS Service charge	28266.67
New connections, shifting, etc	6852.25
Total	168293.92

Expenses (₹ Average Per Month)

Employee costs	92160.92
Office Rent	0.00
Administration Costs	13893

Surplus (₹ Average Per Month)

Surplus	62240
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Cell Recharge Done in 12 months

BSNL	513590.00
Vodafone	107129.00

HR: 2 Aurovilians and 4 dedicated employees make up the team.

Future Plans

Continue to motivate and encourage BSNL to meet subscriber aspirations.

Constant liaison with BSNL on behalf of AV consumers.

Continue to lower cost of service to community.

Continue to empower subscribers by providing relevant links and information about their connection through regular interaction via Aurnet and News & Notes.

Work with the TDC for the planning and development of Auroville's internal communication network.

Be actively engaged in the ICITI project to provide green and reliable communications.



RAIN WATER HARVESTING & EROSION CONTROL REPORT

From 13 April - 4 May 2015

AURODAM

Aurodam was created 40 years ago by Geert Blaauw and Joel. Geert Blaauw wrote:

I supervised the building of the dam with the help of Joel, who was working at the Matrimandir at the time. He calculated the catchment area. We designed the spillway to cope with the worst scenario rainfall in one hour. All the work was performed by an amazing team of earth workers from the local area. We had to dig out a lot of gravel at the bottom of the canyon and seal it with layers of clay soil compacting every 300 mm layer right true to the top.

David wanted to raise and reinforce the dam. It was amazing to see how the dam and the spillway were in such a good condition after forty years. The first day the digging of soil, red gravel and clay was very hard. That night we got a good rain. The first hours the way up for the JCB was too slippery, but Arul managed to create a proper slope. The digging was easy, so we only used the red gravel. We raise the dam and its spillway by 40 cm. The kolam was cleaned and deepened and with this soil we gave the dam more slope. The kolam got its first water after the upgrading by another good rain.

A percolation pond was made next to the football field.

DISCIPLINE & ITS FOREST

Last year we started with a rain water tank. During the monsoon it filled up quickly, so it was decided to enlarge it. It is now 9 m. long, 4 m. wide and 4 m. deep. We made two percolation pits and a long bund 180 m, 2 m wide and 1 m high with the soil out of the water tank between Ritam and Discipline.

In the forest of Discipline we made 3 percolation pits and we did some bunding.

INFINITY

Infinity is a new community; formally a bamboo experiment, North of Nine Palms. An enthusiastic couple Gopal & Mada takes care of the four acres plot. It felt like the young pioneering spirit, remembering how Auroville started. We enlarged their fish pond (12 m *8m*2.50m) we did some bunding and made two new ponds for percolation. The soil contains pebbles and clay.

RAMESH FARM

The farm of Ramesh is situated near Irumbai Tank. His land is low. We made a water tank. The soil is used to make a dry passage over the land. There was already water on 2m dept. The plan is to use the tank for integrated chicken - fish farming.

HERMITAGE

Some dams of phase 3 needed some repair after the last rains. The manaveli clay erodes quickly on newly made dams.

Kireet

REPORT OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE

Main topics dealt with in April 2015.

Community presentation

On April 29th, together with the Auroville Council, the Working Committee participated in a general information meeting. We informed the community how it has been for each individual member to serve in the Working Committee, and how the group had successfully dealt with an internal conflict. Afterwards we discussed the post-retreat follow up process, and the NTDA/TDC. There was insufficient time to speak about the other topics which were on the agenda, but all topics are now reported on in this report.

Post-Retreat Follow-up Process

- 1) In the General Meeting of April 29th the Working Committee informed the community about the follow up on the Retreat. Here follows a summary of the presentation.

A meeting of the new Vision Task Force and the Working Committee took place on April 22nd in which participated VTF members: Dr. Vishaka Desai (via Skype), Ms. Ameeta Mehra (via Skype), Dr. Kabir Shaik (via Skype), former VTF members Aster, Sanjeev, Toine, and Hemant, Michael (for the Retreat Organizing team), Inge (for RAS), Kavitha (for youth), Mandakini and Carel (for the Working Committee), and Working Committee members: Angela, Elisa, Eric. The following decisions were made:

- 2) **Rename the exercise.** The name 'retreat' is no longer used and replaced by "Way Forward 2018"
- 3) **A chart,** made by the Working Committee, was shown, commented upon and finalized (attached to the last page of the News).
- 4) **The focus of the work of Action Groups** was defined as the implementation of the goals that emerged from the Retreat, not to come up with new milestones and goals. However, there is an exception if an Action Group wishes to work on a milestone / goal which has been defined during the Retreat but which, at the time, has not been given priority.
- 5) **Time limit.** The work of an Action Group should be limited in time.
- 6) **VTF members' participation.** It was agreed that members of the VTF - except those not residing in Auroville - should be part of one or more Action Groups.
- 7) **Call for assistance.** It was agreed that an Action Group can call on individual members of the VTF and others to help them resolving issues. This need was expressed by the representative of the Youth Action Group.
- 8) **Budget.** It was agreed that each Action Group will work out its budget requirement, if any, and present it to the Working Committee.
- 9) **Interaction with working groups.** It was agreed that each Action Group will, where necessary, interact with existing Auroville working groups on issues that pertain on the work area of that working group. E.g., the Governance Action Group will submit its proposals on the extension of the work of the Residents' Assembly Service to the Auroville Council and Working Committee for its feedback.
- 10) **Outcomes.** Each Action Group will submit each result of its deliberations to the VTF for approval. The VTF will ensure that the Community is informed of the proposals and the actions that propose to be taken, and, if a community decision is required, in case of strong dissent, it will initiate a decision-making process, through the RAS.
- 11) **Constitution of Action Groups.** The Working Committee will constitute each Action Group from those who have been attending the previous theme meetings during the Retreat, and those who since have expressed an interest to join the group. Priority will be given to those who have gone through that theme's process during the 2 to 3-month Retreat process, in case a need to limit numbers arises. Each group will be given these meeting notes and the folder for each theme, consisting of: (1) the three core texts of Auroville; (2) the Concept note; (3) the Guidelines; (4) the action plan: a document with the milestones and goals to be achieved by that group, a template with detailed time lines, and RACI; and (5) revised WayForward2018 visual diagram.
- 12) **Interaction between VTF and Action Groups.** It was agreed that at each meeting of the VTF one or two representatives of one or more Action Groups will make a brief presentation of the work done by the group, the actions they propose to take, and the time lines they envision. These should be in harmony with the Milestones and Goals set during the retreat.
- 13) **Community Information.** It was agreed that the VTF will give regular updates to the community on the work done

by the various Action Groups in the News and Notes, in the Auronet and via a dedicated web portal. People will be invited to share their views. Proposed is once every three weeks.

- 14) **Information to be provided to VTF.** The Working Committee will send all VTF members a summary of the goals to be reached by each Action Group. (who, what, report to, timeline and budget)
- 15) **Next VTF meeting.** It was agreed that the next meeting of the VTF will be on Wednesday May 20, 18.00 hours at the Conference Hall of the Auroville Foundation Bhavan with skype connection to Dr. Vishaka Desai, Ms. Ameeta Mehra and Dr. Kabir Shaik.
- 16) **Final Retreat Report.** On May 1, the Retreat Organizing Team presented its final Retreat Report which has meanwhile been published on Auronet.
- 17) **The email address:** wayforward2018@aurville.org.in has been created
- 18) **Constitution of Action Groups.** The Working Committee has started contacting those who have been attending the previous theme meetings during the Retreat, and those who since have expressed an interest, to join an Action Group. **All Aurovilians who would have not received an invitation but would like to join an Action Group are requested to inform the Working Committee.**

New trustees New Era Secondary School (NESS)

Immediately after it took office, the Working Committee was asked to intervene in NESS because of the suspension of four Aurovilians. In the course of our investigations it appeared that neither the Board of Trustees nor the Management Committee of NESS was functioning.

In order not to create more disturbances at the school and in the interest of the children studying at NESS, the Working Committee confirmed the suspension of the four Aurovilians till April 1, with full pay. At the same time the Working Committee appointed an outsider to make an assessment of NESS's strengths and weaknesses, started to look around for new trustees to replace the non-functioning but still existing trustees, and consulted many people on the best way forward. After lengthy deliberations, and in consultation with and with the approval of the FAMC, the Working Committee finally decided to recommend to the Secretary to replace all trustees of NESS with new trustees, and leave the constitution of the Management Committee to the new trustees as well as all decisions regarding the running of the school. The new trustees have since been appointed. They are Martin Littlewood (Samriddhi), Ramesh Tulyani (Arati), Klara Brogli (Surya Nivas), Anbu Kuttalam Pilai (Celebration), Abha Prakash (Utility), and Rajeev Bahattkumar Bhatt (Dana).

New member Land Board

Alain Grandcolas has stepped down as Land Board member. The remaining members, Divya, Gerard, Kannayappan, Prasad, Sandeep and Suhasini, have been actively looking for a new person who can harmoniously work with them and is also knowledgeable and well-respected in the area regarding land matters. They have proposed that Sukrit, who has been working with the Land Board for the last 2-3 weeks, replace Alain as member of the Land Board.

The Working Committee agrees with the proposal and recommends to the community that Sukrit become the new Land Board member. Feedback can be given within a period of two weeks from the date of publication of this News and Notes.

