

News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

As the crust of the outer nature cracks, as the walls of inner separation break down, the inner light gets through, the inner fire burns in the heart, the substance of the nature and the stuff of consciousness refine to a greater subtlety and purity, and the deeper psychic experiences, those which are not solely of an inner mental or inner vital character, become possible in this subtler, purer, finer substance; the soul begins to unveil itself, the psychic personality reaches its full stature. The soul, the psychic entity, then manifests itself as the central being which upholds mind and life and body and supports all the other powers and functions of the Spirit; it takes up its greater function as the guide and ruler of the nature. A guidance, a governance begins from within which exposes every movement to the light of Truth, repels what is false, obscure, opposed to the divine realisation: every region of the being, every nook and corner of it, every movement, formation, direction, inclination of thought, will, emotion, sensation, action, reaction, motive, disposition, propensity, desire, habit of the conscious or subconscious physical, even the most concealed, camouflaged, mute, recondite, is lighted up with the unerring psychic light, their confusions dissipated, their tangles disentangled, their obscurities, deceptions, self-deceptions precisely indicated and removed; all is purified, set right, the whole nature harmonised, modulated in the psychic key, put in spiritual order. This process may be rapid or tardy according to the amount of obscurity and resistance still left in the nature, but it goes on unfalteringly so long as it is not complete. As a final result the whole conscious being is made perfectly apt for spiritual experience of every kind, turned towards spiritual truth of thought, feeling, sense, action, tuned to the right responses, delivered from the darkness and stubbornness of the tamasic inertia, the turbidities and turbulences and impurities of the rajasic passion and restless unharmonised kinetism, the enlightened rigidities and sattwic limitations or poised balancements of constructed equilibrium which are the character of the Ignorance.

This is the first result, but the second is a free inflow of all kinds of spiritual experience, experience of the Self, experience of the Ishwara and the Divine Shakti, experience of cosmic consciousness, a direct touch with cosmic forces and with the occult movements of universal Nature, a psychic sympathy and unity and inner communication and interchanges of all kinds with other beings and with Nature, illuminations of the mind by knowledge, illuminations of the heart by love and devotion and spiritual joy and ecstasy, illuminations of the sense and the body by higher experience, illuminations of dynamic action in the truth and largeness of a purified mind and heart and soul, the certitudes of the divine light and guidance, the joy and power of the divine force working in the will and the conduct. These experiences are the result of an opening outward of the inner and inmost being and nature; for then there comes into play the soul's power of unerring inherent consciousness, its vision, its touch on things which is superior to any mental cognition; there is there, native to the psychic consciousness in its pure working, an immediate sense of the world and its beings, a direct inner contact with them and a direct contact with the Self and with the Divine,—a direct knowledge, a direct sight of Truth and of all truths, a direct penetrating spiritual emotion and feeling, a direct intuition of right will and right action, a power to rule and to create an order of the being not by the gropings of the superficial self, but from within, from the inner truth of self and things and the occult realities of Nature.

Some of these experiences can come by an opening of the inner mental and vital being, the inner and larger and subtler mind and heart and life within us, without any full emergence of the soul, the psychic entity, since there too there is a power of direct contact of consciousness: but the experience might then be of a mixed character; for there could be an emergence not only of the subliminal knowledge but of the subliminal ignorance. An insufficient expansion of the being, a limitation by mental idea, by narrow and selective emotion or by the form of the temperament so that there would be only an imperfect self-creation and action and not the free soul-emergence, could easily occur. In the absence of any or of a complete psychic emergence, experiences of certain kinds, experiences of greater knowledge and force, a surpassing of the ordinary limits, might lead to a magnified ego and even bring about instead of an out-flowering of what is divine or spiritual an uprush of the titanic or demoniac, or might call in agencies and powers which, though not of this disastrous type, are of a powerful but inferior cosmic character. But the rule and guidance of the soul brings into all experience the tendency of light, of integration, of harmony and intimate rightness which is native to the psychic essence. A psychic or, more widely speaking, a psycho-spiritual transformation of this kind would be already a vast change of our mental human nature.
(to be continued)

THE LIFE DIVINE, Book II, Chap. XXV, p. 960-962:
The Triple Transformation

SRI AUROBINDO

*The
Ponder
Corner*

*It is in the peace behind and that "something truer" in you
that you must learn to live and feel it to be yourself.
You must regard the rest as not your real self,
but only a flux of changing or recurring movements on the surface
which are sure to go as the true self emerges.*

Sri Aurobindo

ref. Letters on Yoga, vol 1, p.651

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE FARM GROUP FOR JUNE 2015

1. CONFLICT RESOLUTION; this month the Farm group has been involved with two conflict situations that have taken up a lot of time with the need for extra Farm group meetings and meetings with other groups. These are:

a. Service farm: This farm was given up by the Farm group in 2008 for land exchange when the Farm group were promised a new farm that has never materialised. Two years ago the Farm group allocated land to the steward to set up New Service farm at the back of Sustenance farm. The steward of Sustenance farm is unwilling to have the steward of Service farm as a neighbour and the Farm group were unable to resolve the situation. There is now a proposal made by the WC, and endorsed by the FAMC, for the Service farm steward to move to the old LRM wood yard next to Cholai farm. In addition the steward would have the stewardship of two further pieces of land near Courage. Cholai farm have let it be known ever since they moved there that they want to expand into what it now the wood yard.

