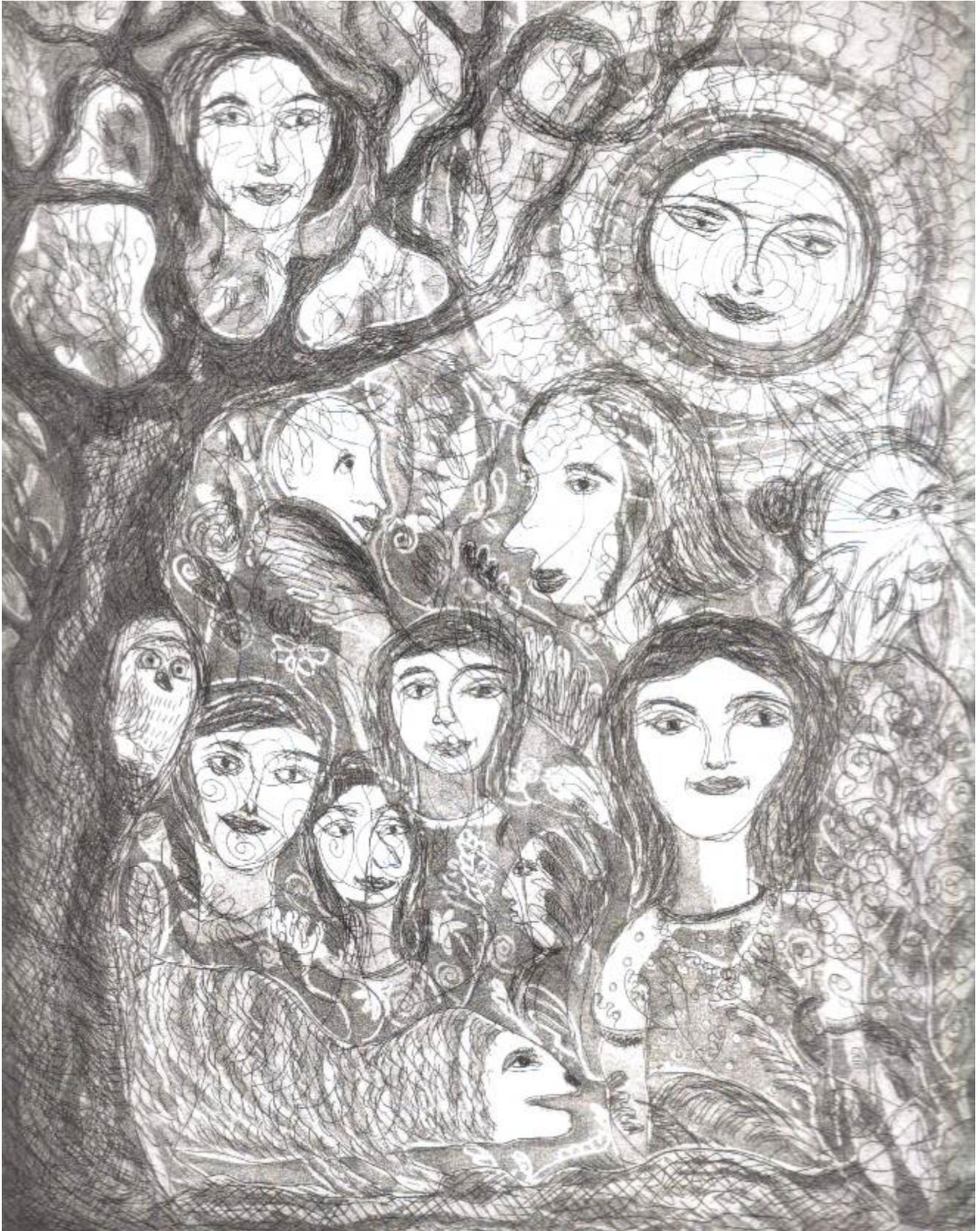


# News & Notes

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# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

271 - He who would win high spiritual degrees, must pass endless tests and examinations. But most are anxious only to bribe the examiner.

272 - Fight, while thy hands are free, with thy hands and thy voice and thy brain and all manner of weapons. Art thou chained in the enemy's dungeons and have his gags silenced thee? Fight with thy silent all-besieging soul and thy wide-ranging will-power and when thou art dead, fight still with the world-encompassing force that went out from God within thee.

*(Mother's comment :)*

"Truth is a difficult and arduous conquest. One needs to be a true warrior, a warrior who fears nothing, neither enemies nor death, for, despite all opposition, with or without a body, the fight goes on and shall end in Victory."

If you knew how COMPACT with golden light it was when it came! And I did not remember at all what was written. *But that's almost triumphant!*

Isn't it? Oh, there was an atmosphere of triumph. The atmosphere was so dense, you know. I only had the impression... yes, that impression of victory, of ABSOLUTE certitude: all possible doubts were gone, all weaknesses were gone; it was all like that. Afterwards, I said to myself, "But what did I write?..." I had forgotten. Then I read it again (they brought it to me yesterday evening), and when I read it again, I said, "Oh, that's it!..." I had forgotten.

It was so much the true consciousness, in which death does not exist: What is it? - Nothing. That was the impression while I was writing, as if he had suddenly made me enter a world of truth in which this whole world of illusion and falsehood no longer had any force.

I felt that very strongly, very strongly, and afterwards I said to myself, "What did I write?" When I read it again in the evening, I thought, "Oh, that's it!"

It's interesting.

*It's irrefutable.*

Yes, that's how it is, there's nothing to be said.

Do we keep it for August 15 [*Sri Aurobindo's birthday*]?

*Why not give it on February 21 [Mother's birthday]?*

But then, without signature?... I can't sign "Sri Aurobindo" - it would look like a forgery! So without signature.

*But why not sign yourself?*

Myself... it's just this (*Mother pinches the skin of her hands*).

That's an idea: I'll give it as a message. (...)

Then, while sorting out papers (this is much less interesting), I found a few things (*Mother holds out a first note*)

Why do men want to worship? It is much better to become than to worship.

I remember that, I wrote it long ago... *In April '69 [on the 26th]*.

Some people wrote to me letters and did all kinds of things to express their adoration and so on, and I felt so clearly that it's out of a LAZINESS to change that they worship! (*Mother laughs*)

Another one:

If you want to find your soul, to know and obey it, stay here at any cost. If that is not the goal of your life and you are ready to live the life of the great majority of people, you can certainly go back to your family.

That's good, too. There are so many who ask, "Why stay here?..." I thought it could be useful.

And the last:

**To people of ill-will**

The harm you have caused wilfully always comes back to you in one form or another.

*Below there is a note: "Dictated by the S. M. [superman] consciousness."*

Yes, it's that Consciousness which, one day... I remember, I was thinking, "Why be attached to things like that?" Then it answered this and insisted until I had written it.

The harm you have caused WILLFULLY (that is, the will to harm, the will to destroy) always comes back to you, always.... And let me add that this Consciousness DOES it - its doing it: I SEE it. Quite unexpected things.

Many people have had a movement of anger, a movement of... wilfully causing harm - it comes back to them.

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 7 January 1970

MOTHER

*The  
Ponder  
Corner*

*My heart is at peace,  
my mind is free from impatience,  
and in all things I rely on Thy will  
with the smiling confidence of a child.*

*The Mother*

*ref. Words Of The Mother, vol.15, Prayers and Calling The Divine, p.225*

## LAND BOARD REPORT MAY AND JUNE 2015

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

1. We are happy to share that the Auroville Foundation has won the case going on at the Vanur court against Murugan Ganesan (land behind Matrimandir - cycle path) due to the intense efforts put in by our advocate Narayan Bahety and we thank him wholeheartedly for his services.
2. We have purchased R.S No 407/4 ext 1.60 acres that we took possession of, in the Inner city area close to Matrimandir. This piece was funded by Acres for Auroville
3. We entered into an Agreement to sell for IR R.S.No.207/7,8 about 1 acre for a piece of land near Reve. This is in the City area.
4. We purchased 66 cents of land in the Green Belt / Pitchandikulam BO 63/6B to consolidate that part of the land. Rs. 5 lakhs is being donated by the Pitchandikulam residents towards this purchase.
5. Since January 2015 the Land Board has bought / taken possession of 8.61 acres of new land in the Master Plan area.
6. 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 the settlement area of Kuilapalayam village. This is ongoing.
7. All of you must be aware of the issue that happened in Srma where Auroville land was encroached by James court and the action we had taken with a large support group from Auroville. The Srma survey is to be completed. We wish to heartily thank each and every person who supported us and stood by while trying to solve the difficult problem.
8. A long pending survey at Annapurna Farm was finished and FAMC approved funds to make a fence on that side of the boundary.
9. Two important fencing projects at Bharatipuram and the International Zone have been initiated, as there has been creeping encroachments. FAMC has approved a ferrocement slab fence for these vulnerable boundaries.
10. The Land Board members met with a FAMC sub group and LRD members to review the outlying lands which can be exchanged and developed. As Auroville cannot sell lands (prevented due to a Government Ordinance) any developments needing outside finances are not viable due to this limitation.
11. 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 any encroachments and land grabs.
12. We met with members of the Housing Board to identify plots where there should be caretakers living on the land to counter potential encroachment and land grab.
13. We met with our advocate Narayan Bahety along with the Working Committee and Secretary in charge, regarding the new case assigned to him. PK Devdass, a neighbor has filed a case against the Auroville Foundation and Bernd and this case is now going on at the Vanur court.
14. More than 160 patta transfers were pending from previous purchases and exchanges. Land Board has initiated the tedious process of completing and updating the land records at the Sub Registrar Office Vanur to finish this vital and important step to correct the Government records.
15. We continue to meet FAMC regarding encroachment and land purchase issues regularly.