Vacancies at TDC / possible amendment of TDC standing order

The Governing Board, in its 46th meeting, have asked the Working Committee to reconstitute the TDC after consultation with the TDC Advisory Group and Shri. B. V. Doshi, Chairperson, TDC.

Sauro, on behalf of the TDC, has informed the Working Committee that there are at present five vacancies, namely in the areas of (1) Urban Planning, (2) Socio economic, (3)

Administration Accounting and reporting, (4) Fund raising and networking, and (5) Communication and Consultation.

The Working Committee has been discussing how best to fill these vacancies and how best to answer to the observation that the Governing Board made in its 46th meeting: "The Board felt that the TDC team should be strengthened, particularly in areas of implementation of the planned development and faster execution of infrastructure works."

But before starting a community process and making recommendations to the Governing Board (the TDC is a committee appointed by the Governing Board), we have been wondering whether the Working Committee should not take the opportunity to propose to the Board to make an amendment of the Standing Order regarding the TDC.

We have therefore asked the TDC Advisory Council, those who have participated in the recent task force on Town Planning during the retreat, and the TDC to send us their views on.

1. what has worked and what has not worked in the present TDC set-up;
2. what the best possible structure for the TDC could be, taking into account:
 - a. the (non or limited) availability of skills in Auroville to fulfill the various functions;
 - b. the observations of the Board on the non-desirability of payment of consultancy fees to the Residents of Auroville and the Units under Auroville Foundation;
 - c. the strong differences of opinion regarding the desirability of implementing the present Master Plan which may make cooperation within the TDC very difficult.
3. Whether the TDC Advisory Group should continue and if so, how its functioning could be improved.
4. If it is desirable / possible that certain parts of the work of the TDC, for which skilled Auroville residents are not available, can / should be done by a professional town planning office elsewhere in India, whereby the TDC would act as an interface between the Auroville residents and the professionals, instead of the TDC, as proposed by the Board, appointing part-time consultants in consultation with the TDC Chairperson Shri. B. V. Doshi, which would then report to the TDC.

The Working Committee plans to discuss the suggestions received with Shi B.V. Doshi and then come with recommendations to the community.

NTDA

The Working Committee has been informed by NTDA Task Force about the work it has been doing researching the best possible way to protect the Master Plan area from unwanted development, which has resulted in its recommendation to get NTDA status for the Auroville area, and has received the objections against the NTDA proposal from Prashant. There is as yet no legal opinion on this issue. The Working Committee has advised the Auroville Council to organize a general meeting / half day retreat on the issue, with a panel debate between those in favour and those against the proposal followed by a question and answer session.

Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013:

The Governing Board has directed the Working Committee to implement the provisions under this Act at the earliest. The Board emphasised that Auroville must take a lead in implementing these procedures effectively with their expertise. The Working Committee has asked for the views of senior advocate Sriram Panchu on the best way of implementing the provisions of the Act. He has informed that his views can be expected by mid-June.

Matej and Monica

Matej and Monica have informed the Working Committee that they wish to leave Auroville permanently. In consultation with the FAMC, the Working Committee has agreed to offer them a compensation for the house they are leaving behind in Acceptance community. The response of Matej and Monica is awaited.

Dissolution Resource Mobilisation Group

The Working Committee, in consultation with the FAMC, have agreed to dissolve the Resource Mobilisation group (aka fundraising team) consisting of Hemant and Carel, as both are too deeply involved in other activities to give time to fundraising work. The Working Committee and FAMC have received a report of the work done (attached). Notwithstanding the dissolution, Hemant has agreed to continue pursuing the Green Campus project which the team started in 2012, and which has a chance of being funded; and Carel will continue his fundraising work in The Netherlands. The balance of the allocated budget (approximately Rs 17 lakhs of which Rs 5 lakhs has been spent in the last 3 years) will be put at the disposal of the FAMC.

Summertime

Members of the Working Committee will take breaks in the summer at different times. The holidays have been scheduled in such a way that there will always be 4 members in Auroville at any time, and there will be a full-day presence of a Working Committee member in the office except Saturday afternoon.

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

Aurovilians not living in and working for Auroville (jointly with the FAMC)

Aspiration Sports Ground

Revision of the 5 year Visa Extension Process

Sludge Disposal

Special Guests' Reception at Matrimandir

Rayapettei Asset (jointly with the FAMC)

Windarra Conflict (jointly with the Auroville Council)

Auroville Security

Kottakarai Issue

Pending Cases from the Entry Service

The Working Committee,

Angela, Carel, Elisa, Eric, Mandakini, Manohar, Ranjith

REPORT OF THE FUND RAISING CELL / RESOURCE MOBILIZATION TEAM

1) People involved.

a. The team started in autumn 2012 with 3 persons, Hemant, Frederick and Carel. Frederick resigned after a year. The team members did not take a maintenance or perks. The only major expenses were travel and lodging.

b. Aurotaranti started working for the team as a resource person in February 2014. She took particular care of the contacts with the Project Coordination Group. She is the only person taking a maintenance.

2) Budget.

The team started with the budget left-over from previous fundraising activities of Rs 17.96 Lakhs. Today, there is Rs 11,06,323 left with the Unity Fund and Rs 89,223 with the Financial Service, eg. in total Rs 11,95,546. No percentage of successfully raised projects have been added to the budget. The only income to the budget has been from Carel's activities in The Netherlands - his travel expenses, if advanced from the Fundraising budget, have been refunded by Stichting Aurofonds.

3) Cooperation and projects

During 2013-2014, a cooperation with the PCG started to take form. The PCG has started to put approved projects on-line for funding.

The quality and number of the projects that are at present on-line, however, is disappointing.

We have had no contact with the TDC fundraiser. The TDC has not submitted any projects for funding to the Fundraising Cell. Lack of projects is a major issue.

The Fundraising cell has not involved itself in fundraising for lands, as (1) this was the purview of Aryadeep (and later Mandakini Lucien Brun in the A4A campaign) and (2) the members privately hold the view that land exchange will be

required as fundraising alone will not be sufficient to get the lands in the city area, leave alone the greenbelt.

4) 2012-2015.

Projects pursued in India:

a. A proposal to increase of the existing yearly plan grant for Auroville for the plan period 2012-2017 from the present approximately Rs 10 crores a year to approximately Rs 50 crores a year was submitted to the Ministry of Human Resource Development in 2013. This project has only met with limited success in this financial year (2015-2016) with a grant increase from approximately Rs 10 to Rs 15 crore was promised.

b. The Auroville Green Campus project, a project to create 300 environment friendly built houses to house the increasing population of Auroville, was submitted to the HRD Ministry in 2013. This project has gone through many incarnations and various names and with different budgets as per the request of authorities in New Delhi. The project is still pending.

c. The Solar City project, for Auroville to become a 'Solar City', was submitted to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, MNRE. Not successful.

d. The Matrimandir Lake project, to build the Lake around the Matrimandir, was submitted to a public sector undertaking. This project was initially not successful, but may be revived.

e. The Sustainable Agriculture project, to create organic sustainable farming in Auroville, was submitted to a private trust. Not successful.

f. The Auroville Flora project, to make a flora of all plants in the Auroville area, was submitted to a private trust. Not successful.

g. Equipment request for the Auroville Institute for Integral Health was submitted to the Ministry of Health, Government of India which in turn sent it to the Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Government of Tamil Nadu. Project failed due to too late action of the Auroville project holders.

h. The Integral Rural Development Project. Here members of the Fundraising Cell mainly acted in support of Joss.

i. Following the devastation caused by Cyclone Thane, separate fundraising efforts have been made for emergency relief as well as restoration and rehabilitation.

The international scene.

a. An attempt at fundraising was made in 2013 in the USA. Many individuals and institutions had been approached, but the attempt was not successful in view of Auroville's spiritual background. The money raised was set-off by the money spent.

b. Fundraising in The Netherlands through Stichting Aurofonds was successful. In 2013 € 180,000 (Rs 1.4 crore) was raised, in 2014 €57,500. The following projects have so far been supported:

In 2013

1. Auroville Integral Health Services (AIH): Rs 50,00,000.
2. Hall of Peace: Rs 14,50,000. (In 2011, Rs 8,00,000)
3. Farewell Building: Rs 14,00,000.
4. Auroville Eco Service: Rs 1,90,000.
5. CRIPA Yamaha C2 grand piano: Rs 17,85,800.
6. Auroville library: Rs 3,14,097.
7. Auroville Fundraising Cell: Rs 1,35,000..
8. Life Education Centre: Rs 3,00,000.
9. Social Research Centre: Rs 3,00,000.

In 2014

1. Reach for the Stars: Rs 4,50,000.
2. Auroville Village Action: Rs 5,00,000.
3. Auroville Integral Health Services, Arogyam: Rs 39,12,113
4. Leading Sustainable Tomorrows: Rs 4,09,156
5. Koodam: Rs 40,000.
6. Menstrual Health Management: Rs 1,73,574
7. Digitalisation of Auroville Today: Rs 1,86,638
8. Sludge deposit Auroville: Rs 38,606.
9. Farewell Building: Rs 9,50,709
10. Grain gravity separator' Annapurna: Rs 4,77,870
11. White Peacock: Rs 2,00,000

ENTRY SERVICE MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Well, here's our first one. We'd like to keep the Community informed each month with a not-too-boring report of what's happening at the Entry Service. The last weeks have been a little wild as the new members are getting adjusted. We will open fully for all new applicants on July 1st. Meanwhile, we are handling the applicants with urgent visa issues along with the regular work. We have caught up with some pending work, and had our first potluck dinner (somebody even brought ice cream).