The Farm group feels that this difficult and complicated situation was created by the FAMC who allocated land to Sustenance and Chola farm over the head of the Farm group and reneged on their promise to create another farm in exchange for Service farm. Now it has come back to the Farm group when it has got to the point that it is more or less irresolvable without upsetting one or more of the participants. At this moment there is no land anywhere else of sufficient size and quality to create a working farm. It is felt that just splitting up the available plots into smaller farms so that everyone can farm is not the answer. Since no one wants to work together it is felt that to impose a situation will create conflict in the years ahead. So there is deadlock.

b. Windarra: The Farm group are unhappy with the decision of the arbiters for practical reasons but in a meeting with the WC explained that they would not undermine the decision. Three members of the Farm group became members of the Implementation Group and were very surprised to find that this group is changing the terms of the arbitration decision. This includes that the two farms are under the stewardship of the Farm group. The Farm group believes that all parties should be bound by the arbitration decision. It was understood by the Farm group that anyone not wishing to accept the arbitration decision should leave Windarra.

2. FOODLINK; As Foodlink develops issues raised were:

a. Organisation: Foodlink now consists of three separate but related activities viz; 'old' Foodlink at present functioning in Solar Kitchen with a new coordinator who is still learning the ropes, 'new' Foodlink which will be located on the land near Certitude which also has a new coordinator responsible for dealing with planning and fund raising and Foodlink farm which is planned to be a model farm which will showcase the work of Auroville farmers. Considerable time was spent discussing how these three functions could be coordinated. It was decided that Foodlink farm will be a separate farm with a manager under the stewardship of the Farm group. There are many connections between 'old' and 'new' Foodlink but

given that the focus of both groups is different it was thought that it was not a good idea to merge them at this point. The two groups will continue with discussion either with or between groups depending on need. It was agreed that for the time being this would be the best way of keeping the openness and fluidity necessary for the two groups to develop on their own while at the same time communicating as necessary and probably eventually merging. It will be an organic process.

b. PGS (Participatory Guarantee Scheme): A lot of work is being carried out on this by the coordinator of 'old' Foodlink for what will eventually be an Auroville created organic growing certification for Auroville farms. Agreement has to be reached about what the standards will be, data systems have to be set up, seed growing established and there needs to be much more communication with the community about what this means. All of which will be developed in the coming months.

c. Other activities: There is a wide range of other activities taking place- from looking at the content of labels to setting up of cooking classes. A lot of this information can be accessed on the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/foodlink.auroville or contacting Foodlink directly.

3. BCC BUDGET REQUEST; the Farm group will be requesting several new maintenances both for those working on farms and in Foodlink. Once again it seems that there are fewer maintenances available than people who need them.

4. WORKING GROUPS; the Vegetable, Grains and livestock working groups continue to meet on a regular basis to support each other with practical support for each of the three farming activities.

If you have feedback or would like more information please contact Jeff: farmgroup@auroville.org.in

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE GREEN GROUP FOR JULY

1 **Building requests:** It has come to the notice of the Green group that some people in forest communities are requesting building permission after buildings have been built. A letter has been sent to forest stewards reminding them that in future they must get building permission before building.

2. **Siting of the waste water treatment plant:** According to the TDC this plant will have no mosquitos and no smell and will be sited in an isolated area that will not impact on people. It will not affect the ground water in the area and in fact the process will be good enough so that it could be used for drinking water or at the very least, for watering gardens. The Green group agreed with the TDC that a small plot of land should be purchased to provide a better access.

3. **Integrating the galaxy footprint with geophysical realities:** As a post-retreat activity the TDC wants to work jointly with representatives of the Green Group and others to integrate the Galaxy footprint with the geo-physical realities. Three people from the Green group have agreed to participate in the collaborative group which will do this.

4. **Projects in the Irumbai area:** Plots have been allocated to several projects in the Irumbai area. It was agreed that the area should be developed in a collaborative way and it was agreed that the Green group should revive the Irumbai development group to facilitate this. The group will consist of all the project holders allocated land in the Irumbai area and the first meeting will be held before the end of July. Issues to

look at will include the use of water, fencing and access to the different projects.

5. **New Service farm:** The Green group were concerned about the difficulties being encountered with implementing a solution to this long running problem which was suggested by the WC and endorsed by other groups. The Green group has written to the FAMC with their suggestions.

6. **Non Auroville purchase of land to consolidate the green belt:** Many people are very passionate about this and it was thought that it was best left to the wider community discussion, which is in the process of being organised.