16. For all units interested to buy firewood or timber quality wood you may please contact (0413 262 2657) and fix an appointment.

*Divya, Gerard, Kannyappan, Prasad, Sandeep, Suhasini, Sukrit*

## ENTRY SERVICE MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY (JULY, 2015)

We hope you read the first report because this second one builds on the continuing progress. We'd like to keep the Community growing toward better ways and means to welcome those joining us on this "great adventure." We continue in the spirit inspired by the Auroville Retreat and prepare for the next steps when there will be a General Meeting later this month. Watch for the RAS announcements in the N&N.

On July 1st, as promised, the Entry Service went into full service mode taking on more than 30 new applicants at our Help Desk on Wednesday and Friday. (We are open to the public on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 am to 12). On July 1st also, a last historic meeting took place on a very long process (years!) to re-assess the entry policy, integrate the work of the Entry Service Task Force, prepare Friends of Auroville (again), introduce Spouse, Relative, and Associates of Auroville. The Auroville Council has taken the lead in organizing the resource persons from various groups and the Community. This group has met regularly for several months to meet their target deadline of the end of June. Congratulations!

Of course, the work is not over but we are ready for the next steps where all these policies are open to feedback and will be presented in the improved style of the RAS to deliver all the information visually as well as orally. The broad vision is to make the process more transparent, expand the concept of a contact person into multiple mentors and give the Community more of a way to accept (or not) those who wish to join us. The General Meeting about this is soon to come.

A little reminder to Contact Persons and anyone writing support letters for new applicants. People usually write well (and some are super), but lately we have been receiving too many two liners. It does not help the ES to receive a letter that says: "She is great," or "Welcome him to Auroville." You know the person and ES does not. We need some of the "why" a person should be admitted to Auroville with some specific facts as well as your impressions.

Experience is showing that people who are part of a family and apply as a single person but continue to live with partners and family members who do not wish to, or cannot join Auroville, creates situations that become difficulties for Auroville. There is often the question of the contribution of the partner, schooling for the children, housing and work arrangements. It seems better to encourage family applications for families who wish to live together in Auroville or each person in the family has a recognized status. The new policies in the pipeline are designed to help with this also.

Please feel free to contact the ES when you hear rumors and receive reports from people about "what has Entry done now?" to get the correct information. People are also coming in now to join with applicants when they meet us and also come on their on for a meeting with us when clarifications are needed.

In the heat and dust of the season, things have gone remarkably well for the new members of the team, and we look forward to an ever more "user friendly" Entry Service.

*The Entry Service Team (Alexey, Aurore, B, Chitra, Ishita, Matilde, Neeti)*

**POTLUCK PARTY FOR ALL CURRENT NEWCOMERS WITH THE ENTRY SERVICE**

*Entry Service Team and Newcomers who are currently joining Auroville*

WHERE: Dreamers' Cafe at the Visitors' Centre  
 WHEN: July 18 Saturday 6:30 pm  
 RSVP to [entryservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:entryservice@auroville.org.in) if you can come and what you might like to bring so we can plan a bit.

## REPORT OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE

Main topics dealt with in June 2015.

### 1. New Town Development Authority

A report of the joint visits of the Under-Secretary, Sindhuja for the Auroville Council, Sauro for the TDC and Carel for the Working Committee to Dr. M.S. Swaminathan and a high official of the Tamil Nadu government on the topic of the protection of the lands in the Auroville area and the advisability to apply for an New Town Development Authority was published in the News and Notes of June 6<sup>th</sup>.

### 2. Way Forward.

On July 2nd a meeting of the Vision Task Force took place with representatives of the following Action Groups: Education, Economy, Governance, Youth, and Land & Town Planning. Two Action groups, Growth and Bioregion, are scheduled to meet for the first time in July as most of their members have been out of station.

The various Action Plans and Reports will be made available on the AuroNet and the News and Notes until the dedicated Way Forward website is ready. A joint meeting of all the Action Groups will be scheduled in August.

The next meetings of the VTF will be on August 8th and September 2nd. On October 2nd, a day before the GB and IAC meetings which are scheduled for October 3-5, the VTF will meet to take stock of where we are and ensure a proper presentation to the GB and IAC.

### 3. GOI Plan Grant disbursement

The GOI grant for the financial year 2015-2016 will amount to Rs 15 crore. From this amount, as per the request of the Governing Board, an amount of Rs 4 crore has been set aside for the creation of low-cost, sustainable housing.

At the request of the Under Secretary, Auroville Foundation, we have constituted a GOI Plan Grant Subgroup which, as specified in Standing Order # 7, takes decisions on the allocation of GOI grants jointly with the Under-Secretary, and ensures that utilization certificates are issued in time, so as not to endanger further grants. Based on their competence and knowledge of the matter and the fact that they do not represent the interest of any of the grantees (Bharat Nivas, SAIER, TDC or NESS), we have appointed Michael Tait, Hemant and Rathinam to be part of this GOI Grant Subgroup along with Ranjith and Carel on behalf of the Working Committee.

The sub-group's first immediate task is to ensure that all utilization certificates for 14/15 are submitted, so as not to endanger receiving the grants for 15/16. The Working Committee has meanwhile asked all the grantees who have not yet submitted their UCs to do so immediately.

The subgroup together with the Under Secretary met on June 18, to disburse the first installment of the GOI Plan Grant 2015-16 of Rs 2 crore Capital and Rs 50 lakh General. The following disbursement was agreed upon (in lakhs):

Beneficiary	Capital (in lakhs)	General (in lakhs)
SAIER	57	14
Bharat Nivas	35	13
TDC	98	10
Working Committee	0	3
NESS	0	5

Network Centre	10	0
Auroville Foundation	0	5
TOTAL	200	50

The beneficiaries have been requested for detailed estimates and a spending timeline for each activity. The monitoring and tracking of the grant will be done by the Unity Fund, in such a way that every 2 weeks the members of the subgroup, the beneficiaries and the activity-executives will receive an overview of the total amount allocated, the total amount spent, the amount still to be spent and the period in which this amount has to be spent. The allocated amounts need to be spent by July 31st and UC's need to be submitted by that date.

After this meeting the Under-Secretary has, however, only disbursed 1.45 crore and not the full amount of 2.45 crore, keeping 1 crore in the AV Foundation account for later disbursement. This matter is under discussion.

### 4. Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act

The Governing Board, in its 46th meeting held in March, directed the Working Committee to implement the provisions of the *Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013* in Auroville. The Board emphasised that Auroville must take the lead in implementing these procedures effectively with their expertise.

Sindhuja on behalf of the Auroville Council and Carel on behalf of the Working Committee discussed the matter on June 12th with senior lawyer Sriram Panchu. Sriram concurred that Auroville should have one internal complaints committee which deals with all matters of sexual harassment in Auroville, as specified in the Act, and advised that it be setup by the Governing Board. This means that the Governing Board, by Standing Order, will create this Committee, with members proposed by the Working Committee.

The matter was further discussed by the Working Committee and Auroville Council. There was unanimous agreement that the Internal Compliant Committee, to be constituted under this Act, should not only deal with the issues of sexual harassment as specified in the Act, but also with issues of domestic violence not specified in the Act. This will need the approval of the Residents of Auroville.

The Auroville Council and Working Committee also discussed the constitution of the Internal Complaints Committee to be set-up under the Act. We jointly propose the following names: Niva (Koodam/Realisation), Anbu (AVAG), Srijita (MM Nursery), Bridget (Pitanga, Luminosity), Anandamayi (Security, Madhuca), Jayendra (Djaima), Yuval (Utility). The members hold office for a period of 3 years.

A brief extract of this Act is as below. A pdf copy of the Act and its Rules has been published on the AuroNet.

We request all community members to give their feedback on the proposed candidates for the Internal Review Committee and for the extension of its work to include issues of domestic violence.

In case no substantial negative feedback is received, we will bring the matter to the Chairman of the Auroville Foundation for the passing of the Standing Order.

### 5. Closure Abri - Forecomers - Ravena road?

A few incidents of assault and robbery have happened on the Ravena - Forecomers - Abri road. We have received a suggestion that the check-post near Ravena and Pandy Ville resort, which offers a short cut to Muthialpet, should be closed, perhaps to start with only in the evening hours. We have asked all those involved for their views on this suggestion and would also welcome the views of the community.

### 6. Volunteers issues

The Working Committee maintains the contacts with the Regional Registration Officer, Pondicherry and the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer, Chennai. Regarding volunteers, we were informed:

- a. Those holding tourist visa cannot volunteer in Auroville or anywhere else in India.
- b. Volunteers, interns and students need an Entry Visa.
- c. Volunteering is restricted to Auroville Services.
- d. Volunteering in AV Commercial units is still a topic of consideration at the FRRO, Chennai.
- e. Students who come with a Student Visa issued at the recommendation of an Indian university can only volunteer in Auroville if this volunteering is part of the curriculum, e.g. has been explicitly authorized by that Indian university in writing.

The Working Committee is in discussion with the RRO to find a solution.

The Working Committee is not involved in the policy about what benefits Auroville gives to volunteers.

## 7. New Entry Visas.

We have been informed that some Indian embassies abroad do not issue 5-year Entry Visa as recommended by the Auroville Foundation, but only Entry Visa for lesser periods of time. We have proposed to the Indian authorities that in these cases the RRO, Pondicherry, may issue stay visa and residential permits for the period as recommended by the Auroville Foundation.