As of May 1st, the members include two from the former team: Chitra and Ishita, and the newly-joined are: Alexey, Aurore, B, Matilde, and Neeti. Kripa and Vika from the former team have been generously helping with the transition. We are following the same schedule of opening hours as posted on the office door. There is no summer break.

We continue working closely with the Working Committee, Auroville Council, Housing Service, and SAVI. The Auroville Council has set up a new task force on Entry which has already met three times. This task force has members from the Council, Entry, and from the Community. This is also a continuation of the work already started a couple years ago with an Entry Task Force that made proposals to a General Meeting. We are taking that work and integrating it with the feedback given at that time, and the feedback of the current Entry Service. We also are inspired by the work done on Entry as part of the Auroville Retreat where there was a consensus to make Entry more welcoming, simpler and transparent. This is an inclusive process that extends all the way from the revision of the forms to the entry policy itself. The long-dormant Friends of Auroville policy has just finished its final feedback period and can soon come into effect with some final touches. Policies for spouses and relatives of Aurovilians are in the pipeline. Associates of Auroville is another category for consideration so that, if you really want to participate in Auroville in some way, there is a door or window for you to do it.

At present, we have over 150 people in the process of joining Auroville.

Since joining Auroville is a community process in which ES is organized to focus the administrative part, we all know that the choice is made by the individual, the applicant, who needs to feel the acceptance of everyone to feel at home. The present ES invites members of the Community to be as active in this story as they can. For example, we are open to having a Community observer during interviews. Already some informal gatherings for Newcomers have happened, and not to forget the week-long Aspiration Program where Newcomers get a concentrated look together at Auroville. There is one of these programs offered every couple months and the feedback from them has been very positive. Much more can be done and we invite those with initiatives to propose them.

We hope for a bigger office, but meanwhile we have been blessed with some special artwork donated by Mayaura, and Marlenka has done calligraphy for us to brighten up the place. Flowers have appeared here and there.

We have plans to put the new entry forms on the Auroville website with clear detailing of the complete guidelines for the whole process so there is no more mystery about what is expected and what is possible. A simple handout is ready that gives every joining step from start to finish inducing a budget overview. We are trying to optimize the process on a technical level, but it still remains for all of us to understand the leap of faith required to join our Community. We know the Grace is there to make this leap, and all of us are in this same Auroville boat to realize a Dream.

The Entry Service Team
Alexey, Aurore, B, Chitra, Ishita, Matilde, Neeti=

LAND BOARD REPORT APRIL 2015

The land board members seek out and meet the owners of land in the City Area, while there is also an open office for walk-in sellers on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10 am to 12 noon at 2nd floor of the Foundation Bhavan. The phone number 0413 2623699 is available during working hours 6 days a week to fix an appointment (Anjali is available on the phone) besides the 2 open office days.

ENCROACHMENT, EXCHANGE, PURCHASE, PROTECTION, MAPPING AND ADMIN ISSUES COVERED IN APRIL 2015

1. We are happy to let you know that we have completed two exchanges, 1st part of the exchange being - AV land R.S NO. TH -20312 - with Yamouna Davids lands R.5.NO. IR94/3C2, 94/3A and 94/18 cents Total - 2.00 acres.
2. Second part of the exchange AV land R.s No. TH 203/2 with Yamouna Davids lands R.S.No. IR95/2A2, IR95/281, IR94/3A and IR94/1D Total 1.88 acres and have taken possession of the Green Belt lands
3. Negotiations for further purchase and exchanges are on-going; if any Aurovilians has any contacts and information of neighbors, friends and /or family seeking to sell land in the city area, please facilitate or call the Land Board office (0413 262 3699) and we will pursue the case.
4. Cashew lease which took place on the 6th of April near Town Hall between 10am to 12pm was open for public and was a good success.- The amount received through the lease was Rs. 312, 541(Previous year Rs. 138,550)
5. Wood sales also has been going on well and the wood is being given to Auroville units, services and activities
6. An encroachment problem in Akashampattu - Shri.Aravindar College was identified and Land Board is in negotiation with the college authorities regarding the same.
7. Negotiations are underway in the City Area and depending on how it will progress with the land owners; we do hope to close some of them as soon as possible.
8. A disturbing development has been the land grab and legally disturbing cases filed by a local politically connected person at Hermitage. This time it's become a legal battle and this will take some time to resolve. AV Foundation is handling this case.
9. Land board members with the facilitation of the Kuilapalayam cultural association group (Hari / Suryagandhi / Selvaraj) are having a series of dialogues with elected and traditional village leaders to evaluate the use of the lands within and around settlement area of Kuilapalayam village. This is ongoing.
10. We are happy to let you know that after a long time we are having government surveys taking place in Auroville. Annapurna survey in Pulichapalam - PP 385/1 has been completed. A long standing dispute settled and FAMC has approved a fence for that boundary.
11. The surveys at Buddha Garden and Eternity were scheduled and the surveyors came but could not be completed due to the active non-cooperation of the neighbor and the disruption caused by them.
12. To be able to do value to value exchange with the outlying lands of Auroville, a prototype exercise of land plotting with roads that is according to the local by-laws has been undertaken. The plots could be officially evaluated to allow the seller who wants an exchange to establish base line values.
13. The Land Board would like to appeal to all Aurovilians to monitor the fences in their settlements, forest and farms to prevent encroachment and contact the land board if there are encroachments and land grabs.
14. We continue to meet FAMC regarding encroachment and land purchase issues regularly.
15. For all units interested to buy fire wood or timber quality wood may please contact (0413 262 2657) and fix an appointment.
16. A very important encroachment issue has been tackled last week by the active participation of many Aurovilians, Working Committee member and Land Board

members at Srirama. We are grateful to all who stepped forward to show solidarity and support to protect the lands. A more detailed report will be in May.

Divya, Gerard, Kannayappan, Prasad, Sandeep, Suhasini

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the News team

The News and Notes team will take a two-week break from Monday the 18th of May until Sunday the 31st of May; therefore there will be no News issued on Saturday the 23rd of May and 30th of May.
Please send your announcements accordingly, thanks.

Editors

Detailed Development Plan - Residential Zone, Sectors 1 and 2

L'avenir/TDC has commissioned a study for a Detailed Development Plan (DDP) of Sectors 1 and 2 of the Residential Zone. These two segments of the Residential Zone cover an area where numerous housing developments are taking place and should ensure conditions to receive approximately 5,000 people as and when the population grows. The Detailed Development Plan indicates the density, the housing typology for the future development, the built-up area limits as well as the areas to be preserved for green spaces, infrastructure, mobility etc. in the years to come.

The plan proposal has been presented to the GB and is now available for community feedback that will be collected until August 31st 2015. Feedback should preferably be sent to the TDC (avenir@auroville.org.in) in writing so that it can be analyzed, shared with TDC chairman Dr. Doshi and replied to in writing.

The full version of the DDP Document can be downloaded at the following link: goo.gl/DPBF9H

For a higher resolution version and the detailed complete set of plans, please contact the reception desk at L'avenir office in the Town Hall (262-3568 or 262-2170).

A short summary version is also available at <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/48477>

The architect Kaja Delezuch, who has participated in preparing the plan with the team, will be available at L'avenir office every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon to provide information or to answer questions.

What Does the Auroville Contribution Cover?

BCC often gets asked the question "What does the Auroville Contribution cover?"

In 2013-14, the total costs of services provided by Auroville to its residents amounted to Rs 5,125 per adult. In 2014-15 this amount came to Rs.5, 786 per adult (i.e. an increase by 12.8%).

These services provided by the City Services has two components:

(a) Costs that are directly proportional to the number of residents: These in decreasing order of allocation includes - Education, Children Maintenances, Health Service, Social Services, Prosperity Services, Farms and Food Links, Housing and Contingencies. In 2013-14 these amounted to Rs.3000, but in 2014-15 have increased by 10% to Rs.3300. This represents ~57% of the total cost incurred for each adult resident.

(b) The remaining costs are less sensitive to the variation in the number of residents, i.e. they are fixed over short term. For example (listed in no particular order): Forest Care, Village Education, Security, Organization, Cycle-Path/Trails/Road, Organization, Culture & Sports, etc.

Therefore, the Auroville contribution only partially covers the cost incurred by City Services for each adult. With this note BCC would like to highlight that the Auroville Contribution is not a tax, but an appeal to share and consider as a priority our common pot. We therefore invite the residents and individuals involved in the units and activities to contribute at least the share of their individual cost.

