

News & Notes

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"THIS IS THE INNER WAR WITHOUT ESCAPE," BOOK VI CANTO II



HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

(The beginning of this conversation took place in Nolini's presence.)

Have you received yesterday's *Aphorisms*?... Nolini might have something to say....

407 - I am not a Bhakta [*lover of the Divine*], for I have not renounced the world for God. How can I renounce what He took from me by force and gave back to me against my will? These things are too hard for me.

(Mother laughs) So T. asks me what he means.

Then, there is another.

411 - After I knew that God was a woman (*laughter*), I learned something from far-off about love; but it was only when I became a woman and served my Master and Paramour that I knew love utterly.

What exactly does he mean? Do you know when he wrote that?...

I replied to T.:

"I cannot answer because as long as he was in a body, he never told me anything on this subject.

"If someone knows the exact date when he wrote it, that may give some indication.

"Nolini may be able to tell you when it was written or whether Sri Aurobindo told him anything about it."

(To Nolini:) Do you know?

(Nolini:) At the beginning, when he came to Pondicherry [in 1910].

At the very beginning.... But then, what does he mean when he says, "When I knew that God was a woman"!

(Nolini:) He always used to say that Krishna and Kali were one and the same being. Ramakrishna, too, once became a woman: God was Krishna and he became a woman; for a long time he had that impression.

Naturally, for me, the answer is this sense of humor! *(Mother laughs)*

(Satprem:) Yes, you write to T., "Sri Aurobindo had the genius of humor and one only has to admire and be silent."

That was my first reply, but after that, T. asked me, "Why exactly did Sri Aurobindo put it that way?..." It depends on the date when it was written.

(Satprem:) It looks like the same experience as Ramakrishna's.

(Nolini:) At the time he used to sign letters not "Sri Aurobindo" but "Kali."

Oh!

(Nolini:) Yes, always.... All the letters he wrote to Motilal were signed that way.

But the way he puts it!... *(general laughter)*

Soon afterwards

This morning, for HOURS I had (the BODY - the body) this experience that nothing exists except the Divine. And then, the two are like this *(Mother slips the fingers of her right hand through those of the left)*. But for hours... The discomfort about very small things [*Mother's cheek is swollen by a dental abscess*] is much greater than in ordinary life, and the well-being is wonderful, and the two are like this! *(same gesture indicating a close fusion)* One needs to be very, very, very still. It's bearable only in an inner peace.

For the body it's bearable only when the time has come for it to be convinced that the Divine is the only Truth; then it's fine. Because it knows that the discomfort, however intense it may be, is sure to pass. So it's at peace.... That's what I have learned.... It began yesterday evening and lasted the whole morning - in fact, until you came, but it's still there.

(long silence)

Yes, this Consciousness seems to be intensifying all things so as to make them more perceptible: all the circumstances of life. Fantastic affairs, fantastic!... Unbelievable. Diseases, misunderstandings, quarrels, everything but everything has become acute, so acute, as if to really force people to see them.

(silence)

One funny thing: a woman who was here (she left) wrote a letter which came in an envelope (an envelope that came in the mail with stamps and postmark from Geneva): a letter abusing the Ashram for the way she was treated here. At the same time (that letter came yesterday), this morning, a wire from Bombay thanking me for her stay! I mean, a telegram full of gratitude, saying, "I am leaving on Saturday for Geneva" (that is, today). And the letter from Geneva came earlier - yesterday - while the telegram reached today!... *(Mother laughs)* Impossible to understand. And there was the date on the telegram, of course. And the same names. The one full of abuse, the other full of thanks!... It's not the only example - this one is more recent, which is why I mention it. There is clearly a will to upset all our so-called habitual knowledge.

(long silence)

Ah, it will have to take a long time yet.... But things are going as fast as possible. Only, there is a lot of work.

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 21 March 1970

MOTHER

*The
Ponder
Corner*

By humility it is not outward humility that is meant.
There are many people who profess and show
the utmost outward humility, as if they were nothing,
but in their hearts they think, "I am the man".

Sri Aurobindo
ref. *Talks With Sri Aurobindo*, vol.1, p.111

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Forest Group Meeting in Aurodam 1.5.1015

Present: Yuval, Christoph, Tom Nilatangam, Rita, Thanajeyan, Kanniappan, Shivaraj, Shivaji, Julia, Jeremy, Achilles, Cristo, David Aurodam, Jan, Dominik, Diego, Edzard, Agnes Darkali (notes)

Karthik, Aryadeep, Paula, Bastiaan, Sathymulan

The meeting started by observing a minute of silence in memory of our Brother Klaus who left us recently. Our sympathy goes to his family and all those who helped Klaus make Nine Palms a model of ecological care.

Cristo asked for members to participate in the meeting with the Irumbai Panchayat Development Committee which will take place on Sunday at 10 AM at the Edayanchavadi School. One of the topics will be Auroville Forest Group participation in the tree planting program under the MGREG scheme (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee).

This obviously would take place on land which the Panchayat controls e.g. kolams, canyons, roads etc. Some of this land was protected and planted for many years by dedicated Aurovilians, but in recent years some of those areas have suffered a lot of devastation due to clearing for the purpose of selling the wood and using the soil to create roads. For some members this creates frustration, others see the need to create goodwill and collaboration.

Bastiaan from Evergreen came to ask permission to rebuild the capsule next to his house. The steward and the Evergreen community are ok with it. We agreed; he now needs to go to L'Avenir.

Thanajayan from Shivam Forest has a land fencing problem. He desperately needs financial help. These lands need to be fenced to save them from encroachment. It was suggested the Green Group should get involved to obtain the funds from FAMC/BCC. According to our understanding there is money to prevent encroachment. However the land board doesn't seem to get the funds either. Meanwhile the FAMC stresses the need to plant and protect land laying fallow (which is not possible to do without a proper fence), but does not allocate the necessary funding.

It was mentioned that Auroville has a lot of money blocked in the bank, we are living off the interest. Is this the right way?

Many people voiced appreciation and thanks for the hard work of the Land Board in dealing with land encroachment issues.

The need to bring the land encroachment issue to the highest authority was expressed. It is very difficult living with threats related to land issues for us as well as for members of the Land Board.

Dominik expressed his wish that we should work together more often. It could be once a month doing a job together where needed. Most people present at the meeting want to sign up. Dominik will organise and send email to forest group list.

A long talk regarding our concern for the land.

Dominik, Glenn, Rishi and Yuval from the forest group will have a meeting with members from the Land Board to talk about how to proceed with the land for the greenbelt.

It was agreed at the meeting to use the monthly surplus (calculated by Diego) of the forest budget account of Rs. 12,694.- to distribute to the following people/places;

- 1) Rishi's new place Kamataru will receive a monthly watchmen budget of Rs.4,400.-.
- 2) Mani from Samriddhi will temporarily receive Rs.4,400.- per month until he receives Aurovilian status.
- 3) Thanajayan who takes care of the land called Shivam will receive a monthly watchman budget of Rs.4,400.-.

David was expecting to have a walk on the Aurodam watershed with the Forest Group members. But since that didn't happen he will do so with the Green Group.

FUNDS AND ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (FAMC)

April 2015 Report

Regular members:

Anandi (Auroville Board of Services), Chali (Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Educational Research), David (Forest group), Jeff (Farm group) as of 17 April, Mandakini (Working Committee), Matriprasad (AVC) as of 17 April, Michael (Auroville Unity Fund), Rathinam (Budget Coordination Committee), Sauro (L'avenir d'Auroville), Sonja (Housing Service), Ulli (Auroville Board of Commerce), and Mr. Srinivasmurthy (Finance & Administrative Officer, Auroville Foundation)

Change in membership: In April the Auroville Council (AVC) informed the FAMC that Matriprasad would replace Rita as their representative; and the Farm group that Jeff would replace Iyanar. Both were welcomed to the FAMC meeting on 17 April.

TRUST & UNIT TOPICS

Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC) recommended, and FAMC approved, Progress Landscape change of name to Progress Landscapes and Constructions.

ABC endorsed, and FAMC approved, Inside India executive changes: a. addition of Lisa; b. resignation of Petra. The current executive is Joster.

As part of a larger review of problems by the Working Committee (WCom) at New Era Secondary School (NESS), it was found that the NESS Trust trustee appointments were expired. Since the WCom was already involved they proposed, as part of the overall changes, new NESS Trust trustees: Martin L., Ramesh T., Klara B., Anbu K., Abha P., and Rajeev B.. Also, to be part of the Management Team: Martin L., Anbu K., Francoise, and Abha P.. The FAMC approved the new trustees as well as the management team, provided the management team meets the requirements of the CBSE by laws regarding a school management committee.

As the new executives of Center Guest House, Cristina and Dodo were offered support. The FAMC formed an advisory group, to function for up to 1 year, composed of one person each from the FAMC, the Budget Coordination Committee (BCC), and the Guest Facilities Coordination Group (GFCG). The advisory group has had one meeting with the Center Guest House executives.