## 8. Visa renewals

The Working Committee issues recommendations to the Secretary for the extension of Stay Visa and Residential Permits. In all these cases we ask the person how often and for how long a person has been staying out of Auroville. Where applicable, we recommend the granting of extensions for five year periods. However, if a person has been out of station for months on end, and says that this will continue, we may decide to recommend extensions for shorter periods.

## 9. Cleaning up the Register of Residents and the Master List

At the request of the Under-Secretary, and in cooperation with the office of the Secretary, which maintains the Register of Residents, and the Residents' Service, which maintains the Master List, we have compiled a list of people who have left Auroville more than five years ago. This list has been published on the AuroNet <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/49202>. It is the intention that the names of the people on this list will be moved to a separate Register of Left Auroville Residents. The community is invited to go through our list and inform us in case a person's name should not be moved to the Register of Left Auroville Residents.

## 10. Police Outpost

In our report over the month of May we mentioned that, at the request of the Under-Secretary Auroville Foundation, the Working Committee, in consultation with the Land Board and the TDC, was in the process of identifying a piece of land along the main road somewhere between the East Coast Road and the Service Area which could be used for a police outpost, to facilitate police patrolling around Auroville.

This plot has been identified as next to the saw mill, opposite Maha Travels, at the outer border of the greenbelt. The plan is to provide a container with windows, doors and a bathroom to the police, to see if this facility would be sufficient. We request the community to send us its views.

## 11. Post office shifting

The Working Committee, together with the Under Secretary, is following up on a suggestion of Mr. Bala Baskar that the Auroville Post Office moves into the telephone exchange building which is located at the junction of the tar road and the dirt road leading to Matrimandir.

## 12. Vehicle passes

In our report on the month of February we informed the community that the Under-Secretary of the Auroville Foundation proposes to issue stickers for cars owned by Aurovilians and Auroville units for easy access to Auroville, so that the guards will know who to allow in. This would also give an indication about the number of cars owned by Aurovilians / Auroville units. We asked for suggestions on this topic.

Four responses were received: three welcomed the proposal yet felt it was not sufficient. Feedback suggested that we need to raise awareness about the growing number of individual cars and its consequences for the community, children, cyclists, and pedestrians; divert some of the finance going in this direction into building a more effective public transport system for all; make the issuing of the stickers conditional (license, insurance, vehicle well maintained, responsible driver and a hefty road tax) which would imply the setting up of an Auroville RTO; offer other stickers which could say: 1) "We drive at Auroville speed - max. 25 km/hour"; 2) "We support Auroville's community transport"; or encourage sticker holder to make a voluntary donation (ideally monthly, even if modest) towards ACT.

We also recall that in response to a petition on AuroNet posted by Chandresh on Sep 23, 2014, 77% of the 153 respondents agree that "It is urgent to do something about the growing trend of private car ownership in Auroville."

It is proposed that stickers will be free for all Aurovilians, Newcomers, Friends of Auroville, and Auroville employees. A fee could be collected from commercial vehicles such as taxis, where the fees for taxis operated by Auroville units could be lower than those from taxis from non-Auroville taxi services.

We once again invite the community to give its views. If necessary, the matter can be discussed in a General Meeting.

## 13. Complaints against Aurovilians

We regularly receive complaints about the behavior of one or more Aurovilians, which we try to resolve. Of late, however, we have noted that the tone of some of these complaints is not only unpleasant but often vindictive and that some complainers have gone as far as creating a website to post their accusations. We believe that this poisons the Auroville atmosphere and damages Auroville's reputation.

Sri Aurobindo wrote a letter to a disciple on the need of psychic self-control in the midst of discussions. We believe that his words also apply to postings on the intranet or to emails. We have taken the liberty to add to his words accordingly [in square brackets.]

*1. Not to allow the impulse of speech to assert itself too much or say anything without reflection, but to speak [write] always with a conscious control and only what is necessary and helpful.*

*2. To avoid all debate, dispute or too animated discussion and simply say [write] what has to be said and leave it there. There should also be no insistence that you are right and the others wrong, but what is said [written] should only be thrown in as a contribution to the consideration of the truth of the matter.*

*3. To keep the tone of speech [writing] and the wording very quiet and calm and unobtrusive.*

*4. Not to mind at all if others are heated and dispute, but remain quiet and undisturbed and yourself speak [write] only what can help things to be smooth again.*

*5. If there is gossip about others and harsh criticism (especially about sadhaks/spiritual aspirants), not to join - for these things are helpful in no way and only lower the consciousness from its higher level.*

*6. To avoid all that would hurt or wound others.*

The Working Committee proposes that those in dispute meet together, in the presence of a mediator, to discuss the issues and try to find common grounds of agreement. If the accusations are correct, the parties could agree on some kind of redress which might include a public apology or the payment

of a sum considered appropriate. If the accusations are found to be incorrect, the complainers should redress their mistakes and issue a public apology. The matter should end with the publication of a report in the News and Notes stating how the matter is resolved and what type of redress, if any, has been agreed upon. Once the redress action has been done, the matter should be considered as closed. This means that the complaints can no longer be raised in any public forum and that the person against whom the complaint was lodged can qualify to be a member of working groups.

This process might also be used to settle some long-standing issues, for example those that were considered 'non-negotiable' by the Temporary Feedback Review Committee when judging eligibility for the Working Committee, and deciding that some people were not eligible for participating.

#### 14. Windarra

We had a very constructive meeting with members of the Farm Group which opened the doors to a better mutual understanding and a collaborative way to implement the arbitration's decision in the Windarra issue. The Farm Group, even though disagreeing with aspects of the arbitration decision, has nevertheless agreed to respect it and agreed to delegate three of its members to help the Implementation Group implementing the arbitration decision. The implementation is ongoing.

#### 15. Other matters

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

1. TDC restructuring
2. Preparing for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.
3. Trademark protection of the name of Auroville
4. Special Guests Coordination (jointly with the MM Access Team)
5. Aurovilians not living in and working for Auroville (jointly with the FAMC)
6. Aspiration Sports Ground
7. Sludge Disposal
8. Mailand Trust (jointly with the FAMC)
9. Rayapettei Asset (jointly with the FAMC)
10. Auroville Health Services
11. Eco Service

#### The Working Committee

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

## L'AVENIR D'AUROVILLE / TOWN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (TDC)

#### June 2015 report

*Reminder: This report is a synopsis of key topics discussed in regular meetings. It does not include any communication that has been published in the News & Notes or on the Auronet webpage of L'avenir d'Auroville / Town Development Council (TDC), such as community announcements, financial reports and site or building permissions.*

#### Regular members:

Cristo (Regional Development), Jacqueline (Urban Design) is TOS, Manohar (WC representative) present one meeting a week, Sauro (Overall Coordination and Facilitation), and Toby (Township Development).

#### Punctual attendees:

Alain Grandcolas, Bertrand, Dorle, Dustudio (Dhruv and Dharmesh), Green Group (GG) representatives (Jeff, Priya, Yuval), Housing Service (HS) representatives (Jeff, Victoria), Kaja (DDP for RZ 1 & 2), altenergiez representative (Manosh Bardhan), Paul Vincent, Sumark (Kevin and Peter), and Suhasini.

#### I. TDC-RELATED TOPICS

##### A/ Waste Management volunteers

The TDC was working with several volunteers on solid waste management projects and fund-raisers. However, new visa regulations are being put in place where no financial support is possible for the volunteers, which will probably put a damper on future volunteering applications.

##### B/ Mapping, survey and GIS team

###### a) Land-related data

The team members are working together to streamline and make all data easily accessible.

###### b) Surveyor list

The TDC and the WAT team have set up a list of surveyors for the GIS team.

##### C/ Standing Order (SO) and vacancies

Following the TDC's urgent request for new coordinators, the WC and the TDC exchanged several emails concerning the SO and vacancies.

Furthermore, the TDC uploaded the SO and the Office Order (OO) on the Auronet (see Home > References > Mandates & Policies > L'avenir d'Auroville / Town Development Council (TDC) or <https://www.auroville.org.in/page/lavenir-dauroville-town-development-council-tdc>).

Summary: The SO (dated May 1<sup>st</sup> 2011) was set up by the Governing Board (GB) for the constitution of the TDC. This document sums up the role of the TDC coordinators and so on (somewhat like a job description).

On October 12<sup>th</sup> 2012, the Residents Assembly (RA) and the WC sent a list of names (proposed TDC coordinators) to the GB.

The OO provides clarity on the term of office: 4 years from October 24<sup>th</sup> 2012. The mandate of the TDC coordinators therefore ends on October 24<sup>th</sup> 2016, and 6 months beforehand (April 24<sup>th</sup> 2016) the new council members will be nominated and instated.

##### D/ Technical team

By the end of July, their work will be wrapped up and submitted to Dr. Doshi. After that, the TDC will be able to take decisions on further work.

##### E/ Employment

###### a) Full-time secretary

One part-time secretary will work full-time from July 1<sup>st</sup> onwards.

###### b) Contract renewal

This contract concerns a member of the regional planning team, whose role is to interact with local authority and facilitate the approach to government schemes that he is familiar with.

###### c) Detailed Development Plan (DDP)

It was decided to complete the work on the DDP with the existing team (Luis Feduchi and Kaja Delezuch) as well as 2 additional students (preferably one Indian), with regard to the preparation of detailed parameters for the Development Units (plots). In the meantime, the feedback process on the overall planning is still ongoing.

###### d) WAT team

After studying an engineer's CV, it was decided to employ her on a 6-month trial basis.

##### F/ General Meeting (GM)

Following the GM held on June 19<sup>th</sup>, the TDC would like to point out that meetings should be held for professional topics, not personal attacks.