Please note: At present there are ~1700 adult Aurovilians living in Auroville. Out of which,

- Commercial Units cover the contribution for over 400 Aurovilians part of the units unspecified contribution on profit,
- The contributions of another 400 Aurovilians are covered through services,
- There are ~500 Aurovilians who contribute personally - some fully and others partially (after receiving partial waivers in consultation with the Human Resources Team)
- ~200 are youths who are in transition and have not started paying contribution
- Another ~200 Aurovilians do not pay and are being addressed by Human Resources Team

Thanking you, Sincerely

The Budget Coordination Committee

Budget Preparation and Budget Submission: Information & Help

Dear Friends:

Two budget forms: (1) BCC Budget Request Form 2015-16 (a spread sheet), and (2) Narrative Report 2014-15 (a doc file) can be downloaded from AVNet. *Alternatively, if you or none of your friends and colleagues have AVNet Access, you can bring a USB key to the Financial Service and copy the forms from Rathinam.*

- Once you have the forms, save it by adding name of your service/activity at the end (e.g. "BCC Budget Request Form 2015-16 activity-name").
- If you rather work on a paper draft before actually filling the forms, you can take a print-out yourself or can request for a print out of the Budget Request Form (form #1 only) from Rathinam. (However, by avoiding this step you will be saving some trees). *If you use paper draft you will still need fill in the soft copies of the forms, finalize, and send them via email.*
- If you need help or clarification while filling up the forms - you could request help and set up an appointment with either Ananda (abcoffice@auroville.org.in) or Jean-Yves (jeanyves@auroville.org.in).

Once you have filled them, please send both forms together to bccoffice@auroville.org.in with "Budget Application activity-name" as the subject line. *Please note that submission of single form will be considered incomplete and may delay the review process.*

While preparing the budget please note the following:

- Charges that a service asks for an Aurovilians/others to pay (if there is any) and changes therein need to be presented along with budget requests. (This can be incorporated in the Narrative Report)
- Increases need to be done carefully, because of their effect on Aurovilian maintenance levels
- Increases can be considered once yearly (or in rare situation two times a year)

The deadline for budget submission is 31 May 2015, 5 pm.

Good wishes and happy budgeting!

Thanking you,

Sincerely

The Budget Coordination Committee

House available for transfer

Appie (House in Quiet Community)

118.72 Sqm Load bearing semi- permanent structure, partially thatched and Mangalore tile roofing.

Please contact Housing Service for more details housing@auroville.org.in (0413) 2622658

TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville - 9th May 2015

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

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

Individual Project

Building Permission:

1. Vinayagamoorthi & Rama, Auromodele, House.
2. Sarasu, Celebration, House Extension - 1st Floor.
3. Jonah, Eternity, House Extension

Site permission:

1. Site for Boobalan & Ranjani to build a house in Djaima on Plot No Bo 197/5.

Collective Project

Building Permission:

1. Oil School - Guy & Carlos in Aspiration, Space for Lunch and Class room.
2. Site and Building permission for French Pavilion - Temporary building

Project write-up given by the Project Holder

Project Title: French Pavilion-Temporary Structure

Proposed Site Location: International Zone

Project Holder: Jouen Claude

Architect: Based on the model of La-maison-des-jeunes

Contact Persons: jouneclaud@auroville.org.in

Description: A temporary structure with a meeting room, caretaker's room and office.

Target Group: International zone inhabitants/Auroville community

Background:

Triggers: To start the activities in the International zone.

Goals/Objectives: To help develop the International zone.

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

Announcement

A new Bore Well in the Service Node of Certitude corner on plot IR 423/2 and 423/3.

Verite Radial

Since April last year we have been working on the alignment of the Verite Radial. In particular the stretch between the Eco Service recycling centre and the node with the Ring Road. This stretch of the road passes the communities/Units: Eco Service, Mantra Pottery, Yantra, Afsaneh, Udhayam, Verite, Auromics and others.

In most parts the existing road is to be improved, in some parts re-aligned.

We have had several meetings on site with members of the Industrial Zone Group and residents looking at different options.

We would like to present these options to the community for feedback. For this purpose we have prepared a presentation at L'avenir (2nd floor Town Hall). The maps and drawings are on display for the next two weeks starting Saturday May 9th. On Wednesdays and Fridays between 11 am and 12 am there will be a person available at the exhibition to answer questions and receive comments. Comments can also be sent by e-mail to avenir@auroville.org.in topic: "Verite Radial". For those currently out of Auroville, the same drawings will be made available online, the link will be circulated.

At the end of this feedback period we will schedule a public meeting to finalize the design.

See attached map on Auronet

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

From Housing Service

The Housing Service team wishes to inform the community that we will be closed from May 18th - May 30th, we will resume our work from June 1st 2015.

If there is anything urgent, such as repairs, please write to: housing@auroville.org.in, we will do our best to give you a swift reply.

We wish you all pleasant summer holidays.

(Devasmita, Satyakam, Sonja, Ole, Venkatesh, Vika).

Auroville Residents Service summer opening timings for May & June

Please note that the Auroville Residents Service office will be open for public only in the mornings Monday to Friday from

9:00 am to 12.30pm, we will be closed in the afternoons starting from May 6th. We will come back to our regular timings from July onwards.

Thank you, *Residents Service Team*

Outreach Media Office closure for holidays

The office will be closed from May 18 until June 3rd.

In the event a TV / Film crew arrive and film they are doing so without permission, please inform the Working Committee if you see any filming taking place in Auroville during this time frame.

Thank you in advance, *Elaine and Fabienne*

Summer activities for children and adults

We want to keep the kids busy the entire summer with lots of fun summer activities during the holidays. They will learn something new and creative ideas will emerge in their minds. They can spend the time in a useful and joyous way.

We are going to organize summer activities for the AV children. Especially like Hip Hop dance, Capoeira, Karate, Art, Storytelling and Singing. We invite the parents to send their kids to participate in the above Summer Programs. Please contact us if you need any further information. We will inform you about the place and time when you can contact us.

Phone no. 2622052 (MM office), 9443003708 / Email: Grace@auroville.org.in

Thanking you,
Usha & Grace (Mira Cultural Group)

Update regarding conventionally grown rice and AV grown rice in the Solar Kitchen

More and more information is available now that conventionally grown rice is in several aspects an unhealthy

choice as it's processing before final consumption involves chemical treatments of which always some residues remain in the rice, although from outside it looks shiny and white. AVgrown rice might not look so white and shiny but has many health benefits which are very positive for our bodies. AV farmers have grown quite a lot of rice in the last year, 12000kg are still available and it is ready now for consumption. Since many years Solar Kitchen is daily offering a variety of AV grown grains like brown rice, varagu, red rice and parboiled white rice and a small amount of conventionally grown white rice.

From now onwards we will start to provide exclusively Auroville grown rice-varieties and grains on Saturdays. Any feedback is welcome, either to be sent to tomas@auroville.org.in (for AVgraingroup) or to angelika@auroville.org.in (for Solar Kitchen)
Angelika and Tomas (Solar Kitchen Team and AV Grain-Group)

BSNL: New Rates for Landline

01 MAY 15	Rural Landline Plan			Urban Landline Plan
Existing Fixed Monthly Charge (in Rs.)	120	120	170	195
Existing Free Metered Call Units	120 on BSNL network only	120 on BSNL Network only	170 on BSNL N/W only	195 on BSNL Network only
Revised Fixed Monthly Charge	Has been revised from 90 to 120 w.e.f. 01-042015	140	195	220
Revised Free Metered Call Units		140 on BSNL Network only	195 on BSNL Network only	220 on BSNL Network only
Additional facility	Unlimited free calls between 9 pm to 7am on landline & mobile of any network within India.			
Call charges after free calls / day calls	No change in call charges.			

NOTE: Most subscribers are on the Urban ₹195 or the Rural ₹ 120 plan. [Check at the BSNL Selfcare Portal](#)
BSNL Circular available on AuroNet.

POSTINGS

Late balloons

Dear Friends and Aurovilans, specially the children who came to see the balloon - Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in last Friday's event at the Amphitheatre when after a long wait the balloon finally ripped on the protective barrier. The time 6:30 am was chosen to avoid problems with the wind. However, a completely different scenario occurred. Many thanks to the beautiful collective energy which developed to complete the paper construction. The balloon is about to be repaired and a new launch will be tried on Monday, May 11th at 7.30 am, if all the conditions are favourable. Let's try it again! Pictures of the last (and future) event will soon be collected and added on this web platform:

www.balloonarchitecture.wordpress.com

See you there,
Gaspard Van Parys and the Amphitheatre Group

A message from Atithi Griha G.H

Dear friends - This is to inform the community that Atithi Griha Guest House will be closed from the 15th of May till the 15th of June for major repairs and maintenance work. Sorry for the inconvenience. Warm regards, *Atithi Griha G.H.Team.*

Dance Space & Women Temple Circle

These classes are on pause until after the summer. *Dariya*

Jade Beauty salon

Jade Beauty Salon is starting the summer break - will be back with many new things and treatments - will be happy to share them with you. Much love, have a great summer - *Julia*

Phone number missing in the directory

A few days ago I looked into the Auroville Telephone and Email Directory 2015 and I saw that my name was not listed.