In response to a site application submitted to L'avenir, the FAMC have written to the Pour Tous Purchasing Service (PTPS) management asking how PTPS would operate and exactly what services would be offered at a new location, and how do they see the operation at the new location being different from the PTPS in Kulilapalayam. *At the end of this reporting period the FAMC had not received their reply.*

The Auroville Board of Services (ABS) endorsed Creativity Guest House. This unit application was put on hold by the FAMC until a disagreement concerning fees with the Exploration small guest house umbrella is resolved. *The FAMC has submitted the application back to the ABS to follow-up.*

ABS endorsed Ashwatha Guest House. It was reported that the Ashwatha Guest House has been functioning already as a guest facility however not officially under Exploration, nor have accounts been submitted. It was agreed to inform Kumar and Marika to function under Exploration for at least one year and then the unit application could be considered. *The FAMC has submitted the application back to the ABS to follow-up.*

ABS endorsed Isai Ambalam Guest House. The FAMC members had some questions about the location, and name, for Isai Ambalam Guest House, which they inquired about directly. A response was received but has not been discussed again during this reporting period.

FINANCE TOPICS

The FAMC are working on an update to the Fundraising Policy and have requested input from the Project Coordination Group.

HOUSING TOPICS

The FAMC approved the Courage Phase 3 housing project and advised the project holder, Eugen, to have 3 apartments with signed Housing Asset Transfer agreements with the Housing Service and some deposits in the Unity Fund before commencing.

The FAMC were informed of a house-sitting arrangement between Jackie & Nelis (TOS) and LiFang which is highly irregular. The FAMC wrote to Jackie & Nelis to transfer the funds paid by the house-sitter, Li Fang, into their private SBI bank account, to the Unity Fund before end-April. Included in the communication the FAMC shared that they had also seen their email to Li Fang offering to 'sell' to her the housing asset in Surrender if she pays directly Rs. 15 lakhs and the agreement is done outside the Housing Service regular procedure for housing asset transfers. FAMC reminded Jackie and Nelis that as Aurovilians they are surely aware that Aurovilians are not owners of the housing asset which they steward. The housing asset legally belongs to the Auroville Foundation. They have no legal right to make an income from this housing asset, and much less to 'sell' it. *At the end of this reporting period, the FAMC had not heard back from them.*

Friederike left Windarra several years ago. She is the steward of a housing asset there. She needs the value in the transfer of the housing asset for her new housing. Due to the Windarra Farm arbitration decision it is not possible to transfer the asset now. The Housing Service asked FAMC if she could be provided an advance. It had been established that Juan (Botanical Garden (BG)) would become the new steward but due to the arbitration decision the transfer is "on hold" for 2 years during implementation and monitoring. It was agreed that Juan would be asked to move into the house as soon as possible. If he can establish himself there, then the FAMC will give him a loan which will be his contribution towards stewardship. This value will transfer to Friederike. The value of the housing asset in BG, when transferred, will be applied to the loan. Juan will not be asked to pay for loss on accrual on the loan due to the exceptional situation of the arbitration decision. It is acknowledged that this is a financial loss to the overall Auroville budget as loss on accrual diminishes the common pool of financial resources. The Housing Service is expected to make a clear agreement with Juan. *The FAMC communicated all of this to the Housing Service.*

The FAMC sent to the Housing Board (HB) an outline for a 'Housing Cooperative Trust' which would allow Aurovilians and Newcomers to deposit funds without committing to become a steward of a particular housing asset. The exact funds deposited would be returnable if not utilized. The idea is to create another way to support the physical development of Auroville. The HB expressed an interest in developing the idea further. As several HB members are currently temporarily out of station (TOS) they replied that they will get back to the FAMC after the 'summer break'.

LAND TOPICS

In FAMC meetings with the Land Board (LB) a land exchange with Krishnaraj (Kalavathy) was approved. FAMC approved the LB proceeding with the City Area land purchase negotiations (A4A plots) as per their recommended land purchase prices. The FAMC approved the LB to sign "Agreement to Sell" documents. FAMC gave its support to the LB to pursue two purchases in the greenbelt which have strategic value. The

FAMC expressed its support for Sukrit to join the team, provided the Residents Assembly were given the usual 2 week feedback period to comment. Community fencing was discussed again. In the past the former Land Resources Management (LRM) submitted cashew lease proceeds to City Services, and then the BCC would allocate funds for such requests. It was proposed to implement this process again with the LB and BCC. The details are being clarified. The LB members shared some of their ideas about a possible land exchange that involves a community with residents. It was agreed by all present that the initial action would be to relocate the Aurovilians living there. The conversation was interrupted due to lack of time, but it will continue.

OTHER TOPICS

The FAMC continued a conversation which began last month concerning Home Stay. It was confirmed that the Guest Facilities Coordination Group (GFCG) are working on an update to the guidelines however it is on hold until mid-June due to several of their members being TOS.

Jayamoorthi (Le Ferme) sent a proposal to the FAMC to revive activity at Repos. The FAMC reviewed the proposal but could not give their support to it. FAMC wrote to Jayamoorthi that while the non-Aurovilian couple who were said to be willing to finance development in either Repos or Fortuna may be well-meaning, the FAMC is not in a position to create a strong, reliable and accountable team to oversee any such project. The FAMC do not recommend any further development and investment in Repos at this time due to the sea rising and beach disappearing; nor does the FAMC want to take responsibility for people being in danger of injury because of the broken houses in the water near the shore.

The FAMC was approached by Min of Earth&Us, which is presently a registered activity under the unit Auro Small Scale Activities (ASSA), under Team Trust. The activity is working with an outside entity on sanitation 'behaviour change' in schools. The project holders are ready to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Auroville Foundation. Mr. Srinivasmurthy requested FAMC support before approaching the Chairman of the Governing Board. After a very long discussion, with Min present and then without him, it was agreed to inform him to have Team Trust, as a legal entity under the Auroville Foundation, sign the MoA with a third party who is involved. It was suggested that the primary party also sign the MoA with Team Trust. To help expedite the documentation requirements, the FAMC also recommended that Min to be added as a third trustee of Team Trust along with Marco and Carsten. The FAMC expressed its concern about the requisite human resources that are needed for a project of this scale. After the initial meeting the ABC received a Team Trust Resolution welcoming Min as the third trustee; and Min submitted a unit application for Earth&Us under Team Trust. *The process is moving forward.*

FAMC requested a report from the activity, Woodlink. A report was submitted by Torkil and Glenn and reviewed by the FAMC. The members found that they needed more information. Torkil and Glenn were asked to submit: a financial statement of income and expense; details of the loan Torkil provided at the beginning of the activity and the 'in-kind' repayment to him with wood; and to explain the difference between the earlier noted wood value of about Rs. 80 lakhs with the current report value of about Rs. 45 lakhs. The FAMC received their response however at the end of this reporting period the FAMC had not had the opportunity to review it further.

Ramachandra (Celebration) made an agreement with the Housing Service to manage a Home Stay in order to repay his debts to Auroville. It was reported he has not been honouring the agreement. It was also shared that Ramachandra owes most of the money to Visitors Centre/Information Services (about Rs. 74,000), Financial Service (account in minus about Rs. 1,200), and Solar Kitchen (about Rs. 50,000). The members confirmed all the debts owed by Ramachandra and then informed him that the total amount must be paid in one lump

sum before end-April. In response, Ramachandra made some payments towards Information Services and Solar Kitchen at the end of April, and requested to pay off the balance due through the end of this year. The FAMC have accepted that as long as Ramachandra pays at least Rs. 10,000 per month towards the total debt, this can be carried out through 31 December 2015.

The FAMC and WCom met and discussed various topics such as the follow-up on Sharnga Guest House with Kripa and Bernard, the Land Board proposal for Sukrit as a replacement member, the Fundraising Cell, also known as Resource Mobilization Team, Matej (Acceptance) agreement, Satyavan (Ever) and Ishita & Xavier (Reve Guest House), and the situation at EcoService. The FAMC and WCom continue to meet on a regular basis.

Following up from previous reports

In March the FAMC and Working Committee (WCom) collaborated to bring clarity to the status of one Auroville housing asset at Rayapetei. In April Srinivasmurthy convened a meeting during which Shivaraj and Krishanmyer claimed the housing asset is required for Martuvam Healing Forest unit production however it was shared that on 10 March 2015 when members from Housing Service, FAMC, and WCom went into the housing asset it was unquestionably not being either used as a residence nor for production. During the subsequent FAMC discussion it was noted Shivaraj has no claim whatsoever to this housing asset. *The conversation is continuing.*

For several months the FAMC was in communication with the Farewell team concerning construction of the new facility. The FAMC expressed strong objection to how the project holders handled the cost escalation and other changes from what the FAMC originally approved (Rs. 31 lakhs projected, to Rs. 71 lakhs estimated). The scope of the project changed substantially but the FAMC were not informed, nor consulted, until a request to confirm FAMC approval was received from a third party. The FAMC however accept the project as it is presented today and the team was informed.