##### G/ Housing Board

A TDC representative needs to be found to attend the Housing Board meetings.

## II. FINANCIAL TOPICS

##### A/ GOI grant

The TDC discussed the details of the GOI grant and a projection to the end of the year will be prepared for the Monitoring Committee of the WC.

##### B/Office expenses

###### a) New computer

###### b) Internet connection

### III. HOUSING TOPICS

#### *A/ Residential Zone, Sectors 1 & 2*

Following the publication of the Detailed Development Plan (DDP), several people were interested in developing several plots in these sectors and came to the TDC for information and details so a meeting was organized with Kaja Delezuch.

##### *a) Soffio (Dorle and Anita)*

This project is based on the DDP for RZ 1&2 and Suhasini's study regarding density and population, also taking into account the following points: various sites; buffer zones; slope and waterways (aiming at percolation); peramboke land; mobility and accessibility.

Public green spaces should include housing, sport amenities and activities and are not to be "separated" by fences etc. These spaces will contain no WWT pipes, no service corridors and must be modular as they may evolve.

##### *b) Sumark (Peter and Kevin)*

Regarding the development of the area between the Vikas radial and Invocation IV, it is requested to change the typology of future buildings (innovative construction materials, cost and space management). Equilibrium must be found between varied characteristics (such as high density and public amenities). To do this, the building should not encompass too much buffer and be on the road for more accessibility and to make it public-oriented. The construction of this area can be phased and, in time, accommodate arising needs.

##### *c) Dustudio (Dhruv and Dharmesh)*

Dustudio would like to begin planning a new residential building resembling Swayam, but denser, more urban, comprising maybe 1 extra floor, taking into account the density and green spaces as defined by the DDP, as well as correlating with the Line of Force and surrounding communities.

##### *d) Humanscapes (Suhasini)*

This project is promoted by the Foundation and supported by the TDC. Until a project holder is found, a dedicated GOI grant has been opened.

#### Conclusion:

The TDC will further assess these proposals and define detailed parameters to provide an appropriate DU allocation and site layout.

#### *B/ Site and Building Applications*

Approximately 20 site and building applications were studied in June, whether for feedback, discussion, follow-up, etc.

#### *C/ Housing for Youth Action Group*

##### *a) Humanscapes*

A project holder is needed. One suggestion was Vika and Sonja from the Housing Service/Board and Kavitha for the youth link. The client body needs to be identified for financial and contracting aspects and for the project to move on.

It was highlighted that most of the young adults that the Youth Action Group has spoken to have families and their needs should be taken into account. Phase 2 or 3 would be more adapted to their needs.

##### *b) Experimental house-building zone*

A zone will be allocated to 5-6 people/families so that they can build alone-standing houses by themselves with the supervision of an architect. However, the TDC needs information on potential people to set up the project, such as the size of the house, the budget, etc. With a concept project, fund-raising activities can start. Funds and grants generally depend on sustainability and urban dimensions/objectives (for example: building with experimental materials).

### IV. LAND-RELATED TOPICS

#### *A/ Under-utilized lands*

The TDC along with the WC and the Green Group (GG) are concerned about the protection and utilization of several plots. One idea was to plant trees (ex: work trees) that can easily be cut and generate funds in the future. The TDC is preparing a map showing plot ownership in the city to then determine stewardship and finally lay out a development plan (near-future or later developments).

#### *B/ New land next to ARKA*

Part of this land is permanently reserved for the park; the rest will be jointly taken care of (by the RS and Glenn) on a temporary basis until some other appropriate development takes place in the Cultural Zone.

### V. ROADS

#### *A/ International Zone (IZ) loop road*

The IZ team wishes to develop the zone further and a plan is needed to be able to locate the transformer etc. in a logical manner with regard to the position of the road. Various alignments are being studied in the IZ to avoid peramboke land and the cemetery.

#### *B/ Private Lands on the Crown road*

To secure Auroville land and roads, the TDC is studying the option of building roads that circumvent private land. Several ideas have been raised, such as fencing off private lands, making a bend in the road, etc.

#### *C/ Sign boards*

The TDC received a request to change several sign boards. Collaboration with the Auroville Foundation (as they had started the sign-board project) and the Road Service (who will execute the work as these signs are located on/near roads) is necessary.

#### *D/ Private Developments via AV roads*

Roads touching private land often leads to unwanted development. AV roads may not be used for JCB access; the best way to counter this would be to fence the access to these private lands.

#### *E/ Safety issues around road crossings*

##### *a) Matrimandir*

These roads were moved for the excavation, but many issues regarding safety have been raised. Poppo has been contacted.

##### *b) Solar Kitchen*

Several ideas were brought up, such as STOP signs, street lights, speed limit signs and security cameras. There is a high probability that several of these ideas would not be respected if they were to be installed, so the TDC is studying the "roundabout" vs. "straight crossing" option.

#### *F/ Road plan presentation*

The TDC will shortly be presenting an overall road / access plan (for the Residential Zone, Industrial Zone, Crown road, etc.).

#### *G/ Access road to the Industrial Zone*

The best option is by KOFPU straight to the tar road as there are no buildings and the community has already been split into 2 by AV Council arbitration. This road will be included in the road study. The Farm Group will be informed of upcoming road markings.

#### *H/ Crossing peramboke lands*

Regarding the Mangalam radial, an agreement is being reached between Kottakarai and the WC.

### VI. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### *A/ Pitchandikulam pond*

The TDC helped sort out the problem and ensured that further dealing under the MNREG (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee) program was done in a non-destructive manner. Discussions are on-going with members of the Kuilapalayam village elders, the Bommayarpalayam panchayat and the Block Development Office (BDO) to identify possible works under this program as alternatives to digging this pond.

#### *B/ District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) in Villipuram*

Requests have been received from the DRDA in Villipuram to provide technical support with the beach beautification program in Bommayarpalayam. The engineers of the local Public Work Department (PWD) were met at the beachside in order for them to prepare an estimate for the work.

A further request concerned the Solid Waste Management (SWM) program covering the 6 villages of the Bommayarpalayam and Irumbai panchayats. The TDC is in contact with all the groups dealing with SWM in Auroville who

have agreed to provide assistance to the government-sponsored project for SWM in our area.

#### **C/ Water For All**

The TDC has become part of a regional campaign named Water For All that aims at raising the awareness of the residents in our watershed, i.e. a radius of approx. 40 km North, West and South of Auroville. This work is conducted in collaboration with PondyCAN and several NGOs in our region.

### **VII. GROUPS, ZONES, SERVICES**

#### **A/ Green Group (GG)**

##### *a) Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI)*

Concerning lands around the Irumbai Lake, an understanding should be established and a group needs to be formed regarding the planning and development of the region.

For the SLI site permission, 2 agreements need to be approved and signed (one with the FAMC and WC regarding the legal agreement, the other with the Farm Group (FG) regarding land utilization).

The FG will organize a meeting with the SLI team to reach an agreement.

##### *b) Land allocation process document - FAMC modifications*

The modifications proposed by the FAMC were accepted because the process now includes the collaboration of all concerned parties.

##### *c) Service Farm issue*

The Farm Group (FG) was unable to resolve this (foreseeable) issue; a decision was taken by the FAMC in 2008. The TDC requested that the FG take a stand on this issue. To do so, they will have a meeting and come up with decisions and/or options as well as plans and estimates (if fencing is required etc.).

#### **B/ Water Regulatory Board**

The TDC felt the need to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> executive for the Water Service and requested the FAMC to revive the Water Regulatory Board that is supposed to appoint executives.

A list of "water people" (concerning Water distribution, Water harvesting, Ground water, Desalination, Pipelines, and Water system management) was set up for their feedback.

### **VIII. OTHER TOPICS**

#### **A/ Updated AV map**

The TDC was requested to update the AV map. It should not mention land ownership (AV/not AV), just main roads and communities.

#### **B/ Celebration**

There are 4-5 buildable plots if fences and gates are positioned with care. A map is being prepared.

#### **D/ Living Museum project**

History: the Auroville Foundation (AVF) contacted the TDC, WC and FAMC for a living museum project.

The location was feasible (as the land (plot AL 66/1) is not "farmable"); it would establish a good (1<sup>st</sup>) link with Alankuppam and would remain under Auroville control.

However, the project was rejected by the WC and the FAMC: the amount (54 lakhs) was not sufficient and not worth the amount of land that would be allocated, the commitment and follow-up was not clear (financially for example), and the project kept changing.

Anyhow, a new proposal is expected from the Pondy govt and will be studied again. On a financial level, special attention will be given to: the total amount, where the balance (between current amount and total) will come from, and the maintenance cost and funding of the project.

#### **E/ Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP)**

The plans for the WWTP have been submitted to the University of Cologne for improvement.

#### **F/ International Living Future Institute (ILFI)**

There was a proposal to contact the ILFI for community guidelines for a green city (for ex. Equal input and output of building energy, 0 water waste). To do this, they would study the MP to find weak or lacking spots according to their guidelines. It was agreed that the MP and subsequent studies (approx. 10 docs) would need to be assembled and synthesized to make this study more efficient.

However, there is too much working material in the pipelines for the moment, and it would require too much time to study. Therefore, this study would end up costing too much. Once the TDC has more consolidated material, this study shall be re-considered.

#### **G/ WC clarifications**

##### *a) Sludge*

Land has been identified by Fertile; the TDC is waiting for a proposal by the service in charge. For that, a team needs to be put in place to proceed with this project.

##### *b) ATM in Visitors Centre (VC)*

5-6 years back, there had been strong objection from the VC team; it needs to be discussed with them. The TDC believes that the Service Zone would be a better location but it is not developed and is unsafe.