I checked in the 'Listing by Community under Discipline and my name was not there and I live there. I checked in the 'Listing by Name' under G, and my name was not there either. So, if there is anybody who wants to contact me, this is my telephone number: 0 904 709 78 12 / and this is my email address: Ginoauroville@gmail.com
All the best, *Gino*

Children lullabies for the Radio

Hello parents and fairy tales lullabies lovers, I am Marie, a pre newcomer, I am a radio producer at AV Radio. I am working on

a new program which will be dedicated to children. As I am a voice over and singer I would like to sing jazz lullabies and tell fairy tales which I will record and put on the page of AV radio to help little ones falling asleep - a relaxing moment for them and the parents. If you have worldwide short stories and songs that you would like to share with me, could you please send them to me by email: mariefouquet18@gmail.com - According to my possibilities I'll tell and sing them the best I can. I am bilingual French and English so if it is Italian, Russian, Spanish

and more I would like an English version of the song or story. I insist on the short story. Thanks to all of you, musically, *Marie*

Help needed

Dear community,
We, News & Notes printers team, would like to go for our annual Tour for three days. Please help us with your financial contribution. Our Account number is: 3821.
Thank you,
At her service - *News & Notes printers team*

AVAILABLE

Two female pups

Two abandoned female pups wandered into Sailam a few days back. Adorable and very playful. We cannot look after them beyond a couple of weeks since we will be leaving. Would you like to take them? - Call or mail - *Sowmya* 75985 66949 / sowmya.jatesan@gmail.com

A 6-month dog

Hello, we have a 6 month old dog. We saved her with 4 others. Now this one is looking for a new home. She is a very gentle and well behaved dog. She needs someone understanding and

caring because she is shy. She has got a vaccine passbook. All she needs is to be sterilized in approximately 1 month. Or if anybody would do dog-sitting from 18th of May till 15th of July with her please call: 9943368410 *Krishna* - Thank you - Blessing to you, *Krishna*

Babysitter

Are you looking for a fun, reliable and experienced babysitter? I have a lot of free time during the day, at night, on weekends or even to accompany you on family trips and outings?) Call or text me at 9443619903 - Thanks, *Mira*

LOOKING FOR ...

A Gong

Sadhana Forest is looking for a gong! Within the community we ring a gong to announce mealtimes and workshops to our volunteers. (Our current one is broken). Do you have a gong for Sadhana Forest?

Second-hand MP3 player or mobile-phone

2nd hand MP3 player or mobile-phone with recording facility. Can't afford new stuff....

I would love to take with me on my urgent recovery-journey to Austria all of Mother's healing organ music. So be it. Love and prayers. *Kayananda* 9443187453

A second-hand standard ceiling fan

White color. Pl call *PeterA* 9488 483348

LOST & FOUND

Prescription Glasses (Lost): Silver-wired frame by Oliver Peoples. If found, please contact Josh - SMS: 8122 964 514 or mail: JoshuaHurst@gmail.com. Thanks.

Godrej black key (Found): At the Unity Pavilion. Please contact them.

THANK YOU

From Auroville Council

Dear community members,
Following the GM on the 24th of April on the new Conflict Resolution Policy, we have worked on incorporating feedbacks received into the final document.
Since there has been very little "negative" feedback that could not either be explained or integrated, the Auroville Council considers this policy ratified and now endorses this as the new Conflict Resolution Policy.
You will find in the AuroNet a link to view the following documents:

- 1) Auroville Conflict Resolution Policy 2015
- 2) Annex 1 - Mediation 2015
- 3) Annex 2 - RC 2015
- 4) Feedbacks - received, and clarifications from AVC

We intend to hold another General Meeting in 1 year (April - May 2016) to review the policy, to see what has been learnt in this year, what has worked and what hasn't, and what needs to be revised.

We thank you for your participation,
Sincerely, *The Auroville Council*

APPEAL

A personal appeal for help for earthquake-affected people in Nepal



Dear Auroville residents, Auroville units and Auroville guests,
A powerful earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale struck

central Nepal on Saturday morning (25.04.2015), damaging buildings in remote mountain districts. Media have been focusing on the area around Kathmandu because road access to remote villages has been lost. The earthquake has killed more than 5000 people, and the death toll is expected to rise. People are scared and take shelter outside their houses, in open space e.g. in tents. Lots of physical property has been damaged entire heritage sites have been destroyed. Rescue

team are working hard and relief is being distributed, however in remote areas people are still in deep trouble.

My home village is also badly affected. My parents' home and our neighbours' homes are cracked and in bad shape, unfit for use. People stay in tents and in animal sheds. Their living conditions are very difficult. I would like to raise funds to rebuild the houses, in particular for my parents and for my relatives in the neighborhood.

Please transfer your donation to: Earthquake Nepal relief account in Auroville financial service: 252342.

If you have any suggestions regarding this, please contact me at: 9442300573.

Thanking you,
DN Sharma [Aspiration, Auroville - E-mail: dnsharma15@yahoo.com]

AV-Hoops season 2015

Dear Aurovilians, parents, siblings, friends and friends of friends,

This is a request for your help and collaboration for the completion of a sports event of a whole new magnitude (within the Av community). We, the basketball community of Auroville, are happy to announce the launch of the AV-Hoops season 2015, it will be taking off on the 11th of May.

After having tried for the past 3 years the time has finally come. This will go on throughout most of the year, for a period of 7 months!! All this will happen at the new creation basketball court, opposite la piscine. Matches will start every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 5.30 pm. Each team will play a total of 30 matches. That's a grand total of 180 matches!! We invite the community to come and watch and enjoy the comfort of the spacious stands, with state of the art Tata steel roofing sheets.

But for this great sports event to happen we need financial help, contributions, from as many of you as possible and as much as you can willingly donate, for this event is hopefully going to become an annual happening for many years to come.

This will benefit the community in several ways, the main one being - bringing different people from different origins, backgrounds, lifestyles and cultures together in the spirit of human unity to compete in harmony. The second is the opportunity for basketball players to improve and play on a constant basis and so give future opportunities e.g. College, sports scholarships, opportunities to compete in other leagues and levels, as well as provide individuals with the opportunity to do sports and stay in good physical shape. Last and not least it

will provide entertainment on a very regular basis for the community to enjoy and socialize!

Here is the Acc# 250035 feel free to contribute/donate as much as you like/can. :))

Help us make this happen!

To all units who may be willing to sponsor a team please get in touch to discuss.

Email: viryac2000@yahoo.com / Or velu@auroville.org.in

Thanking you all kindly and see you around.

Virya, on behalf of the AV - hoops season committee and for the Av Bball community

Participation in AVI / AUM meetings in the USA

Dear All,

I am planning to go to the USA in August to participate in the AVI and AUM meetings. I intend to do some fund-raising for the Unity Pavilion - We need to build a proper storeroom, toilets and Utility facilities.

Additionally we want to install a simultaneous translation system in order to better facilitate communication and equality of participation in meetings and workshops.

I will also give talks/ information on Auroville wherever I am invited or asked to.

For the ticket and transport I need an additional Rs 60,000 and would appreciate any help from the community towards this.

My Financial Service account is 2232, please specify USA.

With Thanks and appreciation for your support,

Jaya

Supporting Savithri Maya

Dear Friends:

I am Savithri Maya, the dancer and actress, also working in Auroville schools. I have been invited to the U.S. in July for a youth empowerment through dance programme in Boulder, Colorado called "Surfing the Creative". Several Auroville youths have already gone to this programme and came back very inspired and enriched. And then, I will stay a bit longer with friends to see something of this beautiful country.

So now I have a chance to go, but I need some financial support from my community. My plane ticket, lodging and accommodation are paid for by the programme. But after, I still need some "pocket money" of my own so I won't be a complete burden to my friends there. I figure at least Rs. 30,000. Can you help?

If you would like to donate, my PT # is 3948, Savitri Maya. I would be very grateful.

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House-sitting 1

Hello dear friends I'm Olga with my 6 years old daughter - pre new comer - looking for a middle / long-term house-sitting. I will be happy to look after your house, pets and plants. I love to have a quiet life as well as nature. If you need my help please contact me: 8098167492

TAXI SHARING

May 13th: Taxi Share Auroville to Chennai 13th May 10pm. Contact: Bobby Patel: bobby@auroville.org.in +91-9443223598

May 14th: To Chennai Airport on May 14 -Start at 3 am. Please call Uschi: 91 705 707 4070

May 13th/14th: Leaving from Auroville to Chennai Airport around 2:30am on May 14th (night of the 13th). Please contact me at tisamri@gmail.com or 9486422616 if you would like to share. Amrita Garcia

May 17th: Departure from Auroville at 21.30 pm to Chennai airport (flight Mon 18th at 0.415 to Dubai) please contact lisbeth@auroville.org.in or tel; 2622985

May 24th: Leaving Auroville for Chennai airport at 10pm. Who want to share, please call Irene luminosity to 9159186803 or irene.disez@yahoo.fr

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Ecofemme is looking for a graphic designer ASAP!

The basic design brief:

We want to produce a 12 page (A3) flip chart which will be used to communicate about cloth pads, their care, and cost benefits to BOP women. For this reason, we envision the flip chart to rely primarily on graphic illustrations, but also include some photos. We hope this project could start between mid to end of May.

If this sounds interesting in principle, do let us know and we will work on a detailed brief explaining our vision and basic content. We would love to see samples of your work and have some idea of your costs would be helpful as well.

Thanks, Bindu (bindu@ecofemme.org)

HEALTH

Health Centre

Dear Community,

1. Dr Geeta Auropremi will conduct a free Ayurvedic Diagnostic Camp at Auroville Health Centre, on 11 May 2015 from 9.30 am to 12 noon. If interested, please register at the Health Centre Reception, ph: 2622123 and 2622018, before 11 May 2015.

2. A new anti-lice treatment "JUNGLE FORMULA" is available in the Pharmacy, which does not contain any insecticides and acts in a purely physical manner, by suffocating and dehydrating the head lice and its eggs.

Dr Uma

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Listeners,

The recent improvements of the radio space, gives us the ability to focus on improving other aspects at the radio. We are including several regular contributors to our program. If you would like to offer

your help in creating, editing or hosting a program on a topic please contact us.