Report of the Auroville Council - May 2015

Dear community members,

The summer is here, the mangoes have come and Aurovilians are leaving. In this hot, peaceful and yet busy times, we would like to update you on some the bigger topics we are working on.

In the Auroville Council too, we are not our full strength this summer, but we still remain open for those who may need us! Here are the updates:

Entry Policy revision

We have had a few meetings already and some very interesting debates on the topic of Entry into Auroville. We have been exploring what the role of the Entry Service should be, what it has been and how it has worked so far. We are moving along the direction of making entry into Auroville an open process, with great ideas on how community participation can work, with the Entry Service providing the information, and helping the aspirants with the necessary administrative process linked with visa etc.

We are also touching upon several topics, inevitably, at the same time, such as Housing, economy, ideals of Auroville, reality today in all its aspects.

We aim at having a policy ready to publish for feedback by the end of June 2015.

Members of the Entry Service

After having received some feedback regarding Alexey, a new member willing to offer his energy for the Entry Service, we met with him and discussed the concerns sent by some community members.

We extend his trial period for 3 more months, after which he can be confirmed as an official member of the Entry

Service. The other new members being confirmed/ratified are: B, Aurore, Matilde and Neeti.

The AVC is also planning to organize a selection process for the missing members - there should be 9 as per the Entry and Exit Regulations document - which can allow a yearly addition of 3 new members, similar to the system in place for the AVC and the WC.

NTDA process

The Working Committee has asked the Auroville Council to start a community process to address the lack of clarity on the NTDA and what it entails, as well as the objections raised by a few Aurovilians.

We have asked the TDC, the Status Study Group, Lata, Prashant and Suhasini to be part of a panel discussion, in front of interested community members, where all proposals and objections can be discussed openly. There will also be space for questions, proposals, idea sharing etc. We are yet to set a date for this workshop/ panel discussion, as it is now summer and a lot of interested people are out. We will publish detailed information on this workshop shortly.

Please note that l'Avenir d'Auroville has opened a "Help Desk" on this topic details of which can be found on the Auronet.

Volunteer Contribution Policy

After several discussions, we have seen that the whole topic of contributions in Auroville has to be looked at in a holistic fashion in the context of a different model for Auroville economy, as we all know the one we have in place right now does not serve the ideals we wish to embody.

But this is a complicated process and will take time; the Council can organize some time in our next interactive GM to brainstorm and collect ideas on this topic which can then be forwarded to the economy "Action Group" formed after the Retreat.

In the meanwhile, we do not feel it is effective to look at the "Volunteer Contribution Policy" alone and judge its validity. We therefore recommend that we continue for the moment with this policy. (to be revised now as per the new Visa Policy).

Windarra arbitration

We are now in the implementation stage with the Implementation Monitoring Group consisting of members from AVC, from WC and from Koodam for facilitation. Implementation proves challenging, as anticipated, and the IMG are looking into ways of dealing with the difficulties that come up in the process.

Matrimandir gardens presentation

We have received some feedback, and have also met with the Matrimandir team to discuss with them. Since there was no substantial negative feedback, we recommend that the team proceeds with the next working phase.

Matrimandir executive mandate and term of office

We will publish soon the mandate currently active; we are intending to start a review process on this topic next June-July.

FAMC mandate

Following the GM last year on this topic, we noted that some work needed to be done on the mandate before it can be ratified.

In the meanwhile, the Retreat has given us some new perspectives for Auroville organization and some new ideas have come up.

We intend to start working on the new mandate from mid-June, when the Auroville subgroup dealing with this topic is back and active.

Our timeline is to have a new proposal ready latest by September 2015.

In the meanwhile, however, the FAMC has expressed its wish to have the last-presented document published one more time for ratification through feedback. This document can be accessed

here "<https://www.auroville.org.in/article/44125>", and printed copies are available at the AVC desk. Please send us your comments within 2 weeks to avcoffice@auroville.org.in.

The date of our next interactive GM will be announced sometime in June.

Thanks for your continued support and participation,

Sincerely yours,
Auroville Council

L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC Financial Report 1st April 2014-31st March 2015

The total expenses incurred by L'avenir/TDC for the April 2014-March 2015 corresponds to 93,89,275/- (93.89 lakhs). The income received in this period are the following: 80 lakhs from GOI grant, 6.79 lakhs from City Service, 8.02 lakhs donation from Varuna for preparation of electrical master plan, 5.31 lakhs for water well monitoring project, 2.15 lakhs project contribution, 0.50 lakhs other donations and 33.81 lakhs is the reserve from the previous years.

The break-up of overall costs is given in Table 1.

Table 1: L'avenir Office Overall Expenses 2014-15 31st March (amount in Lakhs rounded up figures)

Human resources	64.25
Topographical surveys	10.29
Capital expenses	3.03
ACUR expenses	4.48
Running costs	8.66
Travel & visits	3.18
TOTAL	93.89

Human Resources represent the major share of expenses for an amount of 64.25 lakhs. This category includes Aurovillians on maintenance as per existing guidelines, external staff, consultants and volunteers. There are also Aurovillians who work part-time or full-time in L'avenir without receiving any maintenance and they are not accounted.

Table 2 gives a break-up of cost (total does not tally exactly due to round up of decimals) for the department of Human Resources. Annex 1 gives further details of the scope of work that were carried out under Human Resources and other annual or monthly costs.

Table 2: L'avenir Human Resources 2014-15 31st March (cost in Lakhs)

Categories under Human Resources	Cost
Maintenance of Aurovillians (17 full time and 3 part-time)	24.81
External staff	8.66
Consultants	29.10
Volunteers	1.68
Total Human Resources	64.25

Consultants represent one of the major components of the costs incurred under Human Resources. Some of them are working on a retainer basis for infrastructure (roads and electricity) or for providing engineering services on a regular basis. Others are engaged for specific projects. Major project expenses for consultants in this period are related to preparation of the Detailed Implementation Development Program, Waste Water Treatment for Residential Zone, Surface Water Management, Electricity Master Plan, Land use. Costs under "Consultants" include external professionals (19.19 lakh) as well as Auroville registered units (9.91 lakh). A project on land use and mapping is undertaken by an Auroville unit without professional charges but on honorary/cost basis.

A large part of the Aurovillian staff is engaged in technical services and land use (GIS and mapping). The details of the staff are given in the annexure below.

ANNEXURE: HUMAN RESOURCE L'AVENIR/TDC Maintenance of Aurovillians

a. **Committee Members:** The TDC is a committee constituted of 10 people but three Members have resigned and not yet replaced through community process. One member **Cristo M**, Regional Planning has received maintenance for the full period.

b. **Auroville Technical Staff:**

- o The following members has received a full-time maintenance (Rs 14,350/-) for the following functions:
 - **Ms. Deoyani**, GIS and land use (April 14-Mar'15)
 - **Mr. Vinayagamurthy**, GIS (April 14-Mar'15)
 - **Mr. Anbu**, Survey and Mapping (April 14-Mar'15)
 - **Mr. Uriel**, Mapping (April 14-Sept'14)
 - **Mr. Boobalan**, Site supervision, land protection, asset survey (April 14-Mar'15)
 - **Mr. Anand**, Physical Asset survey (April 14-Mar'15)
 - **Mr. Manu G**, Special Housing Project Sacred Grove (April 14-Mar'15)
 - **Mr. Paul Vincent**, Land protection (April 14-Mar'15)
 - **Mr. Dheena**, Accounting and reporting (April 14-Mar'15)
 - **Mr. Prashant**, Coordination of Technical Planning Office (April 14-Feb'15)
 - **Ms. Lata**, Coordination of Technical Planning Office (April 14-Mar'15)
 - **Ms. Anita**, Technical Planning Office (April 14-Mar'15)
 - **Mr. Tom**, Planning & implementation of water related projects (May 14-Mar'15)
 - **Mr. Subramaniam**, Asset survey and village development (May 14-Mar'15)
 - **Mr. Jacques**, Attached to LCC - Land matter (April 14-Mar'15)
 - **Mrs. Jana**, Regional Planning (Feb'15-Mar'15)
- o The following staff has received a part-time maintenance:

- **Mr. Rik**, GIS and mapping (6000/- April 14-Mar'15)
- **Ms. Nadia**, Part time Secretary (7680/- Oct'14-Feb'15)
- **Ms. Divya**, Part time Secretary (8025/- Feb'15-Mar'15)

All maintenances are running according to the guidelines and policies of the BCC and the HRT. It has to be noted that on request of the FAMC and Working Committee the TDC has absorbed in 2012 all GIS and mapping experts in the other service units of Auroville in order to provide a unified city service.