##### *c) Matrimandir test ponds*

Authorization was not given by the TDC for these test ponds.

#### **H/ E-rickshaw**

The TDC is interested in public transport and electrical vehicles. This proposal is being processed; the TDC decided to wait and see the results in Pondy (these rickshaws will be arriving there in approx. 3 weeks).

## **A N N O U N C E M E N T S**

### **Auroville Board of Services (ABS), Non-Commercial Trust and Unit Guidelines**

Dear community,  
As we reported in May, we approved the ABS Non-commercial Trust and Unit Guidelines. The template used for the ABS Guidelines is the Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC) Commercial Trust and Unit Guidelines. The ABC Guidelines were approved by the Governing Board in August 2014. For your copy of both of these documents please refer to our posting on the Auronet dated 7 July 2015.

They can be found in the REFERENCES section of the Auronet as well [[Home](#) > [References](#) > [Mandates & Policies](#) > [FAMC](#) > Guidelines - Commercial Trusts, Units and Services].

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*Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)*

### **Important Announcement from Kailash Clinic**

- On **Wednesday the 15th of July** we are happy to welcome you to **SANTE** (Auroville Institute for Integral Health) the new home of Kailash Clinic situated on the Crown Road next to Arka.
  - The **last day** of Kailash Clinic service will be **Friday the 10th of July**.
  - On **Saturday the 11th**, **Monday the 13th** and **Tuesday the 14th** please use the services at Auroville Health Centre in Aspiration.
  - Please note our new telephone number for **Sante**: **2623937**/the present number **2622803** is still valid.
  - The **Official Inauguration of Sante** will take place on **15th of August** when all our staff is complete.
- Please celebrate with us our joy of achievement as we enter together a new phase of integral health care.  
Love **SANTE**

## TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville - 11th Jul 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

#### Site & Building Permission:

1. Alain Bernard, AVAT - Irumbai, Enterprise Development in Bio-Region (SEDAB)

### Collective Project

#### Site Permission:

1. Sustainable Livelihood Institute - SLI, Joss & Alain Bernard site application feedback on plot numbers: IR 58/3 + /9 + /10 + /11 + /12 + /13B + /13A

#### Pending following conditions:

- a. FAMC and WC agreement about the society structure and the partnership with the TN government
- b. FAMC approval of the financial plan
- c. Farm Group approval of farming activities to be made inside the SLI campus
- d. Overall layout campus should be approved by the TDC before the BA

## 2. Site application feedback for Matrimandir Service Facilities

### Project Description given by the project holder

**Project Title** - Matrimandir Service Facilities

**Proposed Site location** - At the end of the arc of buildings in the administrative zone, near the eastern entrance of Matrimandir. Please see attached map.

**Project Holders** - Elumalai, John, Pierre and Srimoyi

**Project Architects** - Sonali and Ganesh

**Contact Persons** - The Project Holders

**Description:** - The development of the new Service facility for the Matrimandir is a project which is being undertaken simultaneously with the completion of the Matrimandir gardens oval in all its aspects.

The goal in view is that as the 12 gardens, the underground rooms beneath the east and west sides of the amphitheater, and the oval road which runs around the gardens are being completed over the next few years, we should at the same time be preparing to remove all our old workshops and offices out of the area surrounding the Matrimandir gardens.

This surrounding area, outside the gardens, was described by the Mother in 1965 as being an "isolating zone" so that the Park of Unity (the gardens oval) would be "solitary and silent". Thus, when the oval island is eventually complete in all its aspects, the surrounding zone should also become this silent zone. In time, this isolating zone will also hold the Lake which the Mother spoke of as surrounding, in the future, the Matrimandir gardens.

The new Service facility being proposed will house the majority of the functions now being carried out in the current old buildings (some have been here since 1975).

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.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### 3rd All Auroville Singing Festival

Dear all,

The 3rd All Auroville Singing Festival will probably take place on Friday the 9th of October as well as Saturday the 10th of October 2015 (or on that Saturday only if we decide to reduce it to one day).

Last time, in the News & Notes we proposed the following theme: songs with deep lyrics, reflecting a search for the innermost, and with an uplifting effect. As this has not been understood by some we would like to clarify that we look forward to have mostly songs which have an uplifting effect.

Furthermore our encouragement to have more and more participants to compose and write their own songs is still valid but is not compulsory as it may turn out to be too difficult for most people. We will be happy to have songs in many different languages to reflect the diversity of Auroville. Accompanying the songs with dance or other performing arts is still welcome.

We would like to promote a band of youngsters (that would perform at the closing of the Festival). Shakti will coordinate.

Youngsters interested should bring their songs and ideas to her or to us at [avsingingfestival@auroville.org.in](mailto:avsingingfestival@auroville.org.in)

We are still in the process of finalising various details like venue, composition of the organising team, duration of the festival, etc...

We are now opening the registration process for participants by requesting those interested to contact us at [avsingingfestival@auroville.org.in](mailto:avsingingfestival@auroville.org.in) for the registration form.

The deadline for registration is 31st July.

We request those wanting to participate to propose 2 or 3 songs (with lyrics and youtube links attached) out of which only one will be chosen by the organisers so that more people can

participate and the Festival be slightly shorter and easier to manage.

We will be available coming Wednesday 15th from 17:00 to 18:30 at La Terrace for

feedback/suggestions/explanations/exchange.

*No-eul, Shakti & Ananda (Rolf is TOS but will come back soon).*

### From 'Laboratory of Evolution' Research: Apologies & Update

In an earlier note several months ago, I had indicated that I would be available at the LOE temporary building in Bharat Nivas (which houses our Specialized Library) on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. I have been able to keep this commitment for a few months... until my old scooter failed me. I knew it could be repaired, so I never put another note saying I couldn't come any more, but this is indeed what has happened for a very long while, as I found out mechanics wouldn't even look at such an old vehicle, let alone take the trouble to repair it. Still, this transport problem has recently been solved... but please know that now for other reasons, I am not yet able to go there on a regular basis again, until further notice.

So I apologize to those who did come in the meantime to the LOE on those afternoons to meet me, and didn't find me there. I know of two of them at least, dear Varadharajan and Shyamala of Arul Vazhi fame.

I want to take this opportunity to warmly and publicly thank them for their remarkable persistence and perseverance in putting to paper the personal talks about Mother or Sri Aurobindo they had collected since years from some of us at Savitri Bhavan or elsewhere. Finally their long patience has

won, and the book is out, that had been so difficult to put together. It took a long time to ripen, but then what a wonderful fruit to taste now!...

I highly recommend it as a researcher too: its title is 'Blessed are those...'; with 'Remembering Sweet Mother and Sri Aurobindo' as a sub-title. Published under SAIER, in the Auroville colour and with an Auroville symbol on its front cover, it brings together a lot of documents, written or visual, that I didn't know of before and that will make of it a very precious possession of mine for the years to come.

Bhaga

## Auction Notice

The following electronic, computer items are available for disposal. Items can be seen during normal office working hours. The items will be auctioned on 15.07.2015 at 10.30 am. The interested people may bid for the items and the highest bidder

will be given the respective item/s after he/she deposit the bid amount should take away the items immediately.

### List of items for disposal.

Sl.No.	Items	Information
1	Samsung LCD Monitor	- not working
2	HP Office Jet All in One 4255	-not working
3	UPS Numeric 600 Digital	-not working
4	CPU Cabinet	-not working
5	Keyboard 2 Nos.	-not working
6	HP 656 Deskjet Printer	-not working
7	Everest Stabilizer	- working
8	Samsung Laser Printer ML 1610	- working

Auroville Foundation

## POSTINGS

### Optical fiber

Aurinoco Systems is going to deploy optical fiber infrastructure along the Crown road between Future School and Solar Kitchen. The NOC has already been issued by TDC. The trench work will begin in the second week of July. We appreciate the community's support, and any inconvenience is regretted. We will do our best to expedite the work. *Aurinoco Systems Team - Chandresh, Dyuman, Manu*

### Auronoses help

This is a call for all Aurovilians, Newcomers or Volunteers to help make Auronoses. These are used for medical clowns in hospitals and other institutions that support village programs. The noses are a symbol of love, unity, peace and joy and your

work helps that. The noses are made from the seeds of the Palm Tree and are all natural and sustainable. We ask that you come to the Youth Centre on Sunday Afternoon from 2-4 pm. All are welcome. For more information please contact Babu from Siddhartha Forest on 8098736485 or Noe from the Youth Centre on 9159559047.

### From Nandini

Dear friends,  
Please note that our team for distribution will be complete only next month so our timing for July will be every morning from 9 am to 1 pm - Thank you for your understanding, *Nandini Team*

## AVAILABLE

### "The Lost Footsteps"

Silviu Craciunas has a dream of Sri Aurobindo

Silviu Craciunas was a Romanian who was tortured in prison by the communists around 1953. He was contemplating suicide when he began having visions of an unknown Indian sage whose name he heard as "Aurobin Dogos" [homonym for the real name Aurobindo Ghosh 1872-1950]. Those visions and the conversations he had with this unknown sage gave him strength and enabled him to survive the ordeal. After his escape from prison, he wrote a book "The Lost Footsteps" where he describes his involvement with the Communist regime.

"This encounter was indeed a turning point in my existence. Gradually my nightmares left me and I discovered an inner calm..."