Inge and Selvam of the RAS, agreed to help us to record meetings, this is a big help, training begins at the next meeting! Networking is good use of human resources and will certainly broaden our ability to include and process more content no matter the number of radio staff members.

Regarding the FM application, ACUR management has forwarded the request to Avenir for their "okay" on the location of the tower, which must be specified in the application.

We are always looking for people who are interested in the field of journalism and sound production to join the team, as well as a photographer to share images of Auroville's daily life on our social media network and a software developer familiar with mobile apps.

Thank you for listening- The Auroville Radio Team wishes you a peaceful summer-

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.

Don's Nods Western Classical --- Don's second program in which he introduces us to Western Classical Music - Melodies and Marches

Off the Cuff-26 --- A musical Off the Cuff, on the Retreat, The state of the Collective and water.

Happy May Day --- Tomorrow at 6.30 am over the Amphitheatre ? Matrimandir we can see an experimental architectural project/paper balloon

Selections par Gangalakshmi-37 --- Gangalakshmi reads from the Mother and Sri Aurobindo on the psychic being. (in French).

Savitri Reading by Loretta --- Savitri Book VII, The book of Yoga, Canto 1. Read in English by Loretta.

GM with AVC and WC --- 29th at 4.30pm at Unity Pavilion, IZ, General Meeting with Working Committee and AV Council. (The meeting was not recorded, inconvenience is regretted.)

EATING OUT

The Garden Cafe will be open on Sundays throughout summer

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

GREEN MATTERS

Sunday
walk
Farms & Forests

Reporting from the Season's last Sunday Walks to Farms & Forests

Buddha Garden

On 19 April a small group of walkers discovered Buddha Gardens with Priya and Vivek. They learned about its history and development, visited the nursery, the centrally located and protected vegetable garden, the pond with still some

puddles left, and the surrounding cashew tops. Priya and Vivek explained how they plan the crops to ensure a variety of harvests and income all year round, how they organise the farm work, how they have made the infrastructure suitable for lay people to contribute to the work, and how they try,

together with their workers, volunteers and woofers, to give greater resilience to the farm in view of the vagaries of the weather. Thank you Priya and Vivek for your commitment to Buddha Garden, and for organising this instructive walk!

Aranya

The last Green Centre walk for 2015 was to Aranya, located to the north-east of Ousteri Lake, about 12 km west of Auroville. This pristine area (one of the very first lands acquired for Auroville) spreads over 40 hectares and can be seen as an extreme part of the Auroville Greenbelt, in the vicinity of Sadhana Forest and Hermitage, all areas of great importance for the integrity and recharging of Auroville's aquifers.

An almost-full bus of interested Aurovilans and visitors enjoyed a wonderful morning of immersion in nature and insight into the inspirational work of the Aranya team, through a slide show and talk in Aranya's new educational centre, and a beautiful walk through the forest and canyon, freshly lush after the recent rains. The forest includes many types of rare tropical dry forest trees (without non-indigenous species such as work-trees). Saravanan, who has been in Aranya since 1995, made special reference to Rauf Ali and Nevi, who originally started off Aranya, and also to Joss for his early connection with the project.

Once a severely eroded, barren wasteland, it is today a great example of transformation. Two magnificent canyons cut across Aranya, both containing several species of flora and fauna specially adapted to this unique environment. We had fun crossing a new rope bridge while firmly secured with a harness. Water bodies, specially created to conserve rainwater and raise the groundwater level, have attracted migratory waterfowl, fish, amphibians and aquatic arthropods. The forest has been restored using seeds collected from some of the last remaining pockets of coastal vegetation, found in the sacred groves of Putupet, Oorani, Thangal, Alapakkam and Bahor, as well as the Kurumbaram scrub jungle near Marakkanam.

The combination of regenerated dry evergreen forest, untouched ravines and man-made water bodies has made Aranya a home for many rare and endangered species. The Aranya team are activists too; Saravanan told us about the high level of poaching of wild birds that is happening in the area. Some of the exotic types fetch up to 1,000 Rs per kg for dinner parties in Pondicherry and beyond!! When we were leaving one of the team arrived back with film footage of birds been sold in Pondicherry that day...

In addition to the multitude of more common species that live

in Aranya, of special interest to the botanist are '*Gloriosa superba*' (the climbing lily which Mother called 'No quarrels'), '*Derris ovalifolia*' (endemic to this area), '*Diosdyros edenum*', '*Manilkara hexandra*' and *Memecylon sp.* Highlights of the fauna include Jungle cats '*Felis chaus*', Civets '*Viverricula indica*', and '*paradoxurus hermaphroditus*'; Jackals '*Canis aureus*', Eagle Owls '*Bubo bubo*', Monitor Lizards '*Varanus bengalensis*', and many snakes (including all 4 venomous species). There are several really interesting *Dipterocarp* fossils located at this site.

Aranya's new educational wing hosts visiting groups who use it as an ideal study site. Programmes are offered on a daily base, overnight or for longer periods, with much work currently done with local government schools.

We had a wonderful visit, rounded off with a nice Auroville picnic brunch before heading home, which some enthusiasts did by bicycle.

The Green Center thanks all the stewards who gave part of their Sundays to enthusiastically show us their wonderful places and projects, offering us an intimate insight into all the work done over the years, quietly in their tucked-away corners of Auroville. This year's walks took us to outlying pioneer farms and forests like Annapurna and Aranya, and within Auroville to places as varied as Success, Revelation, Fertile Field, AuroOrchard, Pitchandikulam, the Urban Garden project around Townhall, Pebblegarden Forest and the Botanical Garden. Some of the visits included delicious breakfasts (thank you stewards!), shared potluck brunches or afternoon teas. We already look forward to next year's explorations of Auroville's green treasures!

For the summer the Green Column will keep a low profile, as some of us will be out of station. Contributions are always most welcome, especially those that are ready for publishing without major extra work! Thank-you to all of you who are sending us materials, updates and feedback; be assured that these are greatly appreciated even if not everything can be published straight away.

We are still looking for people keen to join the Green Center team, starting in July, and welcome fresh energies and collaborations!

Wish everybody a great summer with refreshing and replenishing showers!

For Auroville Green Center - Lisbeth, Jasmin, Bridget
avgreencenter@auroville.org.in

Notes

Response to allegations on AvHC

The nurses do not ask a patient 'to go and pay' before getting the dressing. They ask the patient to buy a gauze pack to get a dressing, and when the patient cannot buy it because they are 'bleeding', the nurse comes to the pharmacy to get it for them on their account.

The gauze pack costs only Rs 20. The HC is providing treatment to Aurovilans and the surrounding villages; and we cannot give free dressing for 30,000 people (Kailash Clinic receives only Aurovilans and their guests).

Occasionally the HC pays for dressing and treatment for the really poor people, which was also offered to our brother Cristo who dedicated 42 years of his life. We request him to get the full information before passing judgment.

Av HC

INVITATIONS

Movie about Helen Keller

"The Miracle Worker" black & white 1962

Patty Duke (Helen) & Anne Bancroft (Helen's teacher Annie)

Unity Pavilion Sat 16th May 6 - 8 PM.

Art Cart Updates

Our mobile community art project continues to bring people of all ages and backgrounds together through creativity. The cart and regular activity has facilitated the creation of almost 1000 pieces of artwork since mid-July 2014!
The cart will be closed from May 5-15 and reopen on May 19th. Once we return, we will continue to have some space and materials dedicated to creating prayer flags for Nepal.

Please join us from 4 to 6 pm on the Visitor's Center stage, on Tuesdays & Fridays after May 19th!

Love, light and color,
Krupa & Iyyappan J. for Sankalpa: Art Journeys, a subunit of Thamarai

International Youth Day

Dear Friends and extended Family,
International Youth Day is on the 12th of August 2015!

The Youth Action Group is planning our Youth Service launch event for this day, which could include many fun activities/food/project launches/screenings/presentations/competitions/performances. etc. We would like to highlight the wonderful Youth-related activities in Auroville. It's quite exciting! How would you like to participate?

Please join us for a brainstorming session on **Sunday the 10th of May, 4:00 - 6:00 PM at the Unity Pavilion.**

If you would like to support this event, our Financial Service account number: 251048 in the name of 'International Youth Day 2015'.

Thank you - With love,
The Youth Action Core Group (*Angeli, Auroananda, Chandra, Luca, Kavitha, Mirrabelle, Nadia, Ramanan, Usha, Vika*)
youth@auroville.org.in, 8940568266, <http://ras.auroville.org.in/retreat2015/auroville-youth/>

A gentle reminder of the scheduled evening at Savitri Bhavan this Friday.

Enthusiasts of Savitri are invited to Savitri Bhavan on Friday the 8th of May 2015 between 4.30 & 6.30 pm.

Come with your favourite passage from the Savitri,
get comfortable among the free-standing painted panels of my Transformation series,
....and read out the passage that works for you for that moment in time.

Or then, come unprepared, open the book and see what manifests!

or just be a silent presence among us.

do bring friends along;-)

adil@auroville.org.in / 04132622724 / 9443029539

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Nada Yoga

Monday 1 pm to 3:00 pm, Tuesday 1 pm to 3:00 pm,
Wednesday 1 pm to 3:00 pm

Nada Yoga or Yoga of sound teaches us to perceive sounds in different parts of the body that are connected to the central energetic channel that is in the spine. These ancient Yoga techniques re-align the energy flow and gives peace and quiet serenity. In addition, with these techniques, you can learn to sing well, even if you sing completely wrong. It is through such techniques that traditional music and classical singing in India were born.