7. **Windarra arbitration decision:** The Green group accepts the arbitration decision that the stewardship of the Windarra land should be under the Farm group. A letter has been sent to the AVC expressing this.

If you have any feedback or would like further information please contact Priya: greengroup@auroville.org.in

NTDA GENERAL MEETING (JULY 7): REPORT AND OUTCOME

The Residents Assembly Service would like to update you on the outcome of last week's (July 7) Interactive General Meeting to discuss a proposed New Town Development Authority (NTDA) for Auroville. Please visit the report page to view the notes and participate in the discussion and poll: ras.auroville.org.in/ntda-7july/

Informal Meeting with Working Committee and Town Development Council

The RAS, in consultation with the Auroville Council, called an informal meeting (10am, July 15) with the Working Committee

(WC) and the Town Development Council (TDC) to discuss responses to the following issues raised at the GM:

- Concerns regarding an NTDA for Auroville;
- Alternative proposals to an NTDA raised at the GM; and
- Queries over whether there would be a resident process to decide amongst the options.

The meeting was attended by members of the WC, the TDC, the NTDA Task Force and the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS).

Response to queries regarding a community process

In response to whether there would be a community process to decide amongst the various options, the TDC stated that the community would be invited to "endorse" the NTDA option.

Referring to the sensitivity of the subject the TDC proposed that it would prefer that the endorsement is done not in the form of a regular vote but by an informed group of "active" residents". It was said that the process needs to be elaborated.

Response to proposed alternatives to an NTDA

Regarding the proposed alternatives to an NTDA that were raised during and after the GM, the RAS has compiled a list of ten proposals. The WC requested that the RAS first present the options to the TDC and WC for comment before making the list public.

The comments have been received and are now posted on the meeting report page: ras.auroville.org.in/ntda-7july/ Participate!

You are invited to leave your comments on NTDA and give practical proposals on how to protect land within the Auroville Master Plan. Please visit the meeting page to read and discuss.

RAS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Message to all City Services units

We would like to remind all units under City Services that those who have not yet sent their budget and fail to do so before the end of this month (July) may see their budget cut or withheld.

Thanking you for your cooperation,
The BCC



AV Film Festival

Hi everyone, the AV Film Festival is coming and you only have till [July 31](http://www.aurovillefilmfestival.org) to enter your films so please go to our

website: aurovillefilmfestival.org to fill in your form, but do it quickly! Thank You

From the Funds and Assets Management Committee

Individual fencing requests procedure (*This process has been accepted by the FAMC, Land Board, and Budget Coordination Committee, and reviewed by the Green and Forest groups*)

Previously questions arose concerning fencing requests, which used to be seen to by the former Land Resources Management (LRM). There has remained some unclarity about how individuals can ask for financial and other support. It is helpful to remember that all stewards are responsible for protecting the lands for which they are stewards. The stewards are responsible for managing and making the fences and boundaries of the lands they steward, as has been, and continues to be, the usual practice in Auroville. In some cases

of boundary conflict and neighbour issues some fencing work is taken up by the Land Board (or an appointed contractor) with funds from the FAMC. The Land Board has no funds for community fencing; however community fencing requests can be made to either the BCC or the Land Board. In exceptional cases and in consultation with the Land Board a fencing request may get approved and funded by the FAMC. In any case no fences will be made between Auroville communities or dividing Auroville land. For individual fencing the following process has been confirmed with both the BCC and the Land Board:

- The individual gets an estimate for fencing from a source of his/her choice;
- The individual applies to the Land Board or the BCC for full or partial funding. The Land Board reviews (need and type) and recommends to BCC ... or if submitted to BCC, then the BCC refers to the Land Board for an initial review;
- The BCC rejects or approves the request after considering the Land Board's recommendation;
- If approved, the individual informs the Land Board about the approval;
- All bills are then submitted to the BCC.

FAMC

Important information from Residents Service

Please keep in mind the following points:

- The Residents Service is only helping the Residents of Auroville - who are holding an Entry or (X) Visa, to make the papers needed for the registration and extension at the RRO (Regional Registration Office in Pondicherry). **But every person is still responsible for their own Visa-related requirements!**
- If you furnish all the relevant information to the Residents Service, we can help you to keep track when your

Residential Permit is running out, but for that you have to give us a copy of your valid Residential permit or Stay Visa.

- Under all circumstances you are responsible for your own Visa requirements. You must keep in mind the end of validity of your Passport, Visa and Residential Permit.
- All new passports and new Entry Visas (X) have to be registered at the RRO within 14 days of issues or arrival in India, failing that a penalty of Rs 1,800 - will have to be paid and you have to get a Police Clearance Certificate. Avoid the fine by coming to the Residents Service on time.
- All PIO's and OCI card holders have to inform the Residents Service of your IN's and OUT's abroad and your update in Auroville.

Please, don't forget to inform us when you change your living place, working place and phone number, email id, in order to contact you easily.