"The Lost Footsteps" is now in the Auroville Library. To read it entirely is worthwhile, but for us, it is the encounter of the tortured Craciunas' with the unknown sage, "Aurobin Dogos" that we should read. Details can be found at the following websites:

<http://savitrieradevotes.blogspot.in/2012/06/aurobin-dogos-in-book-lost-footsteps.html>

<https://auomere.wordpress.com/2008/12/19/silviu-craciunas/>

Submitted by Don

### Painter looking for work in and around Auroville

Painter Selvam, 18 years of painting experience, is looking for all types of painting work. We at the Unity Pavilion can recommend him. He is reliable, always on time, works well and

is pleasant to deal with. Contact: 9894599820 - Submitted by *Shivaya, Unity Pavilion*

### IPhone 3GS

2G/3G - 4-band - 3.5" screen - 8GB - iOS 6.1.6, excellent condition - single user - no scratches - silver/black - contact *Marta* at: 9442032130 / 2623282

### Technical assistance & Guide

I have been a part of an Auroville technical team and am an electronic/electrical engineer by profession. I've found many people in AV having problem with their technical stuff like computer, phone, motors, batteries and even light vehicles which costs a lot of money in the end. So, I can suggest and fix all kinds of daily life technical issues, and give a basic guideline to save money and keep the environment clean. Contact: Vikrant, mail: [viekie012@gmail.com](mailto:viekie012@gmail.com), Ph.9940072682 (kindly call after 3 pm or leave a text)

### Garden Worker

Bala worked for many years at the MM nursery. He is presently working in the mornings at Certitude, but needs an afternoon work as well. He speaks English. You can call him at: 9626369022. Submitted by *Michael Zelnick*

### Royal Enfield Thunderbird

A friend living near Dindigul has for sale a Dec 2009 registered Thunderbird that has done only 10194 km. If someone is

interested to make an offer for the bike please get in touch with me, preferably by e mail and we can see how to take it further. The bike is in almost new condition. Tamil Nadu

registration - Contact: *Angad*, Mantra, [angad@auroville.org.in](mailto:angad@auroville.org.in), +914132622173 or 2622567

## LOOKING FOR ...

### Anything to start my life as a Newcomer

Hi all, good news is that I will live in a building, I have been living mostly in huts for a year. Now I have my clothes and a toothbrush and I will move to Maitreye 2. I will appreciate really anything from a cup to a bed. I thank you for reading my calling for help.

E-mail: [ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk) / mob: 709 434 4154 - *Ivana*

### "Lord of the Ring" movie

Dear Friends, we are looking for the full version of all the three movies of the Lord of the Ring (in English). If you happen to have it we would be very glad to come and download it from you. You can contact us on: [joycommunity@auroville.org.in](mailto:joycommunity@auroville.org.in) or on: 944 36 17 308.

Thanks, *Sara for the Joy Community GH*

### A job

Namaste, this is Sushila Patil, I am an Aurovilian since 2008. I have worked in various departments like Matrimandir, Solar Kitchen, Hindus Valley, Patus, Mitra Kitchen, AAHA School, Health Service. Right now I do not have any permanent work. I am passionately interested in cooking and kitchen work but also genuinely ready to explore, learn and do different types of work. I am looking forward to explore new possibilities within and without. So here is a sincere request to take this news in consideration. I am not yet so friendly with using e-mail or SMS, so please contact me on my mobile: 918903140428. *Sushila Patil*.

### Second-hand Mac

I am looking for a second-hand Mac. If anyone has one for sale please call me or SMS me at the following number: [9843183992](tel:9843183992). Thank you! *Nadia*

### I-phone

I-phone not older than 3 G or Nokia smart phone, which are providing outlook contact data transfer for emergency cases. Please call *Ingrid* 9443843976 or [ingridt@auroville.org.in](mailto:ingridt@auroville.org.in)

### Coaches and buddies & toys and books

At UnLtd Tamil Nadu we search, select and support exceptional individuals who are committed to solve some of India's biggest challenges. The UNLTD team is looking for Tamil speaking coaches and buddies for our incubation programme to support the various start up projects that apply as entrepreneurs wanting to effect a change in the different challenges we face in our direct local environment.

John Peter is a cohort presently being incubated at Unlimited Tamil Nadu whose project is to work for the integration of Pondicherry's marginalised Gypsy children into the school system and so give them a chance at an education. If anyone has any extra toys & books for children - from the age of 6 to 14 - these kids would highly appreciate their donation.

Please call *Gi*: 8940230984, should you be able to help in any regard

## LOST & FOUND

Roller-skates (lost): A new pair of Oxelo inline roller-skates [white & purple] went missing from the verandah of our house at Maitreye on Wednesday-1st of July, afternoon. Our daughter, *Aiyana*, would be most happy to have them back. If anyone has seen or found them, kindly contact us. *Garima / Manu* [9488830338/ 2623153]

## THANK YOU

### To all donors towards D.N. Sharma's Nepal help fund

Dear donors,

Thank you for donating to my fund for helping people of my home village in Nepal to get through the hardship caused by the recent earthquake. The total sum received till date was Rs. 54,138.00 (Rupees fifty-four thousand one hundred and thirty-eight), and this sum has been transferred to Nepal by our Financial Service.

My father has been entrusted to distribute the funds as required. Half of the funds have been handed out for food and for clothes; these needs were real and urgent. During the last one month heavy monsoon rains have been pouring down. People are still living in animal shelters because their houses have been destroyed or become uninhabitable. The Government has announced that funds for housing loans will be made available, but in places like my relatives' village no funds have reached so far, and people there do not believe that they ever will.

After about one month, people will harvest their maize crop and will plant paddy. Then food supply should become more secure again. Their next need will be to rebuild their houses. Your generous help will still be needed.

The Auroville FS account number for this channel of help is 252342 "earthquake relief".

If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact me directly at 9442300573.

Thank you and regards,

*D.N. Sharma* [Aspiration, Auroville - 605101 / [sharma@auroville.org.in](mailto:sharma@auroville.org.in) - Mobile: 9442300573]

## ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

### House sitting 1

My boyfriend and I will come to Auroville in September 2015 as volunteers and we will be staying for one year. We are looking for an apartment where we can stay for this period of time. We

would be very pleased if a western style toilet, a shower, and a kitchen/kitchenette were included. With kind regards, *Hilal Durmaz* - Contact: [hilal\\_durmaz@hotmail.de](mailto:hilal_durmaz@hotmail.de)

## House sitting 2

I and my 6 year old daughter (Newcomer) are looking for a long-term house sitting. Now I'm doing house-sitting till August,

after which I can look for your house, pets and plants. We will be happy to do it, and if you need our help please contact me at: 8098167492 - *Olga and Maiia*

## TAXI SHARING

To Chennai City: Anyone for sharing a taxi to Chennai? I have to go to Chennai City to extend my Belgium passport in July, date flexible. Departure would be around 6 am. Contact *Krishna*: [krishnabrigitte@auroville.org.in](mailto:krishnabrigitte@auroville.org.in)

July 14th: A taxi will be going from AV to Chennai airport to be there at 15.30. For sharing it both ways pls call : 0413 2622693 or [avmatri@gmail.com](mailto:avmatri@gmail.com). *Matriprasad*

July 15th: Taxi share July 15<sup>th</sup>, pickup at the airport at 4. 30 am. Share possible both ways - Email *Sigrid*: [sigrid@auroville.org.in](mailto:sigrid@auroville.org.in)

July 20th: Auroville Chennai Airport. Departure Monday 20 July 11.30 pm (23h30). Arrival around 2.30 am. Contact *Vani*: 94 888 18 072 (SMS)

July 17th: A taxi will be going from Auroville to Chennai Airport on the 17<sup>th</sup> - Departure at 6 am - Call *Francoise*: 8098 478897

July 17th: Leaving Auroville at 2 pm for Chennai airport. Call *Patricia* 8110063456.

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

### Aspiration: a program for Newcomers to explore Auroville is looking to complete its team.

We need one or two more persons working half-time to share the various tasks involved such as:

E mail communication and registration of participants, preparation of calendar, facilitation of sub groups during the session, documenting activities of Auroville between the sessions and realizing audio visual documents to be shown both during the session and on the website under construction.

If you feel you have some skills and interest to play with these tasks or even if you would like to grow them in you, let us meet to explore further.

Training and coaching will be provided; young Aurovilians are more than welcome. Possibility of maintenance.

Contact *Rakhal*, writing a few lines about you - [rakhal@auroville.org.in](mailto:rakhal@auroville.org.in)

## AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Friends,

The busy life in our town has started once again; with the re-opening of our schools we enjoy the participating Future School students, during the community service week, as they engage in producing content and sharing their vision and skills. We want to expand in this direction, and invite young Aurovilians with fresh energy and positive attitudes to come and participate in the development of the radio.

Meanwhile we await the advice of a friend familiar with the FM license matters to look over our paper-work before we finally send it off! A kind Aurovillian has responded to our appeal for a new recording device which will be

purchased! Yay! We also welcome persons passionate or skilled in web-site development and management 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.