Hamsini has been a perpetual student of Nada Yoga for 14 years and has taught it for 5 years.

For appointment call: 9487544184

Local food cooking workshop

A relationship with where our food comes from is the basis of any civilisation or society. Our relationship with nature and with where our food comes from is the essence of culture and our humanity.

We have lost our way when it comes to knowing where our food comes from and how it is grown. We believe a revolution is possible with green papaya! It is such a readily available vegetable, it has no food miles and thus has no "ecological cost", and it has amazing health benefits and tastes amazing! And is almost free!! So why don't we use it more??? Simple, because most people don't know how.

This week at Solitude Organic farm cafe we will be teaching 5 different dishes using green papaya.

Monday: Green Papaya and lemon grass soup

Tuesday: Green Papaya noodles

Wednesday: Green Papaya Thai Salad

Thursday: Green Papaya Sabji

Friday: Sweet Papaya chutney (ripe papaya)

These mini-workshops will start at 11am and end at 12am

The dishes we make will be part of our daily thali menu for the cafe.

Everyone is invited - especially people working with food preparation.

These workshops, taught by Sarah Kundig, Solitude head chef, are the start of a series of workshops, the next being focused on Plantain and the banana stem.

See you there!!

Krishna Mckenzie (9843319260)

English pronunciation practice

A relaxed Listen-and-Repeat style is offered by Patricia using a variety of texts related to our life here. Vocabulary, conversation, punctuation and tiny bits of grammar are part of the experience. Open to All.

The following sessions are available in Creativity Community Library for May and June:

MORNING - Wednesdays from about 10:45 to 12:00.

AFTERNOON - either Monday or Friday or Saturday from about 4:00 to 5:30.

We can adjust the timings to suit all.

NOTE: If you want an afternoon session, send e-mail by Tuesday, May 12th. Tell your 1st and 2nd choice of either Monday or Friday or Saturday. According to the most requests, I will Reply you with the fixed day and time and announce it in N&N.

To choose one afternoon, send e-mail to pat@auroville.org.in

Cost for each person is cash 20 rupees for photocopies. Bring your own A-4 file, paper & pen, if you want to.

All are welcome on Wednesday mornings at 10:45 at Creativity Library. -Patricia

English pronunciation practise with Savitri as text.

Mondays 9 to 10:30 am, Savitri Bhavan Reading Room with Patricia. Open to All. No charge. If your group wants a

different timing, contact Patricia: pat@auroville.org.in 262 3750

SCHEDULES

NEW CREATION DANCE STUDIO SCHEDULE

MONDAY:

5-6pm: Pilates basic (Savitri)

7-8.30pm: Capoeira (Jeremy)

TUESDAY:

7.30-8.30am: Pilates intermediate (Savitri)

5-6pm: Aerobics beginners/intermediate (Elodie)

THURSDAY:

5-6pm: Fitness with weights (Bobby)

FRIDAY:

5-6pm: Aerobics (Elodie)

6-7.30pm: Capoeira (Jeremy)

SATURDAY:

7.30-8.30am: Pilates basic (Savitri)

6.30-8pm: West Coast swing (Sacha/Kaya)

FILMS



"The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, May 15, Friday at 7.00pm

AFRICAN SAFARI

2013- 85 minutes, Directed by Ben Stassen

Animal behaviorist Kevin Richardson - 'The Lion Whisperer' - guides audiences on an extraordinary journey across the most spectacular sceneries on earth: from the picturesque coastal desert dunes of Namibia, through the natural wonder of the Ngorongoro crater and then on to the breath-taking Victoria Falls. The film delivers startlingly close encounters with lions, cheetahs, leopards, black rhinoceros and elephants.

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 / (line break) 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.

The French Pavilion

Presents

"MY INDIAN DOCTOR".

A film by Simon Brook (2012)

A French oncologist leaves for India with a former patient who eventually overcomes the disease with traditional medicine. How can two therapies with different methods come together?

Neither a preaching, nor prescribing, "My Indian Doctor" is also the story of a culture mix, of positive globalization, where different approaches meet to better enrich themselves. The film explores the bridges that exist between traditional medicine, science and modern medicine, which agree to reposition the patient at the heart of the healing process in order to treat the person, not the disease.

Cinema Paradiso Saturday, May 16 at 5:00 pm

In French, without subtitles



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 11 May 2015 to 17 May 2015

Indian - Monday 11 May, 8:00 pm:

- P.K.

India, 2014, Dir. Rajkumar Hirani w/ Aamir Khan, Anushka Sharma, Sanjay Dutt, and others, Comedy-Fantasy, 153mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: U/A (PG-13)

Known only by his initials, P.K. is a stranger in the city, who asks questions that no one has asked before. They are innocent, child-like questions, but they bring about catastrophic answers. People who are set in their ways for generations, are forced to reappraise their world when they see it from PK's innocent eyes. In the process PK makes loyal friends and powerful foes. Mends broken lives and angers the establishment. P. K.'s childlike curiosity transforms into a spiritual odyssey for him and millions of others - a journey of love, laughter and letting-go.

Italian - Tuesday 12 May, 8:00 pm:

- ANCHE LIBERO VA BENE (Along the ridge)

Italy, 2006, Dir. Kim Rossi Stuart, w/ Alessandro Morace, Barbora Bobulova, Kim Rossi Stuart, and others, Drama, 108 mins, Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

Renato is a single father raising a son, Tommi, 11 years old, and a daughter, Viola. At the beginning of the film we don't know where Stefania, their mother, is. A world seen through the

bright, deep and severe eyes of a wonderful boy who is the focus of his family, the benchmark for his sister, the "strong man" both his mom and his dad need for different reasons, unsettled and insecure as they are.

Cultural - Wednesday 13 May, 8:00 pm:

- DON PASQUALE: opera buffa from Donizetti UK, 2011, Dir. Otto Schenk w/Anna Netrebko, John del Carlo, Matthew Polenzani, Mariusz Kwiecien, 133mins, Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

A red hot ticket at the Metropolitan Opera in 2010/2011 was Donizetti's comic gem, Don Pasquale with Anna Netrebko reviving Norina, the part that made her a star. John del Carlo's impressive performance as the Don are given every boost by Otto Schenk's hilarious staging and James Levine's witty conducting. Leading this opera for the first time at the Met, the renowned maestro demonstrates that his gifts suit Donizetti as perfectly as Wagner. This is a joyous performance that leaves you smiling.

Nordic/Spanish - Thursday 14 May, 8:00 pm:

- ADAMS ÆBLER (Adam's Apples)

Denmark-Germany, 2005, Writer-Dir. Anders Thomas Jensen w/Ulrich Thomsen, Mads Mikkelsen, Nicolas Bro, and others, Comedy-Crime, 94mins, Danish w/ English subtitles, Rated: R Ivan is a priest in a rural church and sees the world through rose-colored glasses. The church, which is known for the apples that grow on a large tree in front, is a half-way house for recently paroled convicts. Adam arrives for 12 weeks, a large, tough neo-Nazi, first baffled by Ivan's thick-headed optimism, then angry. He vows to break Ivan's faith. Meanwhile, in exasperation at Ivan's insistence, Adam sets a personal goal: to bake an apple pie. All goes awry for the tree: crows, worms, lightning.

International - Saturday 16 May, 8:00 pm:

• **THE MAN FROM EARTH**

USA, 2000, Dir. Richard Schenkman, w/ David Lee Smith, Tony Todd, Drama-SciFi, English w/ English sub., 87 mins, Rated: G An impromptu goodbye party for Professor John Oldman becomes a mysterious interrogation after the retiring scholar reveals to his colleagues he never ages and has walked the earth for 14,000 years.

Children's Film - Sunday 17 May, 4:30pm

• **ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNK: CHIPWRECKED**

USA, 2011, Dir Mike Mitchell w/ Jonathan Aibel, 87mins, Animation-Adventure, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G Playing around while aboard a cruise ship, the Chipmunks and Chipettes accidentally go overboard and end up marooned in a tropical paradise. They discover that their new turf is not as deserted as it seems.

BILLY WILDER Film Festival @ CINECLUB

Ciné-Club - Sunday 17 May, 8:00 pm:

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

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

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

Eco Service, Kottakarai: Jayamurthy - 904 701 5812 / Gillian - 9442067481, email: 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.

• **SUNSET BOULEVARD**

USA, 1950, Dir. Billy Wilder w/William Holden, Gloria Swanson, and others, Drama-FilmNoire, 110mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G

The story, set in '50s Hollywood, focuses on Norma Desmond, a silent-screen goddess whose pathetic belief in her own indestructibility has turned her into a demented recluse. The crumbling Sunset Boulevard mansion where she lives with only her butler, Max who was once her director and husband has become her self-contained world. Norma dreams of a comeback to pictures and she begins a relationship with Joe Gillis, a small-time writer who becomes her lover, which will soon end with murder and total madness.

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.

We appreciate your continued support: monthly or occasionally. You can also make a contribution to "Cinema Paradiso" account (#105106) at the Financial Service.

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group Account# 105106, mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

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 - 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
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

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

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

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 or to phone 2622133.