External Staff

The following are the external staff employed during from April to March 2015 with related assignments:

- o **Mrs. Vijayavalli**, part-time secretary and building application, 8100/- per month including school allowance + social security's and social benefits (April 14-Mar'15).
- o **Mr. Karthikeyan**, attached to the Auroville Foundation Office 15,500/- per month from April 2014 to December 2014 and 20,000 from January 2015 to March 2015 + social security's and social benefits.
- o **Mr. Manikandan**, amount paid 30,500 per month as electrical engineer working on infrastructure (April 14-Mar'15)
- o **Mrs. Priya**, Secretary part time : amount paid 4000 per month from May 14-Mar'15
- o **Mrs. Uma**, Secretary part time: amount paid 3630 per month from April 14-Mar'15

Consultants

The following units/consultants have been employed during 2014-15:

External Consultants:

- o **Development Consultant Pvt Ltd** amount paid 9.02 as consultancy fees to prepare Electricity Master Plan for entire Auroville Township.
- o **Mr. Balamurugan** consulting fees amount paid 0.67 for Bommayarpalayam panchayat village development work.
- o **Mr. Govind** amount paid 1.80 lakh retainer fees as a quantity engineer for Work Allocation Team and other projects evaluation.
- o **Mr. Luis Feduchi (Kaja)**: amount paid 0.75 lakh for Urban Design in the sector 1 and 2 of the Residential Zone.

- Mr. David Stein/Achva: (external professional): amount paid 4.19 lakhs for Village development project in Bommayarpalayam and Green Belt Master Plan work
- Mrs. Reha (technical planning office) amount paid 0.10 lakhs for updating Auroville Master Plan for June and July.
- Mrs. Deepika (technical planning office) amount paid 2.00 lakhs for updating Auroville Master Plan from June 2014.
- Mr. Faraaz (technical planning office) amount paid 0.66 lakhs for making working models for communication and presentation from October 2014.

- Waste disposal
- Maintenance of Town Hall Garden

In addition TDC has contributed to ACUR a one-time amount of 20,000/- for the annual tour of Town Hall worker and 3500/- for internet switch. Rs. 20,000/- paid for upgrading the server (Siemens card)

- Miscellaneous Costs
- Travel and visits are mainly cost for :
○ travelling to Ahmadabad to meet the Chairman of TDC (various trips 2 members in May 2014 ; 5 persons in June 2014; 2 persons to Delhi trip in July 2014; 1 person to Delhi trip in November 2014 and 1 person in March (3,18,272 Rs); Other local trips especially to Chennai, Vanur and Villupuram amount to Rs 1,41,465/-

Other major office expenses are

- Computer maintenance & stationeries (1,94,751/-)
- Telephone & internet (58,236/- x 4 lines).
- Topographical Survey expenses have been 10,28,856/- of which 3,29,447 to Land Mark Surveys for 1113 acres surveyed in the green belt area for phase II , 3,98,719 payment for phase III for 1113 acres to be surveyed in the green belt area, and 1,20,690 for various constructions project in the city area. An amount of 180,000/- has been paid to Auro Star Surveys towards past pending services.
- Capital expenses: are related to computer systems and software with high configuration and Internal HDD Backup Disk (2,42,810/-), 2 nos ceiling fan and one Pedestal fan, Cupboard and Furniture work etc (38,368/-), Cordless phone, Sim Card (4,800/-), Survey Equipments Accessories (16,622).

For further information concerning this report, please contact avenir@auroville.org.in

Auroville Units:

- Auroville Wind System: amount paid 1.80 lakhs for road design.
- Creation Architecture: amount paid 0.88 lakh for consultancy and coordination fees for NTDA Task Force.
- Auroville Road Service amount paid 0.57 for surveying and road work
- Botanical Garden amount paid 0.48 for planting trees along Vikas radial
- Auroville Consulting amount paid 5.00 for energy & water efficiency Master plan work
- Aqua Engineers amount paid 1.18 paid for 2nd opinion waste water treatment plant

ACUR costs:

The TDC occupies 202 square meters in the Town Hall, one full wing on the second floor and shares part of the other wing and the library. The cost for the maintenance of this space is 33,000/- per month till November 2014 and 35,000 from December 2014 and covers the following:

- Security 24 hrs
- Maintenance, repair and cleaning of the office
- Maintenance of office furniture and equipment, hardware and software
- Electricity & generator (diesel and maintenance) & UPS maintenance.
- Water
- Internet access and hardware/software assistance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the News team

The News & 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

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N NO- 599 dated 16.05.2015

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

AUROVILIANS:

Aurore MABILAT (German) - Staying at Transformation, working as a team member at the Entry service.

Sanjeev RANGANATHAN (Indian from Karnataka) - Staying at Isaiambalam, working as teacher at Udavi school, Isaiambalam school, Deepanam school and supporting the electrical mechanics program at AIT and also he is the project holder of Aura Auro Design, a SAIER project.

Suresh NAGAMANI (Indian from Kulilpalayam) - Staying at Savitri Bhavan, working as a care taker at Savitri Bhavan.

CHILD OF AN AUROVILIAN:

Sitara MABILAT (German) - born on 08/08/2010, studying at Aha!

Mira MABILAT (German) - born on 30/11/2011, studying at Aha!

Arham SANJEEVE (Indian from Karnataka) - born on 30/09/2011.

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

CONFIRMATION OF RETURNING AUROVILIAN:

Ole WARNECKE (German)

CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER STATUS:

Leonard Anthony MEAKIN (British)

Marion Patricia MEAKIN (British)

Savithri ELUMALAI (Savitrimaya) (Indian from Alankkuppam)

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

Ivar JENTEN (Dutch)

Mariano OJEDA (Argentina)

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

UPDATE FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE:

Dear Community,

This is to let you know that **July 1st** is now the date that **we will be open for all new applicants**. At the moment, we are working with over 150 people that are already in the process. Thank you for your understanding.
The Entry Service team.

Dear Newcomers,

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

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

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

The Entry Service team

(Alexy, Aurore, B,Chitra, Ishita, Matilde, Neeti)

Sub: 50th Anniversary Celebration - 2018.

The 50th anniversary of Auroville will happen on February 28th, 2018.

To plan for the celebration of the event, the Governing Board has constituted an Envisioning Committee consisting of Ms. Aster Patel, Ms. Ameeta Mehra, Ms. Mallika Sarabhai and Sir Mark Tully.

A first meeting between members of the Envisioning Committee and the Working Committee took place on May 5th wherein the Envisioning Committee suggested that the purpose of the 50th anniversary could be threefold:

- 1) Celebrating the birth and vision of Auroville

- 2) Expressing the evolution of growth of Auroville as a laboratory
- 3) Calling for action for future perspectives

The Envisioning Committee asked the Working Committee on its behalf to call for ideas and proposals to celebrate the occasion, preferably accompanied by a rough budget layout. The proposals and budgets will then be discussed with the Envisioning Committee and the Chairman of the Governing Board and, once approved, submitted to the Government of India for funding.

The Government has indicated that special funding for this event may become available, but that a budget layout would have to be submitted by mid-August this year. It was also made clear that projects would not only need to focus on the celebrations strictly, but might also include the creation of infrastructure to enable an event. For example, a proposal for a youth event might be accompanied by a proposal for a youth hostel.

In the meeting with the Envisioning Committee ideas came up to (1)having an official celebration, inviting dignitaries from India and abroad to attend a ceremony such as the Auroville's birthday bonfire meditation in the amphitheatre; and (2) having all-over Auroville celebrations for one or more weeks, including seminars, theatre plays, music performances and other cultural performances by persons and groups from within and outside Auroville; and (3) organising an Auroville festival in Delhi at various locations. Proposals for making books and films on aspects of Auroville may also be submitted.

On behalf of the Envisioning Committee the Working Committee calls for ideas and suggestions from all of you. We will then consolidate the proposals that come in and forward these to the Envisioning Committee for their evaluation, before they are presented to the Chairman of the Governing Board for approval and to the Government of India.

Please contact the Working Committee with your proposals and suggestions not later than June 30th, 2015.

We look forward to an influx of co-creative ideas.
The Working Committee

Way Forward 2018

Progress Report

Subject: Constitution of the various Action Groups
Submitted by: The Working Committee
Date: 09.05.15

After finalising the outcome of our first Vision Task Force (VTF) meeting with the Working Committee, held on 22nd April 2015, the tasks delegated to the Working Committee were:

1. Constitute the Action Groups (AG) after consultation with the VTF
2. Collect outcome from the Retreat and hand over Action Plan to each AG
3. Train / Orient each AG if/when required
4. Dissolve an AG after consultation with the VTF

This is a report on the progress made by the Working Committee so far in 2 weeks.

See below the list of participants who have confirmed, and the current status of each Action Group constitution.

Constitution of the Action Groups (AG)

- The Working Committee contacted (via email) members of the community who participated in the preparation of respective Themes during the Retreat, to confirm their active participation as a member of the Theme Action Group. We invited them to come to the presentation of the Way Forward 2018 during the General Meeting held on 29th April, where we explained the role of an Action Group (we projected the Way Forward Diagram). Almost all members confirmed their participation as member of an Action Group, some declined, and a few stated they were interested in specific milestones, and some have not yet replied.