**Schools Open, 80th Birthday of HH** (News from Auroville 06/07/2015)

Featuring Aloe, Rishi and Luca sharing with us some impression on past holidays while they are with us. -[English, 16 Minutes]

**Off the Cuff-33** (Performing Arts 03/07/2015)

This week's off the cuff on the economy, services, answers to Gino's questions on neighbors and fences and more .. -[English, 15 Minutes]

**World Premiere, ISI Helmets** (News from Auroville 02/07/2015)

Featuring Philippe inviting us on the 10th at Bharat Nivas for a world premiere of Embracing the Planet. ISI helmets a must - [English, 11 Minutes]

**Gratitude in Journey and Oneness** (Performing Arts 01/07/2015)

Featuring Philippe Pelen Baldini, Thierry Moucazambo, Irven Morapedi Teme talking on their performance 10th of July - [English, 46 Minutes]

**Mud Walls at TLC** (Integral Education 30/06/2015)

All those who enjoy getting their hands muddy are invited to help and learn how to make mud walls at TLC base camp - [English, 16 Minutes]

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

## EATING OUT

### Garden café reopen

We are happy to announce that The Garden Cafe will be open on Sundays after our summer break! 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*

# 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 program 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

### The Teachers Center invites Auroville teachers to

#### Conversations on Integral Education

This week we will show the film "The Forbidden Education". (Spanish, English subtitles)

This film wants to challenge the current ways of education and its shortcomings. At the same time, it shows different educational projects all around Latin America and Spain, proposing the need of a new educational paradigm.  
The aim of the film, is to help the viewer question how we understand education, and introduce the possibility of new models of education based on love, freedom, respect of the interest, pace, and learning style of the student.  
There will be time for sharing after the film.

Where: SAIER Conference Hall  
When: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 4-7 pm.

### Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research (SACAR), Puducherry

Organises  
"Living Within" Study Camp in English in July 2015 (17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>)  
(The Supreme Secret of the Bhagvad Gita)

Speakers: Dr. Ananda Reddy

For Registration please contact: [sacarstudycamps@gmail.com](mailto:sacarstudycamps@gmail.com)  
9443019172, 9994190403

Camp fees: Rs. 2,700 including stay and food

Venue: SACAR, 39 Vanniar Street, Vaithikuppam, Puducherry, 12  
Landmarks: Padmininagar Post Office, Masimagham Road

*Submitted by Anandi (Progress)*

### Women's Festival Celebration

Sunday, 19th of July

Auroville Village Action Group is a unit that focuses on community development in 80 villages and hamlets in the bioregion of Auroville. Established thirty years ago, AVAG now works with around 5,000 women and men in over 300 Self Help Groups in the areas of community development, capacity building, economic development and psychosocial support services. AVAG also acts as a center for educational outreach on issues concerning feminine hygiene, reproduction, social and financial inclusion and environmental responsibility.

All are invited to join us for the final day of the Women's Festival Celebration, -a four-stage event that celebrates the talent, charisma, and culture of women in the Auroville bioregion. Thanks to the initiative of the women from each of AVAG's Self Help Groups, who donated money out-of-their pocket for the festival, AVAG is able to host this event for the first time in seven years!  
The final day of the festival will showcase cultural performances, speeches, and educational displays on various topics relevant to women's health and livelihood. It will take place at the AVAG office--address provided below:

**Auroville Village Action Group, Irumbai Main Road**

The festival will begin at 10 am and will continue until 4 pm. This celebration will be the largest yet and we are expecting more than 4,500 individuals to attend!

Food will be provided, and donations are greatly appreciated to help cover the cost of this monumental event!

If you are a local business or non-profit organization and are interested in presenting educational materials in Tamil at the event, or if you are a female who would like to perform, please call our office at +91-413-2678871/2678872 or email us at [avagoffice@auroville.org.in](mailto:avagoffice@auroville.org.in)

We hope to see you there!

## CULTURAL EVENTS



Namaste friends,

We look forward to seeing you at the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium in Bharat Nivas  
**This Friday the 10th of July with your family and friends at 8 pm**  
For this wonderfully choreographed and directed play.



## 2015 CHANGJO TRAVELING SCHOOL

Concert for everybody  
From South Korea  
At the Visitor Centre  
13.07.2015 at 5 pm

### Contents

1. Body percussion and tap dance
2. Batukata parade
3. Collaboration of music and dance

## The Auroville Theatre Group Presents

### CHANGE

Thursday, July 16, 2015  
At the Visitor's Centre at 8:00 pm

Translated from the Tamil play of the same name, "Marudhal"  
Written by playwright Sujatha

*"To exist is to change, to change is to mature, to mature is to go on creating oneself endlessly. Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."*

### CHARACTERS

Sundaram: Anuraag Vikram Kate  
Vishwa, the playwright: Ashwin Vignesh  
Raman, the Secretary of the Theatre Society: Ramasubramanian  
Ravi, the actor: Reuben Jacob Ninan  
Director: Anuraag Vikram Kate  
Asst. Director: Kiran Pandiyan  
Props and Makeup: Janis Maria Fredrick / Premchand Purushothaman

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## Revealing the Self

### POETRY RECITAL

Two poetry personalities  
*KinGi & Truly Tracy*  
invite you to partake in  
An evening of poetic pleasures

On Saturday 18th of July  
at the Visitor Center at 8 pm.

Come see Sound Take Shape

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## Aavishkar Academy presents,

### 'Narayani Namostute'

Thursday, 23rd of July 2015 at 7:30 pm  
Sri Aurobindo Auditorium - Bharat Nivas

Aavishkar Academy works in the field of traditional performing art forms of Gujarat and Rajasthan. This time they bring to us a fusion of classical and contemporary dance, a specially choreographed show of Garba and Raas.  
We invite you to join us and enjoy the colorful and energetic performance with your family and friends.

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## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

### RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

Rhythmic gymnastics makes your body flexible, strong, conscious, develops endurance and a sense of harmony. This beautiful type of sports requires a lot of patience and perseverance. For all who have aspiration to work with the body, in class and at home, to go beyond one's capacity, to feel constant progress of this wonderful divine instrument -  
The body is not afraid of obstacles on the way to achieve this goal and you are invited to come and get acquainted with this class

At CRIPA, on SUNDAYS 12/07/15 and 19/07/15, at 8:00 am, ages 6-15.

Please be in sportswear, with socks or gymnastic shoes.

For more information please call *Yaroslava* 9786522139/2623460 or e-mail [yaroslava-av@yandex.com](mailto:yaroslava-av@yandex.com)

### INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

14th July (Tuesday)

• Overview with multimedia presentation • Questions and Answers • Practice in Daily Life • Complimentary Concentration Exercises

• Creative Arts, Interactive Games • Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother • Introduction to the Reference Books

Focus this week on: 'Self-mastery'

These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises.

Place: Savitri Bhavan. Time: 9 am to 12.00 Noon (pl be present by 8.55 am)

Led by Ashesh Joshi

Contact: 9489147202, 2622922.No Registration required (except for groups)

Fees: Voluntary Contribution

All are welcome

For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit [www.integralyoga-auroville.com](http://www.integralyoga-auroville.com)

### IMPRO THEATER

Nathalie, Professional actress from Paris, and teacher of Impro for 6 years is offering 3 hours of workshop to discover the basics of Impro. If you are interested in having fun, letting go, listening and co-constructing in a benevolent atmosphere feel free to join the Workshop (Minimum 6 pers, Maximum 15)

In Creativity July 8th and 11th from 9 to 12

Sign in contact: *Nathalie* (91) 8110068167

### WELLPAPER PAPER-MACHE Workshop 08/07/2015

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

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

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

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

The workshop will take place every Wednesday between 9:30 to 12:30. (The workshop will be conducted seated on the floor) We will meet at "Ganesh Bakery" at 09:15 to bring you to our workshop in Kottakkarai.

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

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

With Love, *Wellpaper team*

## WEEKEND CLASSES

Mira Cultural Group is organizing weekend classes for children, women & men, for Auroville & bio region. Aurovilians and interested people working in your service or unit, please contact the below phone number or email.

The classes are: Classical Music Class / Hip Hop, Jazz Dance class / Bharatanatyam Class and Veena Class.

The classes are being held at the SAWCHU building (Bharat Nivas), on weekends.

Every Saturday 8.45 am to 11.30 am.

We will let you know about the date, time & place of another evening class when you contact us.

The funds for organizing the classes are being supported partly by SAIER, the balance amount is to be shared by the students.

Interested people, kindly contact us: 9443003708 (Usha) or send email to: [Grace@auroville.org.in](mailto:Grace@auroville.org.in).

## PHYSICAL THEATRE SERIES - JULY 14 UNTIL END OF AUGUST

Tuesdays 19:30-21:30 at CRIPA

In this series we will explore character development and text embodiment. Using techniques from Grotowski and other physical theatre practitioners, as well as a dash of clown, we will use the body to explore a text, either evolving into solo pieces or an ensemble-based work. We will also experiment with space, gesture work, and imagery to support our character and text discoveries. No experience necessary!

For more information and to sign up, please email Kaeridwyn at [dwyndle@gmail.com](mailto:dwyndle@gmail.com), or call at [7639225831](tel:7639225831). Thank you!

## HIP HOP CLASSES FOR CHILDREN HAS STARTED AGAIN.

Timings:

Age	Tuesday	Wednesday	Saturday
5 to 10	6pm to 7pm		4pm to 5pm
11 to 15		7pm to 8pm	3pm to 4pm
16 & above	7pm to 8pm	8pm to 9pm	

Place: at New Creation Dance Studio

For further information please contact the dance teacher

Sathish: 9751851823

## NEW CREATION DANCE STUDIO SCHEDULE

MONDAY: 5-6pm: Pilates basic (Savitri) / 6-7pm: Zumba (Sathish)

TUESDAY: 7.30-8.30am: Pilates intermediate (Savitri)/5-6pm: Aerobics beginners/intermediate (Elodie)

6-7pm: Hiphop small kids (Sathish)/7-8pm: Hiphop older kids (Sathish)

WEDNESDAY: 3-5pm: Ballet with students ages 10-15 (Grace)/5-6pm: Folk dance with children (Murugessan)

6-7pm: Gymnastics with students (Terra)/ 7-8pm: Hiphop small kids (Sathish)/ 8-9pm: Hiphop adults (Sathish)

THURSDAY: 5-6pm: Fitness with Swiss ball (Savitri)/ 6-7pm: Zumba (Sathish)

FRIDAY: 3-5pm: Ballet with students ages 10-15 (Grace)/5-6pm: Aerobics (Elodie)

SATURDAY: 7.30-8.30am: Pilates basic (Savitri)/3-4pm: Hiphop older kids (Sathish)

4-5pm: Hiphop small kids (Sathish)/5-6pm: Folk dance with children (Murugessan)/6.30-8pm: West Coast Swing (Sacha)

## LEELA THE GAME OF THE SELF-KNOWLEDGE

Come discover the game of your life. The karmic dice will help you understand your evolutionary path and will guide you to your divine being. With this universal tool, 2000 years old, belonging to the Vedas, you will play your role on the large board of dharma.