Most Important thing to do when you visit the RRO office Pudukcherry - PLEASE DRESS PROPERLY

For any information needed please contact us at the Residents Service, Phone: (0413) 2622191, Email: resservice@auroville.org.in

Green Group Mandate

Dear Residents of Auroville,
We are presenting you the Green Group Mandate - You feedback is welcome for the period of two weeks up to the 7th of August.

Please write to avcoffice@auroville.org.in.

1. GREEN GROUP VISION AND PURPOSE
 - The purpose of the Green Group is to represent the needs and aspirations of the Farm, Forest and individuals living and working in the green belt among the decision making bodies in Auroville.
 - Where necessary the Green group gives voice to the needs of the land and the protection it needs to benefit the whole of the Auroville community. This includes land in the city area given to parks, green corridors and other green activities as well as land outside the green belt where there are activities in tune with Auroville's ideals.
 - The aim of this representation is to improve the opportunities for a coordinated approach to on-going and future management of the non-urban land (hereafter called the green belt) of Auroville.
2. GREEN GROUP MISSION
 - To deal with all issues of land use, stewardship and development within the Green Belt in collaboration with other relevant groups in Auroville.
 - To represent the views of the Farm and Forest Groups to the broader community, and to liaise between other working groups and the Farm/ Forest Groups as necessary.
 - To develop a long term plan for the Green Belt.
3. GREEN GROUP REPRESENTATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY
 - The Green Group represents all of the members of the farm, forest groups as well as those groups and individuals with work or a project in the green belt.
 - When necessary the Green group provides a voice for the land of Auroville.
 - The green group is accountable to everyone it represents in the green belt and to the Residents' Assembly.
4. GREEN GROUP RESPONSIBILITIES
 - The Farm and Forest groups collectively steward more than half of existing Auroville land, within the

so called 'green-belt', as well as outlying land and pockets of land within the 'city' area. The role of the green group is therefore focused on issues to do with land use planning, management and allocation. The Green group is responsible for taking an overall view of the green belt and as such oversees the decisions taken by the Farm and Forest groups.

- Other issues to do with building permissions, housing, finances and human resources are dealt with by the Farm and Forest groups individually and where appropriate (such as the case of building permission) are ratified by the Green group. Any project which does not fit in with Farm or Forest groups is dealt with directly by the Green group.

5. GREEN GROUP ACTIVITIES

These consist of:

- **Liaising with other working groups;** This is the main task of the Green Group. It will strive to raise the profile of green issues, interests and best land use and protection. The groups with which the Green group interacts on either a permanent or often occurring basis includes; L'Avenir, FAMC, Economy Group (BCC, Financial Service, etc.), Land Board, Housing Group, Guest House Group, Auroville Council, Working Committee.
- **Coordinating the work and development of the green belt;** The Green group is responsible for taking an overall view of the green belt. As such it oversees the decisions taken by the Farm and Forest groups as well as coordinating all the other green belt projects that do not fall under the remit of these groups. It also deals with labour issues in collaboration with the relevant groups.
- **Communication;** the Green group provides regular updates about the work that it undertakes both to the community and to the wider public through the Auroville web site.

6. GREEN GROUP MEMBERSHIP

- **Membership;** Green Group membership is drawn from Farm and Forest group members together with anyone else who is working in the green belt and wants to give their time to this activity. From amongst these members a Coordinator/Secretary is chosen who organizes the work of the group.
- **The Coordinator;** volunteers for a period of 2 years and can be asked to leave the job at any time if s/he does not perform as per Farm & Forest Groups expectations. The Coordinator will be responsible for organizing meetings, writing and following up on the notes and taking care of any other administrative tasks. At the end of 2 years s/he may apply to be nominated again for a period of 2 years. The Coordinator will strive to reach a consensus on issues wherever possible. Where, despite best efforts this is not possible then outside help, such as Koodam, will be requested so that a resolution can be made.
- **Meetings;** the Green group meets regularly once a month on the first Thursday of the month. Anyone who wants to attend the meetings or has a topic for the agenda should contact the Coordinator green@auroville.org.in at least one week before the meeting is scheduled.

July2015

TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville - 25th 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 d'Auroville / TDC issues an NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens only once the feedback period is over, the feedback has been evaluated, final decision by TDC has been reached and the

necessary financial formalities have been completed. It is only after issuing a final building permission that fencing, building or any other activity on the site can start. It has to be noted that site permission is given to reserve the site for a maximum period of two years in order to prepare a project proposal. It does not give any right to fence and clear the site unless, for practical reasons, there is a special permission of TDC.

Collective Project

Building Application Feedback:

1 Miriam & Jaya, African Pavilion, Community Hall, Compost toilet kitchen and open sky bathroom.

Site Application Feedback:

1 Site application feedback for SAIER Staff Quarters Cluster in Cultural Zone on Plot BO 12/1 and Bo 12/2 for an area of 1750 sq.m (4 blocks of 437 sq.m)

Project write up given by the project holder

Project Title: SAIER Staff Quarters Cluster

Proposed Site Location: In Cultural Zone, between Transformation Community and Dehashakti School Sports Complex, Dana.