Action Group	Participants	Status as of 10.05.15	Working since	Specific Milestone Resource Person
Education	Aster, Deepti, JeanYves, Lalit, Lavkamad, Min, Sanjeev R, Chali, Angela, Mike, Amy	Constituted, some more people may join.	May 2015	Sanjeev
Economy	Torkil, Uma, Anandi, Gijs, Vikram, Daniel, Bertrand, Min, Nicole	Constituted, some more people may join.	May 2015	Manoj, Harini, Aurelio, Sanjeev

Governance	Alan, Alain Bernard, Frederick, Carel, Isha (Swayam), Jaya, Noel, Ulli Blass, Shankar, Partha, Olivier Barot, Slava, Elvira, Claudine, Joseba, Matriprasad, Tom, Tapas, Ulrich Roper, Srinivasmurty, Nina.	Constituted	April 2015	
Growth	Rakhal, Dominique, Jean Francois, Sindhuja	still to be constituted when more members have signed up	June 2015	Manoj, Martin S
Youth	Angeli, Auroananda, Chandra, Luca, Kavitha, Nadia, Mirrabelle, Ramanan, Vika, Usha	Constituted	April 2015	
Land&Town Planning	Sauro, Jacqueline, Toby	still to be constituted when more members have signed up	July 2015	Deoyani
Bioregion	Partha, Shankar, Bridget, Joss, Anbumoris	Constituted	along with Land&Town Planning AG	Sanjeev

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

Train / Orient each AG if/when required

As of now, role 2 & 3 are going on simultaneously. The Working Committee has informed each Action Group (via email) of its constitution and status and have asked the participants to fix a first Way Forward meeting with the Working Committee reps who will orient them on the Way Forward Action Plan Template which needs to be filled out by them. (See attached the Action Plan template sent to them, along with the Detailed Retreat Report made by the Organising Team).

Plan for the next 2 weeks:

the Working Committee reps will continue to be available for each Action Group in assisting

them to fill out the Action Plan and answer any questions for clarifications if / when solicited.

As and when the Theme Action Plan is filled out, these will be forwarded to the VTF for their overall assimilation and integration. Once the VTF approves, these will then be communicated to the community, essentially by putting them up in the Way Forward web portal (the RAS is working on the portal) and then sharing via News&Notes and AuroNet the link to these plans to keep the community informed.

Dissolve an AG after consultation with the VTF

- There's been no need for this so far.

Invitation to RAS room-warming!

The Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) has been allocated a space in the Town Hall!

The RAS team would like to invite you to celebrate this with us. Let's enjoy tea, biscuits, energy-sharing and ideas for the future together in the new RAS Space in the Town Hall.

WHEN: Any time between 10 am - 4 pm, Tuesday April 19

WHERE: The RAS Room, 1st Floor Town Hall, on the right (when facing the Matrimandir), where the Land Service used to be.

The RAS room will otherwise be open:

Monday - Friday, 10 am - 12pm, 2 pm - 4 pm or by appointment.

Please drop in anytime to let us know what's on your mind, share suggestions for how we could do things better in Auroville, voice your concerns, or just to chat.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Kind regards,

Your RAS Team

Houses available for transfer

Appie's Ex-House in Quiet,

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

Please send all your inquiry regarding house availabilities to housing@auroville.org.in or call 0413 2622658.

Youth Housing

If you are in the age group of 18-35, with little or no funds for permanent housing in Auroville, but are a good student or simply have a strong work ethic and want to help Auroville grow and prosper, please forward us your details by email to housing@auroville.org.in or pass by the office and register yourself.

Please send us the following details:

- age;
- nationality;
- email;
- cell;
- name and surname;
- currently living at;
- type of housing needed, ex: couple or single, permanent or semi permanent structure, mobile, single standing etc;
- Aurovilian/ Newcomer/ Volunteer/ Other please specify;
- working or studying, if so specify what or where;
- have you prior experience living in a youth project eg: Kailash, WeDK, Muyerchi, other? Please specify.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Update II 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. AV-grown 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; 12000 kg are still available and it is ready now for consumption.

Last week we started to serve exclusively AV-grown rice on Saturday and so far it was well received. We are very happy about this development and encouraged to move further and

shift to 100% AV-grown rice on Fridays. Any feedback is welcome, either to be sent to tomas@auroville.org.in (for AV grain group) or to angelika@auroville.org.in (for Solar Kitchen) *Angelika and Tomas (Solar Kitchen Team and AV Grain-Group)*

M&M cheeses - Massimo Mozzarella Project

Dear all,

We are very pleased to announce that the experimental phase of the production of buffalo mozzarella and more has come to an end.

In these four years we have tested the buffalo milk producing mozzarella and ricotta cheese, as well as some "prototypes" of cheese from buffalo milk and from goat's milk and mixed, which we sold through the market on Saturdays at YC, getting a lot of positive or even enthusiastic feedback!

So we are now ready for the second phase: right now we are working on the realization of a portable cabin at Aureka, which will be the new production workshop. We wait in confidence that the various interested groups will give us the green light for our buffalo farm project near Irumbai Lake or wherever!

In this way we could better control the quality of milk (self-produced) and therefore offer the community a safer and better product, besides being able to do the research for which there is an absolute need.

Thanks to Arumugam and family for the space granted to us to make the first experimental phase which has now reached its end.

This summer we're going to Sardinia for three months (June, July, August) for renewal of passports and visas and other things, and in September we hope that the community wants to believe in us, giving us the confidence we need, allowing us to continue our project.

Love, *Massimo and Monica*

P.S. We need help. If someone is interested to collaborate in the project write to us at: massimo@auroville.org.in

Roads in the Industrial Zone

After the General Meeting on April 7th, the TDC has organized an exhibition of proposed future roads in the Industrial Zone. The area should be reachable so as to develop environmental-friendly economic activities and enhance the present activities.

The proposal consists of:

1. Ring Road from the Mangalam area till the Celebration crossing;
2. Verite Radial from the Celebration crossing till the Eco-Service premises;
3. Mangalam Radial and the access from the mentioned Ring Road to the Kottakarai tar road.

The exhibition is on the second floor of the Town Hall (L'avenir d'Auroville office); the community members are invited for comments and feedback.

L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC

Reg.: update from the Governance Action Group (WayForward2018)

Dear Participants of the Retreat,

Governance Action Group has requested Residents' Assembly Service to publish this update:

Governance Action Group has been formed to continue work on the Governance theme started on the Auroville Retreat.

Members of the group are: Alain Bernard, Frederick, Carel, Isha (Swayam), Jaya, Noel, Ulli Blass, Shankar, Partha, Olivier Barot, Slava, Elvira, Claudine, Joseba, Matriprasad, Tom, Tapas, Ulrich Roper, Srinivasmurthy, Nina. Facilitator: Alan.

The Group's objective is to develop practical proposals and report to the Vision Task Force for feedback and suggestions. The communication to the Community will be facilitated by the RAS.

The Group has started work with following milestones, highlighted during the Retreat:

1. Restructuring our organization, starting with the Residents Assembly.
2. Increasing the involvement of the youth in governance and service teams.
3. Fostering a culture of empathy, transparency, participation, meditative and intuitive practices in decision-making in all WGs and the RA.

The Group is meeting every Monday. Minutes of the meetings will be available on the WayForward2018 website, which will be announced soon.

The Group is planning to actively seek input from the Community, which will be facilitated by the RAS.

Kind regards,
Residents Assembly Service

POSTINGS

Ecoservice phone numbers

Ecoservice would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and patience and support during our recent melt down. We are getting back on track with some new team members on board. Due to these changes, right now, we have ONLY this phone number to call

Gillian 9442067481

Often people say they call and call and cannot get through to the phones. If this happens please text to the same number OR email ecoservice@auroville.org.in with your Collection requests.

If you feel you need a regular pickup please email your request and we will try to include it in our schedule.

Ecoservice Team

Residents Service office closed for one week

Dear Friends,

The Residents Service will be closed for a week from **Monday 18.05.2015 until Friday 22.05.2015**.

We will be open on **Monday 25.05.2015**.

Residents Service Team

From Nandini Tailoring section

No order taken from Tuesday 19th to Saturday 30th of May. We start again on Tuesday 2nd of June.

Don't forget to bring your bag with your new order.

Anne and Vidya

Aurosoya holidays

Dear friends

This is to inform you that Aurosoya will be taking its yearly break from 16th of May to 31st of May. We will reopen again the 1st of June.

Warm regards
Aurosoya team

Solar Kitchen and La Terrace closed for Annual Tour

Solar Kitchen and La Terrace are closed for Annual Tour from Friday 22 May to Sunday 24 May. Solar Kitchen will not serve dinners on Thursday 21.05, because the tour starts on Thursday evening. We will be back on Monday morning as usual.

Solar Kitchen Team

Sanjana Management Team.