Finally a game where everyone is a winner!

Every Sunday, 9.30 to 12 at Svedame, Butterfly Barn (please park outside of the community). Bring a small object that represents yourself and a notebook

Book in English, Italian, German, Spanish, Russian and Français

Contact *Véronique j.* for information: 948 85 12 678 ([leelathegame.blogspot.in](http://leelathegame.blogspot.in))

## **SCHEDULES**

### PITANGA NEWS

Dear Community,

We opened on Monday and are happy to see you back at Pitanga activities. Our teachers and therapists are arriving back - Odissi dance classes, Aikido, Kickboxing and Aviva have begun, there is therapy available in Thai and oil massage and reflexology and we will have a full program of activities for you by the end of the month. In the meantime see last week's News and Notes or the auronet for our current schedule and here are a few additions this week.

### CLASSES

CHILDREN'S YOGA and activities with Gala will resume Saturday July 18th 10.00 -12.00

YOGA THERAPY with Gala will resume on Monday 20th 8.30-10.00

IYENGAR YOGA PRACTICE GROUP will resume next week Thurs and Sat at 17.00 and Tues 15.30

IYENGAR CLASSES will resume the beginning of August, see also workshop section below.

We will let you know as we have news of other classes resuming

### NEW CLASS

HORMONAL YOGA with Sophie Saturday at 17.00 from July 11th - this class is a nice compliment to the existing Aviva class

offered by Suryagandhi each Thursday at 17.00. A note from Sophie below.

I have been very inspired by a method called "Hormone Yoga Therapy", created by Dinah Rodrigues, which helps regulate the secretion of hormones during menopause with energetic exercises of dynamic yoga, specific pranayamas and Tibetan energy techniques, Yoga-Therapy which acts directly on the hypophysis, thyroid, ovaries and adrenal glands. Several of us who attended Dinah's workshop last January 2015 and practiced it regularly have experienced many positive benefits including increase of energy level, feeling of well being, flexibility in the body and mind while a reduction of various physical and emotional discomfort, i.e. hot flushes, mood swings, insomnia, anxiety, stress and other emotional symptoms, PMT, migraine and panic attacks. Hormonal - Yoga-Therapy, besides reactivating hormone production, brings balance to the emotional, helping to eliminate these symptoms. The series takes about 1/2 hour of practice daily and is good not only for menopause but also pre-menopause, puberty and other hormonal imbalance symptoms.

Please visit Dinah's site:

<http://www.dinahrodrigues.com.br/yoga/en/menopause.htm>

<http://www.yogamrita.com/blog/2011/02/18/a-propos-de-bien-vivre-sa-menopause-avec-le-yoga-de-dinah-rodrigues/> (en français)

Looking forward to sharing with you, with Gratitude, Sophie

*Bio: Sophie, Aurovillian since 20 years, has discovered yoga at the tender age of 12 and been practicing on and off ever since, participating in many workshops and classes in France, US and India learning from many teachers including Tatiana, Nolly, Dodo, Abha and Mindy in Auroville, Yogacharya BKS Iyengar (Pune), Shri Pattabhi Jois (Mysore), Rajiv Chanchani (Dehradun), Sama Fabian (Auroville), Anna Forest (US), Shiva Rea (US), etc... She has been teaching Hatha Yoga in Pitanga from 1998 till 2005.*

#### WORKSHOPS

Reconnection - an Iyengar Yoga Workshop with Tatiana - August Sat 1st, Sun 2nd and Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> - each day 7.00- 9.30 am . There are a few places left, please contact the reception to book.

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

## FILMS



### CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

Reminder: Saturday 11th July - "THE CAMERAMAN" by BUSTER KEATON (1928!)

FRIDAY 17 July 2015 - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7:45 sharp)  
JIMMY'S HALL

With Barry Ward, and Simone Kirby and Directed by Ken Loach.

Synopsis; The film tells the story of the deportation to the United States in 1933 of Jimmy Gralton, who led the Revolutionary Worker Group - a precursor of the Irish Communist Party.

The title refers to a rural dance hall built by Gralton to expound his political views. It was selected to compete for the "Palme d'or" in the main competition section at the 2014 Cannes Film festival.

Duration: 1h 49 vo. English with French Subtitles



### The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, July 17, Friday at 7pm

#### FOOD MATTERS

2008, 80 minutes, Directed by James Colquhoun and Carlo Ledesma

Food Matter examines how the food we eat can help or hurt our health. Nutritionists, naturopaths, doctors, and journalists weigh in on topics as organic food, food safety, raw foodism, and nutritional therapy.

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](mailto:sadhanaforest@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.

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# Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium  
Film program 13 July 2015 to 19 July 2015

## Indian - Monday 13 July, 8:00 pm:

- **UGLY**

India, 2013, Writer-Dir. Anurag Kashyap w/ Rahul Bhat, Ronit Roy, Tejaswini Kolhapure and others, Crime-Mystery, 128mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: A (R)

The film portrays the kidnapping of a little girl of 10, who is out with her father for the day. Her parents are divorced and the ex-wife, literally cloistered by her new husband. On the other side a power-hungry super cop who is increasingly dependent on a cocktail of alcohol and anti-depressants, makes his way through this whole event. *A much acclaimed dark movie.*

## West-Asian - Tuesday 14 July, 8:00 pm:

- **TALAYE SORKH (Crimson Gold)**

Iran, 2003, Dir. Jafar Panahi w/ Hossain Emadeddin, Kamyar Sheisi, Azita Rayeji, and others, Drama-Thriller, 95mins, Persian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Hussein, is a pizza delivery driver who notices the imbalance of the social system wherever he goes. Incidents lead his friend Ali and him to realize this imbalance first hand. Hussein motorbikes every evening to neighborhoods he will never live in, for a closer look at what goes on behind closed doors. But one night, he gets to taste the luxurious life, before his deep feelings of humiliation push him over the edge.

## Interesting - Wednesday 15 July, 8:00 pm:

- **ON ANY SUNDAY - THE NEXT CHAPTER**

USA-Austria-Canada-South Africa-Spain, 2014, Writer-Dir. Dana Brown w/ Bo Derek, Travis Pastrana, Jimmy Roberts, and others, Documentary-Adventure sports, 90mins, English, Rated: PG

In 1971, the film 'On Any Sunday' starring Steve McQueen opened in theatres and wrote its place in motorcycle history. It also transcended the sport to reach a wide audience through a cast of engaging characters and variety of heartfelt stories. This film will continue this family tradition and also pass the torch to the next generations. A lot has happened in the past 40 years, but the passion for riding is timeless and continues today. *This film, will hold a great appeal to a target audience interested in motorcycles, adventure, and sports. Others may find it interesting!*

## Korean - Thursday 16 July, 8:00 pm:

- **BEOMJWEUI JAEGUSEONG (The Big Swindle)**

Korea, 2004, Dir. Dong-hoon Choi w/ Shin-yang Park, Jungah Yum, Yunshik Baek, and others, Action-Crime, 116mins, Korean w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

*This film is supported by Korea Culture Center in Delhi.* After being convicted for fraud, one month has passed since Choi Chang-Hyuk's release from jail. But this time around he's got an elaborate plan cooked up. It's the biggest bank heist in history. The best five thieves come together to form a team. They have only one goal - to hit a bank for 5 billion won (US\$5 million) - but each one of them has their own plan in mind.

## International - Saturday 18 July, 8:00 pm:

- **WOMAN IN GOLD**

USA-UK, 2015, Dir. Simon Curtis w/ Helen Mirre, Ryan Reynolds, Daniel Bruhl, and others, Drama, 109mins, English-German w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

Maria Altman sought to regain a world famous painting of her aunt plundered by the Nazis during World War II. She did so not just to regain what was rightfully hers, but also to obtain some measure of justice for the death, destruction, and massive art theft perpetrated by the Nazis.

## Children's Film - Sunday 19 July, 4:30 pm:

### CROODS

USA, 2013, Dir Kirk De Micco w/ Chris Sanders, Nicolas Cage and others, 98mins, Animation-Adventure, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

After their cave is destroyed, a caveman family must trek through an unfamiliar fantastical world with the help of an inventive boy.

## PASOLINI Film Festival @ CINECLUB

### Ciné-Club - Sunday 19 July, 8:00 pm:

- **TRIOLOGY OF LIFE II - I RACCONTI DI CANTERBURY (Canterbury Tales)**

Italy, 1974, Dir. Pier Paolo Pasolini w/Hugh Griffith, Laura Betti, and others, Drama, Comedy- Fantasy, 130mins, Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: R

This is the second in Pasolini's series of setting classic bawdy tales to film... In this case, he selected eight of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, including the infamous miller's tale and the incident with the red hot poker kiss... The tales revolve around a group of pilgrims who are journeying to the shrine of Saint Thomas a Becket of Canterbury...

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

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

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

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

*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](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in)