Project Holder: SAIER (Chali and RamaNarayana)

Architect: An Aurovilian architect. The selection process has started.

Contact Persons: Chali and RamaNarayana

Description: These are residential staff quarters consisting of a cluster of 4 blocks, built in 4 phases of one block each. Each block will accommodate 4 apartments, 2 family apartments on the ground floor and 2 apartments for couples on the 1st floor. Family apartments are planned to have a floor space of 100m² (including covered terraces) each. Apartments for couples are planned to have a carpet area on the 1st floor of 70m²

(including covered terraces) each. It will be designed to accommodate approximately 32 adults and 16 children. Centrally located will be an area for common activities.

Target Group: Researchers, teachers and persons working in services under SAIER.

Background: SAIER has made it a priority to provide accommodations for researchers so that they can devote their energy and concentration towards the integral development of their subject and / or children / students rather than have to worry about housing / accommodations.

Triggers: We have inadequate affordable housing facilities in Auroville for those who are working in services and are living on maintenance. The lack of these facilities often makes it difficult for individuals who can and want to work in these services to do so because they feel they have to work in a place that provides more for their material needs (in units, for example).

Goals/Objectives: We aim at developing simple, beautiful, environmentally friendly and sustainable housing facilities with best architectural and construction knowledge available in Auroville. Our objective is to address the housing situation in Auroville as well as to help the dedication and energy of those actively working towards the realization of unending education in the various units of SAIER.

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.

O B I T U A R I E S

Juanita



This is to inform the community that Juanita Cole, our Aurovilian sister and friend, left her body in Denver, Colorado, USA on 15 July of this year. She was 81 years old.

Juanita, who worked as a communications officer for the USA state department, has been in touch with Auroville since the seventies and, when retiring in 1991, came to live here for good.

Being absolutely devoted to Mother, Juanita lived her dedication through her warm hospitality and loving generosity towards Matrimandir and innumerable other big and small occasions in the city.

Apart from participating for some time in the Entry Service, she loved farming and worked long hours in her Felicity garden, growing vegetables for Solar Kitchen. Many of us will remember the little flower bouquets on SK's tables that she put together for us, as well as for the innumerable gatherings, concerts, meetings,

thanksgiving dinners, etc. , which she gracefully hosted in her Felicity home.

Juanita's radiant, un-assuming and elegant presence was a blessing for the City of Dawn. Our loving gratitude, respect and fond memories accompany her on the way to the Light.

Jay MA~

Debra Rose

We learned that Debra Rose, a former newcomer to Auroville, passed away on 18 July in USA, surrounded by friends at the age of 56. She had been suffering from cancer. Debra worked here from 2006 onwards for several years as a midwife and nurse, was in close contact with Kailash Clinic and lived in Grace. OM~

F O R Y O U R I N F O R M A T I O N

From Youth link

Dear Extended Family,

I have recently returned from a week trip to Findhorn, Scotland for the Global Eco village Network + 20 Summit conference. It was a beautiful, eye opening and a heart opening experience! This is a beautiful network, connecting young and old leaders, freedom fighters and sustainable geniuses from green communities worldwide. However, I had an uncomfortable realization about how Auroville seems to have lost its sense of 'community' and 'togetherness' and I was humbled by the many excellent examples from the world that we could learn a lot from. I had the privilege of presenting our

community to the world, I told them about our successes and our challenges (as we are one of the oldest and biggest). I introduced Youth Link, and told them about our eagerness to invite and participate in such global forums, educational exchanges and courses. The presentation was very well received and they look forward to welcoming more young Aurovilians next time.

I was there with 3 others from Auroville - Joss, Ambre and Marti. Together we are working to establish new relationships and collaborations, namely for offering short courses on Ecovillage Design, and exchange programs for Youth to be able

to travel and gain experience. In return, we will be presenting this exciting development with the community soon.

I am honoured and so grateful to all those who have already supported to make this trip possible, such as the MTD Grant through PCG, AVI USA, the Findhorn Foundation and all the individual donors. I am short about a third of the cost of the trip, and have a loan to pay back to our trusting Financial Service (about Rs.40,000 remaining, if anyone is interested, I can show you the breakdown). Can you help me cover the remaining costs?

I travelled as an Aurovillian and as a Youth Link Representative, so if you feel inclined to help, the funds will go directly to YouthLink, and any additional support will be put aside for the next Youth Representative's travel expenses.

Youth Link account 251048, description 'Kavitha GEN +20 Summit.'

Thank you! Warmly, Kavitha for Youth Link

Mission Statement from Ecoservice

Ecoservice since the beginning has been an Essential service to the community of Auroville growing more and more into its role as a Solid Waste Management Service. Service is the key word for the team at Ecoservice as this is not a private business. It does not function for individual profiteering but exists to serve Auroville.