Kailash Clinic Summer Schedule

Dear community,
Kailash Clinic will be closed on Saturdays from 23rd May till the end of June. Monday to Friday we are open as usual from 8.30am to 12.30pm.
For appointments please call 2622803.

Apartments in Sanjana Housing Project

Work is going on in the Sanjana Housing Project between Arati and Sukhavati communities. There are still few apartments with 2 bedrooms, 126 sqm. Available for housing or office. You are welcome to have a look and choose between different flats. The construction is expected to be completed beginning of 2016. For details please contact helene7@hotmail.com,

Cafeteria, Le Zephyr and Dosa Corner closed for 5 days

The Cafeteria at Visitors Centre will be closed from Monday the 18th to Friday the 22nd included for repairs and maintenance and a well-deserved break for our hardworking team.

Because Le Zephyr and Dosa Corner depend on the Cafeteria for the meals they serve, they will also have to close during the same period.

All 3 places will reopen on Saturday the 23rd of May.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

With love,

Cafeteria, Le Zephyr and Dosa Corner

AVAILABLE

Queen size mattress

170x200cm, Coir (Coconut fiber).
Good price. Contact: *Slava*, slava@auroville.org.in, 8940508761
Thank you! *Slava*

LOOKING FOR ...

Big plant pots

"We have a small pond in our house and are planning to add a few plants to it. If you have terracotta pots (preferably big size) lying around that are not being used and want them to be useful to someone else, we would be very happy to have them.

Please call *Adriana* on 2622483 or 7094013245. Many Thanks! "

Garden earthworms needed

If anyone can let me have around half a dozen mature garden earthworms, to be placed in a composting unit rich in the sort of nutrients they should enjoy, please contact me (home 2622381, work 2622296, e-m timwrey@...). Thanks :-)
Tim

A cat sitter

A cat lover is looking for a cat sitter for her lovely cat in Auroville from June 25th to November 1st. Of course I will offer a little salary for it. She's very sweet and friendly, just a bit shy at the beginning. A peaceful cat enjoying staying indoors most of the time; she likes to go outside but not too far, laying down to take a sunbath in general...

Please contact me: oyannaurelie@gmail.com or 9176270464

Travel partner

Would you like to travel together to Kodaikanal on the Parveen bus (sitting up/lean back seats) on Thursday night, 21st May? If so, please contact me at shanti@auroville.org.in or call my home phone 0413 2623 314. Thanks, *Shanti*

LOST & FOUND

"Der Felsen von Tanios"(lost): I have by mistake placed this book by Amin Maalouf into the bookshelf of the Freestore. Whoever has taken it kindly please return it to the AV Library where it belongs or give it to me. You could also leave it at the Freestore with Kamala who would keep it for me.

Thanking you, *Dorothee*

THANK YOU

From Nine Palms

Ingrid & Bhama, Ananda, Sita, Shanti, Shivaji, Gopal & Mohini are sending their warm-hearted thanks to all those who attended Klaus' funeral at Nine Palms. The fact that so many of you came acted like a balm on our hearts. We shall not forget your support during these tough times.

You are welcomed to visit us any time if you wish to share with us your personal memories of Klaus.

Thanks for participating in GM on 29th April, 2015

Dear Community Member
Thanks for your participation in the General Meeting held on Wednesday 29th April in the Unity Pavilion.

The Working Committee and the Auroville Council presented an update of their work and challenges to 88 people present.

The discussion was peaceful and clarifying,

The Working Committee did not find time to report on the following issues:

- NESS
- Land Board
- Security
- Visa Issues
- GOI grant subgroup
- 50th Anniversary of Auroville in 2018

You will find details on the above issues in the Working Committee report, published next week.

If you have any questions regards this, please feel free to contact them via email or just pass by in their office.

Soham has shared his point of view with us, which he gave in writing at the very end of the meeting. Please find his words below:

Dear Friends,

It is obvious now that here as well as in the work we have reach a Dead End.

In order to get out of this dangerous and mortal state we have to go beyond our mental consciousness.

The only way out is the practice of a methodical integral yoga as defined constantly by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

It must be a quest of every moment; an ardent fire must burn high every second in our blossom. Otherwise no way out of the terminal mess.

To enlighten us further I would like us to come together to read together some selected passage of Sri Aurobindo's "Life Divine"

We will keep you informed about follow-up meetings.

Kind regards,
Resident Assembly Service,
Inge, Jesse, Selvam, Slava and Hedra (support member)

A P P E A L

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

Call for support for Shaktivel

Shaktivel was close to kidney failure three months ago and is slowly recovering from this life-threatening condition. He

needs to undergo dialysis two times a week because both kidneys work very poorly. He has sugar since a very young age. The doctors advise him to get a kidney transplant as soon as possible and one of his relatives is willing to donate one kidney. This transplant will require a around 4.5 lakhs for which we are asking for support from the larger community. The following account no. 252340 "Shaktivel health" has been created for this purpose. Any donation for his ongoing medical expenses like regular dialysis and medications is also welcome. Thank you for your concern *Angelika and Shaktivel*, Solar Kitchen Team

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

Accommodation needed for a group of 4 kids

We are looking for a place to stay for a group of 4 kids - 13 year olds from Coveda: an integral education community in Chandigarh. The kids will be spending this year (July 2015-April 2016) at the Last School. They will be accompanied by two adults from the Coveda community (parents/facilitators) who will help set up and run the home for the children. Ideally, the place can accommodate 4 desks, 6 beds in two rooms and a pantry/kitchen; it will be within Auroville and about 10-15 minute bicycle ride from the Last School (near Arka) please contact: *jitesh*,

Email: malikjitesh@yahoo.com/ phone: +91 9876185419

House sitting1

Hello

We are a French couple, 55 years. We begin our process to become Aurovilians. We are looking for a home from late July, early August, to begin our Newcomer period. We are open to offers.

You can contact us by e-mail: cathy-et-alain@hotmail.com

Kind regards
Cathy and Alain

House sitting2

A single, peaceful, vegan volunteer requires a decent pet-friendly (2 small adopted kittens) house stay for a minimum period of 1 year in Auroville starting from June onwards. Location preference: Near Aurelec. Contact *Ishan* at 9790770330.

House sitter

We are looking for someone who would like to take care of our house in Happiness (just one gate after felicity on the road to Mango Hill) and of our cat and dog. From 3rd June until 10th July

Basic expenses are expected.
Please contact me at efratdevir@gmail.com
Thank you.

T A X I S H A R I N G

May15th: I am departing from AV (around after lunch) to board at Chennai Airport on domestic flight taking off at 7:25pm. I would like to share the taxi either way. Thanks!
88948-01624 *Nawang Jinpa* <nawang.jinpa@gmail.com>

May 21st: "I am leaving to Chennai airport at 3.00 am on the 21st of May. If you are interesting in sharing a taxi call me - *Sergio* 9585005339" omindiayoga@gmail.com

May 23rd: Leaving Auroville for Chennai Airport around 1am. If you want to share please contact me at jeevanfarias@gmail.com or 7094548549.

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

Work opportunity for Auroville registered units handling repairs and renovations

The Auroville Housing Service in its effort to become more efficient in its work, is reaching out to all interested to work together with us in the sphere of maintenance, repair and renovation of Auroville's housing assets. We invite Auroville registered units that handle teams of masons, plumbers, electricians and other house repair working specialists to forward your and your unit details, along with your contact details to the housing@auroville.org.in

For more information please att: Work opportunity for Auroville registered units to the housing@auroville.org.in

A gentle reminder, that we will be closed from May 18th - May 30th. We will reopen to public June 1st.

Thank you,
The Auroville Housing Team



Dear Listeners,

Once again we were graced with rain in May! The Miracle flower bloomed and the mangoes, cashew and nungoos are fruiting, Auroville is calm. Meanwhile Ruben conducts workshops on sound production in Kalabhumi every Sat from 4-5, these activities are in line with the larger idea of creating a school of communication and media, giving students technical and practical skills that can be further developed. A reminder will be sent to Avenir regarding their approval for the FM antenna and the site allocation for the future Media Lab School. We are always looking for people with web and mobile apps skills and for any interested Aurovilians to join our team.

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.