Disclaimer: The views expressed on these pages are those of their respective authors or work groups and do not represent the position of the editors or of the community as a whole. The News & Notes serves as a channel for the publication of material coming from trusted sources within Auroville. The editors cannot be held accountable for any alleged misinformation given or offence caused. In case of any dispute, the Auroville Council may be consulted and publishing of disputed material suspended.

News & Notes, Media Centre, Town Hall. Phone: 2622133, email: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in

LAST MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Available

Single mattress in good condition to be given away. If you are interested please contact *Adriana* 2622483 or 7094013245.

Summer time at the Language Lab

The Language Lab remains open through the summer (though if it gets too hot, we may take a break).

We are happy to welcome back some of our teachers who were out for various reasons:

- *Isabel* is back from Spain and will offer **Spanish Beginners and Intermediate** classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 to 12pm.
- *Chandrima* is back after an accident and will start **Hindi and Sanskrit** classes for all levels on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- *Piero* is back and continues **Italian Beginners** classes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 5 to 6pm. He is also willing to teach **Intermediate and Advanced** students.

Saravanan will continue the **Tamil Conversation class for Beginners** on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5pm, from 18th of May. There may also be a **Tamil Intensive** organised this summer, so contact us if interested.

A Spanish volunteer, *Maria Victoria*, will also arrive mid-May and we might organise an Intensive Spanish course with her.

Jerry, who has been teaching English for the last few months is out for a short period and will be back in 1-2 months. Meanwhile, we are looking for another English teacher to fill the gap. We are also looking for French Teachers.

A special thanks to *Erika Eggemann*, a Volunteer with some 40 years teaching experience, who offered the **3 month German Beginners Certification** course. The Aurovillians who chose to take the exam in Chennai passed with flying colours and impressed the folk from Max Mueller Bhavan. Even the second group has passed with excellent results. It was a wonderful course. Quite sadly and mystifyingly, the Entry Group refused her application to be a Newcomer, and we will be taking that up with them.

Tomatis is continuing through the summer except for a week mid-May. Please contact on 2623088 if you want to schedule a LT end May/beg June. We do remember that some people are waiting and we will get to you one by one. We are just stretched a bit thin with the requirements of the new building construction and the ongoing cases. Please check out our website www.aurovillelanguagelab.org and click on "Tomatis Method" and then "Presentation" if you would like to find out about the Tomatis programmes.

LINEA Dental - Summer Time

We inform all Aurovillians and guests that our clinic will be closed from Monday 12th May till the end of June because we need some renovation work.

Dr. Tatiana will be out of station till end of July.

The laboratory will be open from the beginning of June onwards.

Our specialists will be available by appointment.

You can contact Nicola on 94433 68318, email to: linea@auroville.org.in

Or you can call us at land lines 2623134 or 2623592

Thanks and see you soon, Tatiana and Nicola

A Call for Architects

A similar announcement was posted in the News and Notes 25th April 2015. This is a revised and updated announcement based on the feedback and queries received from a few architects of Auroville. Thanks to them for their valuable feedback.

SAIIER is planning to develop a cluster of staff quarters in the cultural zone of Auroville. This site is likely to come near Transition School, Future School, Last School, Lilaloka. Most of the infrastructure is available in this area.

The size of the land that would be available is 2000 to 3000 sqm. All details regarding the neighborhoods, existing infrastructure, topography and future developments in that area could be available from L'Avenir.

There will be four blocks of Staff Quarters. 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 total built up area for each family apartment will be up to 100 sqm and that for a couple up to 70 sqm. The total cost of super built up area of each block can be about Rs.70 lakhs including infrastructure, if any.

The project will start as early as possible during this financial year (2015-16) with one block. The entire project is planned to be developed in three to four consecutive years with at least one block per year. The Works Manual of SAIIER (WMS) will be followed all through the construction works.

Interested Aurovillian Architects having a registered unit under Auroville Foundation are invited to prepare and present a concept plan to the SAIIER Board along with the preliminary drawings and preliminary estimate by 15 July 2015. Plinth Area Rate 2012 from CPWD with latest cost index for Pondicherry area can be applied while preparing the preliminary estimate on the prescribed format available in the WMS. Soft copy of the same can be requested from SAIIER.

This is a pre-qualification tender for architects and is not intended as a competitive process. However, there will be a selection committee with members from technical and administrative backgrounds. SAIIER won't be covering any charges or fees to the architects for preparation of the preliminary drawings and estimates at this stage. However, 30% of the architect fees to the selected architect can be advanced prior to preparation of detailed drawings and detailed estimate before commencement of the works. Please write to SAIIER (saiier@auroville.org.in) or call on 2622210, 2622982 for further information.

SAIIER

ROLE OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE

Constitute the Action Group (AG) after consultation with the VTF

Collect outcome from retreat and hand over the Action Plan to each AG

Train / orient each AG if / when required

Dissolve an AG after consultation with the VTF

ROLE OF THE VISION TASK FORCE

Monitor, evaluate and support the Action plans and Teams in line with the outcomes of the Retreat

The VTF must meet regularly and submit half-yearly reports to the Governing Board

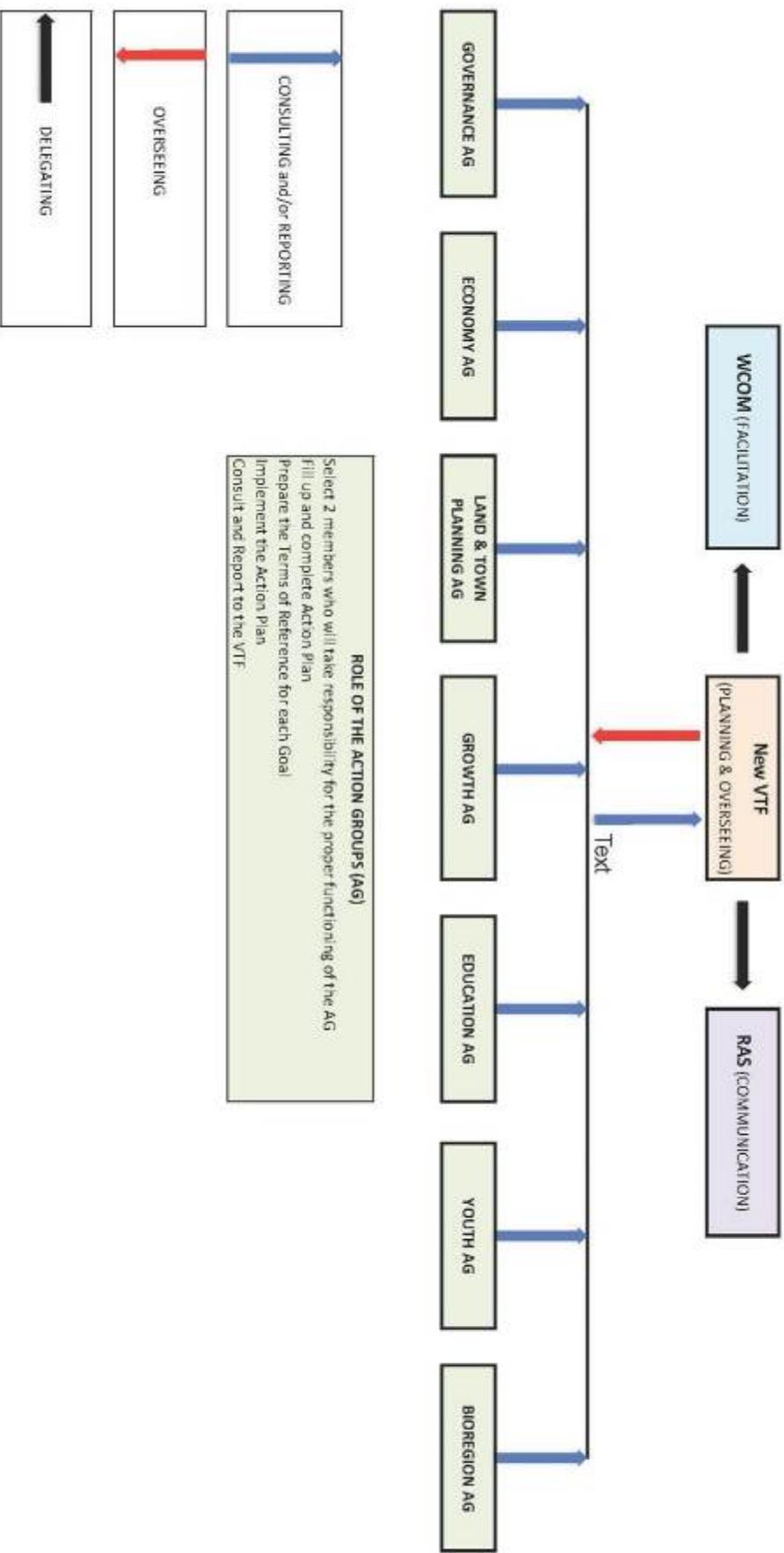
Delegate tasks

ROLE OF THE RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY SERVICE

Communicate with the community

Bring AG recommendations to the RA

Recognition, by public announcement, of the constitution of an AG



ROLE OF THE ACTION GROUPS (AG)

Select 2 members who will take responsibility for the proper functioning of the AG

fill up and complete Action Plan

Prepare the Terms of Reference for each Goal

Implement the Action Plan

Consult and Report to the VTF