One of its goals is to provide an efficient, responsive and reliable service that collects, recycles and unfortunately at this stage still faces land-filling the waste we cannot recycle or upcycle.

Operating costs are high with two vehicles to maintain and supporting a group of well-paid women from the villages round Auroville who work hard each day to segregate the collected waste.

Progress to us means that we have reduced the landfill by finding new dealers to recycle new items. This is gradually happening as the recycling industry expands its ability to recycle waste that earlier would always be in the landfill. Presently we collect around 6 tons of waste each month and recycle around 60-70 % of this. Still leaving 30 % to be put in the ground!!!

Progress also means that we are becoming more sustainable financially by generating more income by micro segregating the

waste and storing waste till we have enough volume to sell to the dealer that handles that item.

It is important to us to help this service function well and that those it serves participate by keeping their collection areas clean and maintained. This not only saves us a great amount of collection time but reduces the health hazards to our collection team. To this end we provide masks and gloves to our workers but if they have to pour waste from one container to the next the air is filled with particles that get into everything. We therefore supply liners for the collection barrels that when full should be removed, tied closed and stored and a new liner put into the barrel.

Again we'd like to thank everyone for their cooperation and good will to make this Service a success.

EcoService Team

Aikido News: The Auroville Budokan

Dear All,

We are most happy to inform you that the construction of the Auroville Aikido Dojo at Dehashakti/Dana, is completed. We have named the place the "Auroville Budokan" (House of Martial Arts) and are ready to start the practice there from Monday 3rd of August 2015. Please note that there will be no class on Saturday 1st as we will make the place ready that week-end. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Ai: Union, Ki: Energy, Do: Path, Dojo: the place where one studies the Path.

The Dojo is dedicated to Aikido. We want to welcome there all those who are motivated to learn and make some progress in a Path that resonate so much with Sri Aurobindo and Mother's Yoga. And then we may open the Budokan to other arts that have a related spirit and that can share the same space.

Schedule:

As you will see below, the Aikido schedule offers more timings to children and adults, to young girls & women from the outreach centers and women's groups and you may find suitable timings to join us several times a week. This announcement is also a special invitation to women in their will to be more at ease in their body and mind through a regular practice.

CHILDREN With Cristo	Age 7-10	11-14	15-18
Monday	4:00-5:00 pm	5:00-6:00 pm	
Tuesday			4:00-5:30 pm
Wednesday	4:00-5:00 pm	5:00-6:00 pm	
Thursday			4:00-5:30 pm
Friday	4:00-5:00 pm	5:00-6:00 pm	
Saturday			8:00 - 10:00 am
ADULTS with Surya and Murugan	Beginners	All levels	Advanced
Monday	6:00-7:00 pm		
Tuesday			6:00 - 7:30 am
Wednesday	6:00-7:00 pm	6:00-7:30 pm	
Thursday			6:00 - 7:30 am
Saturday	6:00 - 7:30 am	6:00 - 7:30 am	
Sunday for Women & young girls	5:00-6:00 pm of outreach centres		

Some points:

- Please note that all students and users need to be part of the Auroville Health Fund or insured by a personal insurance.
- The Auroville Budokan does not receive a City Budget and a yearly contribution of Rs 1,000 - will be asked to all users for its upkeep (like Rs 100 - for a 10-month use only -please note that teachers and in-charge include themselves!). Guests and Volunteers are required to contribute per class.

For more information, please visit our new website <http://budokan.auroville.org/> (linked with AV website where

Aikido also has a new page) - You can contact Surya (Adult classes): 2623 813 - 96 55 48 54 87 - Cristo (Children classes): 2622 356 - or write to budokan@auroville.org.in where we both read the mails.

We feel very grateful for all these happenings, after these many years of efforts and joy in learning together here and sincerely hope many new students will join us.

With warm regards, Cristo, Surya and Murugan

AV Singing Festival

Dear all,

1) For the coming All AV Singing Festival in October we may need people to form a choir. This choir would probably open the Festival and might also participate in the closing (depending on other factors). If you are interested to join, kindly contact Shakti (shakti@auroville.org.in) to see if you can join.

2) We would also like to encourage youngsters to participate as individuals, or in small teams. Application forms can be obtained from avsingingfestival@auroville.org.in

3) We would also like to invite Aurovilian youngsters to sing in a special event towards the end of the Festival (last or before last, again depending on other factors). In case a larger team of youngsters is willing/able to perform it should contact Shakti for coordination.

4) This year we would like participants to sing only one song to allow for larger participation and to make the Festival slightly shorter. Exception would be if you also join the Choir and/or the youngsters' special event.