Cosmical Philosophy (Music 08/05/2015)

Featuring eclectic jazz composer, poet and philosopher Sun Ra with his Sun Ra Arkestra through some early songs -[English, 87 Minutes]

Off the Cuff-27 (Performing Arts 08/05/2015)

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

Andrea's dilemma, resource mobilization team for repairs and improvements of services, moderation on auronet etc -[English, 14 Minutes]

Selections par Gangalakshmi-38 (Performing Arts 07/05/2015)
Gangalakshmi reads "Letters on Yoga" by Sri Aurobindo on modern psychology. (in French). -[French, 12 Minutes]

Conflict Resolution Policy (News from Auroville 07/05/2015)
Auroville Council endorsed the new Conflict Resolution Policy. Treansformation series by Adil at Savitri Bhavan - [English, 10 Minutes]

Savitri Reading by Loretta-Part 2 (Sri Aurobindo 06/05/2015)
Savitri read in English by Loretta- 2nd part of Book 7, Canto 1 - "The great and dolorous moment now was close" .. -[English, 18 Minutes]

Don's Nods Western Classical (Music 04/05/2015)
Don's second program in which he introduces us to Western Classical Music - Melodies and Marches - [English, 43 Minutes]

Off the Cuff-26 (Performing Arts 04/05/2015)
A musical Off the Cuff, on the Retreat, The state of the Collective and water. -[English, 10 Minutes]

S P O R T S

Ultimate Frisbee

**Under 23 World Championships
London 2015**

Dear Community,
You must have seen or heard of Ultimate Frisbee growing in Auroville and in India over the last few years. We have been going for national tournaments and even some international ones. But this year for the first time India will be sending a team for the Under 23 World Championships in London. Selections took place last year for youth from across the country and we are proud that 2 from Auroville were chosen. Bhavya and Guru, both students in Future School, have been playing Ultimate Frisbee since 4 years as a part of the Auroville Frisbee team. This year they are part of the U23 team, following a common training program, playing in tournaments together and working towards the World Championships in July (13th to 18th) with a professional coach from Australia. The team consists of 22 youth from across the country, many of whom come from under privileged backgrounds, but all of whom are passionate about Frisbee.

Unfortunately Ultimate Frisbee is not yet a government funded sport in India, though it is recognized by the International Olympics Committee, so all the expenses lie on the team and the Ultimate Frisbee Community. The average expense per player is INR 1.25 lakhs (about US\$2000, GBP 1400). A quarter of the whole amount needed (approx. 32 lakhs) has been raised and fundraising is ongoing.

We are asking for support from Auroville too or anyone you may know who would be interested in helping in any way, be it Air Miles with Jet Airways or any of their partners, partial sponsorships or even in-kind donations.

We hope for your support.
For more details, please visit their website.

[Support Team India for the Under-23 World Ultimate Championship:](http://www.ketto.org/indiaU23)
<http://www.ketto.org/indiaU23>

If you have any questions or would like to help out, please contact us at AVUltimate@auroville.org.in or make your donations to # 252341 for this event.

Thank you,
Ashwin, Kumaran, Manjula, Shrishti and Smiti
For Av Ultimate ©

T R A V E L

Latest News from the Travel Shop

located at Inside India in Auroshilpam.
For ticketing - International and Domestic Flights, Trains, Buses, Tours and Hotels.
We are open from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 13:30 to 17:00
New Offers from the Airlines:
Oman Airways have promotional offers to Europe.
Lufthansa introduces Premium Economy Class on Delhi - Frankfurt Route.
Etihad airways have promotional offers to Europe.
Srilankan airlines now allow to carry 40 kgs as on check-in luggage to Europe for onward and return journeys.

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

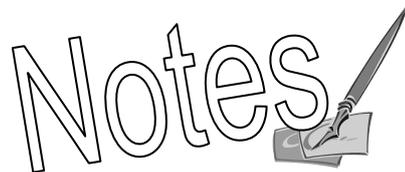
From 18th May until 31st June, the cafe will be open from 7.30 to 14.00.

You are very welcome to enjoy breakfasts and lunch!
Delicious Sandwiches (veg/non veg), Special Wraps, Fresh Salads, healthy soups, quiches, Juices and more.

With love *AV Bakery Cafe Team*

Morgan Café holidays

The Morgan café will be closed on May 25th to 7th June for summer break. Sorry for the inconvenience
The Morgan café team



Are we together?

I have questions:

- 1) What is life for?
- 2) What is Auroville for?
- 3) Is it building a town?
- 4) Is it to live in it as we are?
- 5) What can be the change?
- 6) Is that to read books of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother?
- 7) Is reading only, bringing a new consciousness?
- 8) Is that Consciousness, the root of all evolution? But are any answers helping?

I like this from Rama Krishna.

"A bee, flying in search of flowers, only doing BIIIIIIIIZZZZZZZZ, when she found the flower, there is only silence.

It is not that we should not speak but when inside we found the nectar, it is beyond all words, it is Divine and feel only this can built the new city, that the World needs.

"No Words, Acts" is one of many messages of the Mother.

Love

Andre New Creation

The Giant Dance of Shiva

Overpassed were the leaden formulas of the Mind,

Overpowered the obstacle of mortal Space:

The unfolding Image showed the things to come.

A giant dance of Shiva tore the past;

There was a thunder as of worlds that fall;

Earth was o'errun with fire and the roar of Death

Clamouring to slay a world his hunger had made;

There was a clangour of Destruction's wings:

The Titan's battle-cry was in my ears,

Alarm and rumour shook the armoured Night.

I saw the Omnipotent's flaming pioneers

Over the heavenly verge which turns towards life

Come crowding down the amber stairs of birth;

Forerunners of a divine multitude,

Out of the paths of the morning star they came

Into the little room of mortal life.

I saw them cross the twilight of an age,

The sun-eyed children of a marvellous dawn,

The great creators with wide brows of calm,

The massive barrier-breakers of the world

And wrestlers with destiny in her lists of will,

The labourers in the quarries of the gods,

The messengers of the Incommunicable,

The architects of immortality.

Savitri, Book III, Canto IV

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

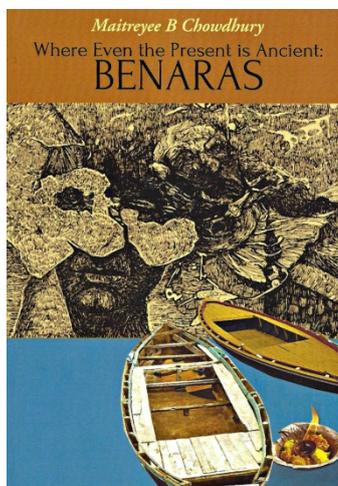
Meditation with Savitri - read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every Thursday at sunset
From 6 to 6.30 pm.

Dear Friends and Aurovilians,

This is to inform you that the Amphitheatre programme continues on Thursdays from 6 to 6.30 pm
Though we announced that it will be discontinued for the months of May and June.
We are happy to let you know that we have found volunteers to take this up and continue as before.
Text from the 'Mother' by Sri Aurobindo along with Sunil's music will be played.
Aurovilians, Newcomers, Guests with Aurocard are welcome to enjoy the meditative music at sunset.

See you there.
Amphitheatre Team

INVITATIONS



KALA KENDRA BHARAT NIVAS

The Pavilion of India
presents

Book-reading by Author: 'Where Even the Present is Ancient: Benaras'
16th May, Saturday, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas

About the book-

A curious woman walking the streets of *Varanasi* or *Benaras* is greeted by an array of sights, smells and sensations that range from stories of the Ganga to the Godhuli, the twilight.
As a *Sutradharor* chief narrator, author and poet Maitreyee B Chowdhury tells the tale of her encounter with the enchanting city through the medium of 50 poems and attempts to connect an India that many do not realize exists.

It is a book that tells the little stories that make us who we are.

About the Poet- Maitreyee B Chowdhury is a Bangalore based poet.
Her poems and articles have been published in national and international journals.
'Where Even The Present Is Ancient: Benaras' is her third book.

SUMMER PROGRAM STARTS ON MONDAY AT KINDERGARTEN

All children from age 4 to 7 (but not Jallam and Yellow groups) are welcome to the Kindergarten at Center Field during 2 weeks, starting Monday the 18th, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 12. They will be offered games, crafts, stories, blocks and swimming pool (bring swimsuit in synthetic material and towel). There will be no transport and no lunch. The teachers will not be responsible for the children after 12 o'clock, so please pick up your child on time.

From Monday 1st of June and during 2 weeks, the program will happen at Nandanam Kindergarten.

Volunteers above 14 years old are still very much needed. Just come at 8.45 at Kindergarten if you are willing to help the teachers with the children.

EVENING AT SAVITRI BHAVAN ON FRIDAY 22ND OF MAY

Last Friday, some of us had a rewarding evening at Savitri Bhavan

Reading and /or listening to passages from the Savitri.

Several requests for repeating this have come in, hence, enthusiasts of Savitri are once again invited to Savitri Bhavan on Friday, 22nd May 2015 between 4.30 & 6.30 pm.

Come with your favorite 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

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CLASSES, WORKSHOPS



Nirvana Yoga Dance

Dear friends, I am Soham practicing Nirvana yoga since a long time now...

I would like to offer for free my expertise to the women of Auroville (They are and will be more and more the leading Forces of the future). No previous experience is required.

We will start with a concentration calling down on us The Great Spirit and end this preliminary invocation with a deep Breath of Aspiration in order to try to be the Perfect Recipients of Her Grace. Then the Soul's dance will start.

Everyone must attempt to tune herself with the inner as well as the universal Rhythm in order to achieve Oneness with the music beats and be in Harmony, until the world ends. Be punctual the Divine always is...