Ananda (Participants Coordinator)

BSNL Bills in Your Inbox

If you wish to receive your landline bills by email, please send a request along with your telephone number to both of the following addresses: szblgao@gmail.com / aocmtspy@gmail.com
AVTS

BSNL Refunds for Faulty Lines

When lines are down, the fault has been reported to 1500 and a docket number obtained, AVTS monitors the time taken by BSNL to remove the fault. Every quarter, it then initiates a rental refund request which is escalated from Pondy to Chennai to New Delhi Corporate HQs and finally to the Department of Telecommunication through the [Portal For Public Grievances](#)

This has been the process for the past 3 years and normally results in modest returns. The subscribers of course get the amount adjusted in their bills but are normally not noticed. Amounts adjusted in the June 2015 (data received from the DoT), for the period Sep to Dec 2014 are as follows:-

Sandeep for AVTS

SNO	TEL.NO.	PLAN	PERIOD OF FAULT		NO.OF DAYS	RENTAL REBATE ALLOWED AS PER ORDERS	REBATE to be ALLOWD
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1	0413-2622635	570	9/30/2014	9/30/2014	i	0	0
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2	0413-2622284	900	10/1/2014	10/11/2014	11	15	450
3	0413-2623666	800	10/3/2014	10/10/2014	8	15	400
4	0413-2623187	1500	10/7/2014	10/20/2014	14	15	750
5	0413-2623405	800	10/18/2014	10/30/2014	13	15	400
			10/18/2014	10/30/2014	13	15	637.5
7	0413-2623533	999	11/1/2014	11/5/2014	5	7	297.5
			10/20/2014	10/27/2014	8	15	499.5
8	0413-2622003	999	10/20/2014	10/30/2014	11	15	499.5
9	0413-2622329	195	10/21/2014	10/30/2014	10	15	97.5
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13	0413-2623527	999	11/1/2014	11/6/2014	6	7	233.1
			10/31/2014	10/31/2014	1	0	0
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			11/4/2014	11/11/2014	8	15	97.5
16	0413-2622860	845	11/4/2014	11/27/2014	24	30	734
17	0413-2622900	925	11/7/2014	11/19/2014	13	15	462.5
18	0413-2622396	1800	11/8/2014	11/16/2014	9	15	900
19	0413-2622410	170	11/17/2014	11/27/2014	11	15	85
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POSTINGS

Glimpses of wonder



The book is done as a sketch with spontaneous sparks of Wonder. It is an invitation to believe in the future and create a new world.

The World Game gives the children an opportunity to be creative, to be able to express their own individuality and unique living soul.

Design: Mirao

Foreword: Barbara (Ritam)

Artwork contributions from several Aurovilians
Softbound, 21-21cm, pp.124, more than 100 pictures, 2015
Available in our Auroville libraries

One can purchase it in PTDC, at the Visitor Center in Auroville, and online:

<http://www.auroville.com/media-c-62/book/media-books-c-62-40/creative-expression-3465.html>

Aikya

Wild Yeast Bakery closed

Dear lovers of bread from the Wild Yeast Bakery - It will be closed for the next couple of months. Our baker is out for training abroad. Progress has no frontiers. Andre T.

Vanaville

If you are a book lover and you like them to be kept in good condition, do not hesitate to entrust/ leave them with us to be restored in the way you wish. So far we have bound quite a good number of Mother's Agenda and Sri Aurobindo's books as well as other books. We are also specialized in stationeries, job work, packaging, printing and die cutting. If you are interested in turning your office into a plastic free place, get in touch with us we have creative ideas. Just pass by and have a look to explore the possibility of creating your own range of products together with our ladies who are well trained in this field.

We are situated in Arc en ciel (beside Tanto) - Phone: 0413 2623098

Michel & Arun

Nandini opening August & September

Due to unexpected circumstances for the Months of August and September the opening will be: Tailoring Section: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 am to 12.30 pm / Distribution Section: Tuesday to Saturday from 9 am to 13 pm.

A V A I L A B L E

Publication from LEC

We are happy to share information about our recent publication titled **Journeys: Trajectories of Education and Empowerment among Young Women in the Auroville Bioregion**. The book contains life stories of twelve young women - current and past students, their backgrounds, and experiences in LEC. The book is available at the book store in Visitors Center. Copies can also be directly requested from us. The publication is the outcome of a project named Payanangal (pronounced paya-nun-gull, meaning journeys in Tamil) that focused on helping students reflect on their lives, changes that happened during their time in LEC, and how they view themselves today. The reflections helped them understand the positive qualities they possess that need attention for their growth and empowerment.

Devi Namasivayam for LEC team

Items

Diesel bullet and 2 electric scooters (without battery, reasonable price), electric oven and blender, plastic boxes big and small size, drilling machine, computer with monitor, printer HP diskjet, Yamaha key board, sound speakers, Hercules bicycle and rock rider camel bicycle, tricycle for children, 2 thick yoga mats, one modem and one wifi router, 2 office stools, one dehydrator (35 / 65 Degrees) made in New Zealand, one water activator (To make alkaline water). Call 7639 6278 20 - Linda

Motorbike

I'm selling my old Hero Honda (125cc), which served me very well throughout the last year. If interested call *Julius* - 91 59 884960

Housing available

Office space ground floor in Luminosity available for transfer, 39 sqm, with common kitchen and bathroom. Please contact *Alain*: alain@auroville.org.in or phone 9585981832.