Bring a lot of water, socks, a good towel and a change. No chat allowed during the session unless emergency. This Nirvana Yoga-Dance aims at progressive union with the Divine, building up a luminous channel of joyful receptivity as well as sweating out some extra pounds...Indeed all yoga is fun....And all life is yoga.

Venue : Arka Multi Hall.

Dates : Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. (From 5th of May onwards)

Timing : 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Women of the world all unite!

Krishan from Arka will be the co-ordinator for the programme and he will also be present during each session.

IN and OUT of SILENCE seminar

Saturdays 2-4pm in Hall of Light at Creativity

HOW might a person succeed in getting a grip on one's own responsibility for one's own life?

HOW to get wise on the machinations of those inner demons we still carry in us?

HOW to break out of sticky old habits & routines?

WHAT exactly are we trying to overcome?

WHERE exactly do we trip over our own feet?

WHAT is the meaning of it all?

WHY isn't it working out like it is supposed to?

WHERE could answers to all these age-old questions be found?

The IN and OUT of SILENCE seminar is a compilation of spiritual techniques out of various traditions.

Integrating an inner silent space of eternal diversity may well supply us with the means to draw upon that which makes us dynamic, healthy and conscious from our own inner power source and regain the birthright of every living being, to walk this earth full of vibrant vitality all throughout our lives.

It may well be conceivable that you could find strength and support in a collective that is solely dedicated to stepping IN and OUT of the SILENCE within us all, thus allowing for one's own inner pace, room, time and space to have any inner attitude change as one might like. How should anyone habitually be able to perceive this silent voice with all that noise of our constant mental chatter? In order to consistently be in tune with ourselves and our environment (the externalization of our internal world)-

the habit of listening and ad-hearing to this internal voice issuing out unto the external, needs to be "learnt off by heart", as we cycle through:

- emptying into the void • encircling silence • sensing emptiness • expanding stillness • • focusing into the void • shaping stillness • filling emptiness • carrying silence • call Gi: 8940230984 for any questions.

English Pronunciation Practise

A relaxed listen-and-repeat style with texts related to our life here and suitable for readers of ages about 15 years and forward.

These sessions are not like a course of study. Feel free to come as often as you can for a helpful experience with English sounds, vocabulary and comprehension. Individual help with pronunciation and questions is included. The group is invited to request materials and exercises to meet its needs.

Two sessions are available for the summertime. Welcome to one or both.

Wednesday mornings 10:45 to 12:00;

Saturday afternoons 4:30 to about 5:45.

The two sessions are expected to be different. Timings can be adjusted. RS20 cash is requested for the materials for each session. Facilitated by Patricia at Creativity Community Library.

UnLtd Tamil Nadu

UnLtd Tamil Nadu is now a "Resource Partner" for Startup Weekend Social Innovation, the first Startup Weekend event focused on social enterprises in India. The program will take place from 29th May to 31st May in Bangalore.

We are now able to offer volunteer and participant slots to Auroville community members. These slots include free/discounted tickets and housing on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If you'd like to learn more about Startup Weekend, go to <http://www.up.co/communities/india/bangalore/startup-weekend/5097>. For questions and ticket or housing requests, please email Nelson at community@unltdtamilnadu.org.

FILMS



"The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, May 22nd, Friday at 7.00pm

March of the Penguins

2005, 80 minutes. Directed by Luc Jacquet

Awarded Best Documentary 2005 at Broadcast Film Critics Association, National Board of Review, Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, and Las Vegas Film Critics Association

This documentary shows how each winter, alone in the pitiless ice deserts of Antarctica, deep in the most inhospitable terrain on Earth, a truly remarkable journey takes place. Emperor penguins in the thousands abandon the deep blue security of their ocean home and clamber onto the frozen ice to begin

their long journey, guided by instinct; they head unerringly for their traditional breeding ground where they will mate.

Before the movie at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!!

Schedule of Events:

16:00 free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour

16:40 Tour of Sadhana Forest

18:00 free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco FilmClub

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.



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 18 May 2015 to 24 May 2015

Even with summer setting in, rest assured that Cinema Paradiso will continue to bring choicest films to you through the summer. However, after this week our next Film Series will only be in August. Here, in our fifth series, we bring you a repertoire of amazing films on Art & Music. Enjoy!

Art-Music Series - Monday 18 May, 8:00 pm:

- **LENNONYC**
USA, 2010, Dir. Michael Epstein, John Lennon, Yoko Ono, Elton John, Documentary-Music, English, 115mins, Rated: G
In 1971, John Lennon could have lived practically anywhere he chose. However, feeling increasingly out of place in London, he and his wife Yoko Ono relocated to New York City, where he mostly lived for the rest of his life. The former Beatle felt at home in New York, where he found it easier to live, and he was eagerly embraced by the city's creative community and political activists. But the FBI regarded Lennon with suspicion, believing he could be a corrupting influence on America's youth, and Lennon found himself at the center of a protracted legal battle to remain in the United States.

Art-Music Series - Tuesday 19 May, 8:00 pm:

- **ART AND CRAFT**
USA, 2014, Dir. Sam Cullman, Jennifer Grausman & Mark Becker w/ Mark Landis, Documentary, English, 89mins, Rated: G

Landis is one of the most prolific art forgers in US history. His impressive body of work spans 30years, covering multiple styles and periods. While the copies could fetch impressive sums on the open market, Landis chose to donate them to museums across the country instead. When Matthew Leininger, a registrar in Cincinnati, discovers the ruse and organizes an exhibition of the work, Landis must confront his legacy and a chorus of museum professionals clamoring for him to stop. However, he cannot! A diagnosed schizophrenic whose elaborate con is his means to cultivate connection and respect - feeding an outright "addiction to philanthropy."

Art-Music Series - Wednesday 20 May, 8:00 pm:

- **MICHEL PETRUCCIANI**
France, 2011, Dir. Michael Radford, Documentary-Music, French-English w/ English Subtitles, 102mins, Rated: G
Petrucciani was born in France in 1962, and emerged from the womb with a rare disease, osteogenesis imperfecta (known to laymen as "glass bone disease"), which made his bones unusually brittle and retarded his growth and preventing his height beyond three feet. Despite the limitations Petrucciani developed a great passion for music and was an accomplished pianist by the time he was 13. When he traveled to the USA, at 18, he was already a celebrity in European jazz circles with a few albums under his belt. In the USA, Petrucciani became the first European artist to sign with the prestigious jazz label Blue Note Records and became a star and a legend.

Art-Music Series - Thursday 21 May, 8:00 pm:

- **THE ART OF THE STEAL**
USA, 2009, Dir. Don Argott, Documentary, English w/ English subtitles, 101mins, Rated: G
Born into a working-class family in Philadelphia, Albert C. Barnes found a successful pharmaceutical firm that made

him a multimillionaire. Barnes assembled one of the world's most remarkable private collections, featuring original paintings by Van Gogh, Renoir, Picasso, Cézanne, and others. Barnes relied on his own instincts rather than the advice of experts when he bought paintings. In 1922 he opened the Barnes Foundation and before he passed away 1951, in his will he had made strict provisions that his collection was not to be sold, lent or removed from the grounds of the Barnes Foundation. That changed in 1988 when Lincoln University's trustees took full control of the collection. The film explores how greed, political power, and good intentions colluded to violate Albert C. Barnes' wishes and scatter his collection across the globe.

Art-Music Series - Saturday 23 May, 8:00 pm:

- **MUSEUM HOURS**
Austria, 2012, Dir. Jem Cohen w/ Mary Margaret O'Hara, Bobby Sommer, 107mins, Drama, German, English w/ English, Rated: G

In the Kunsthistorisches Art Museum in Vienna, Johann is a security guard who finds a special quiet magic there. One day, a Canadian woman arrives to visit to the city, and the two strike up a friendship through their appreciation of art. That relationship helps put all the other goings-on at the museum /the city in perspective. As Johann observes, it is a world where art can say so much more than a casual visitor might know.

Children's Film - Sunday 24 May, 4:30pm

- **DOLPHIN TALE**
USA, 2011 Dir. Charles Martin Smith w/ Karen Janszen, 113mins, Drama Family, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG
A story centered on the friendship between a boy and a dolphin whose tail was lost in a crab trap.

BILLY WILDER Film Festival @ CINECLUB

Ciné-Club - Sunday 24 May, 8:00 pm:

- **ACE IN THE HOLE**
USA, 1951, Dir. Billy Wilder w/Kirk Douglas, Jan Sterling, and others, Film-Noire, 111mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated:G

Charles Tatum, a down-on-his-luck reporter, takes a job with a small New Mexico newspaper. The job is pretty boring until he finds a man trapped in an old Indian dwelling. He jumps at the chance to make a name for himself by taking over and prolonging the rescue effort, and feeding stories to major newspapers. He creates a national media sensation and milks it for all it is worth — until things go terribly wrong.

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.

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group Account# 105106,
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Important information about News & Notes (Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Wednesday 11 am)

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