LOOKING FOR ...

A bed and other household stuff

I want to thank Christine (Dana), Audrey (Creativity), Rabi (Maitreye II), Renu (Forecomers) and Shama (Auromodele) for

Thank you for your understanding, *Vidya, Anne, Muthu, Shakti & Priscilla*

From Nandini Tailoring section

No order taken from Saturday 25th to Thursday 30th of July. We start again on Tuesday 1st of August. Don't forget to bring your bag with your new order. *Anne and Vidya*

Baby born 1

Dear AV Family & Friends, we would like to share with the community that we have been blessed with a new Auroville baby boy, Jeevan. He was born on 7th of July 2015, at Rajiv Gandhi Hospital, Pondy. Love and smiles, *Karthik & Ramani and Kavin, his elder Brother (Svaram Community)*.

Baby born 2

Dear friends, we would like to share with the community that we have been blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Sanjana, who was born on the 8th of July 2015. With love, *R. Venugopal and Senthamarai from Auroshilpam*

Aurovelo Summer Cycle Sale

Come see our new cycle and sporting goods showroom. Helmets also available.

Aurovelo Cycle Shop, Reve - Monday-Saturday, 9 to 5 / Ph: 2622380

Lady cycle

It is a very nice lady cycle which I bought only one month ago. It is called Cosmic Charm, white and violet with wheels of 26 in. It has a lock with two keys, a basket, night lights (back and front). Email: *Chieko Osugi* chiekonz@gmail.com

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*.

Bajaj Pulsar

150 CC, PY Registration, silver color, recently changed both front and back Tyre and tube, well maintained. If interested please contact me, *Venkadesh*: mobile - 9943901944. Thank you.

their help. I live on the ground floor and the space is open - if somebody has a bed which he/she does not need and if it could come with a mosquito net, I would feel safer (Scorpions visit

me at night!). Anyway any household items that you need to get rid of, please let me know - it could be a small thing: Toilet brush, bucket, pot, mop,... or a big one: fridge, cupboard, bicycle, sheets to cover large mesh doors.
Contact - E-mail: ivana.frousova@yahoo.com, phone: 7094344154 - *Ivana*

Laptops for TLC

The Learning Community (TLC) is looking for 2-3 new or used laptop computers to use for our math tutoring sessions. We need to be able to connect to the internet to work with online learning programmes. If anyone has one to donate, or would like to make a financial contribution towards this cause, please contact us at: tlc@auroville.rg.in. With much love, *TLC*

House items

Dear Friends, we are looking to buy second-hand house items for our Newcomer apartment :-). If you have: single beds, single mattresses, cupboards (kitchen and bedroom), dining table + chairs, battery and any other house items you want to give or sell, please contact us! 9943311619 or 2622671 - *Yasmin and Liron Levi*

Acoustic guitar

I am looking for an acoustic guitar. If you have one, please call 9003772949 - Thanks, *Bala*

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Sheep wool

Hello friends , I am a newcomer kindergarden teacher. As such I will need some sheep wool to stuff the dolls that I craft for the children. Please, contact *Durga*. 8420183863 or caballero.francisco@wanadoo.fr

Household things

Dear friends, as newcomers we are settling our home and we need things such as one fridge, table, bed, cupboard, and any kitchen things. Please contact us if you are wishing to give or sell at a small price. Thank you, Francisco. Our contact 9159676139 or caballero.francisco@wanadoo.fr

LOST & FOUND

A pair of blue chappals (found): Belonging to a 15-18 month child, found on the road between Nandanam kindergarden and Centre field kindergarden at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 15th July'15. They are at my office in CSR, please collect them any time btw 8.30 am to 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday - *Suhasini*: 262 2784

THANK YOU

To AVDZines

Deep appreciation to AVDZines for their continuing support of Farewell by preparing posters of Aurovilians at the time of their passing for the Solar Kitchen notice board.
The Farewell Team

A P P E A L



50 rupees for Ecoservice

In the coming year, we will work to create a stronger link between Ecoservice and the community. Our goal is to transform Ecoservice into the most **beautiful and educational** waste and recycle center. A place where people will enjoy coming to learn while also participating!

So everyone who believes that Auroville needs this project is most welcome to help physically or financially. To start, we are looking for a lot of people giving smaller amounts to build a strong will as a community. To take a pledge and support this project we suggest a 50 rupee donation. But we are also looking for a few people who can give bigger amounts of money. We will use the money that will be raised to create a beautiful landscape, develop an educational path, build an additional sorting shed and an office (more information on the amount of money to raise to come).

To donate deposit in our account number 251315. We will share the improvements made and what we use the money for exactly as it goes! Also, a box will appear soon to give donation with account or cash!

To know more follow us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ecoservice/1541837466070115?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Thanks for your generosity!
The Ecoservice team

TAXI SHARING

July 28th or 29th: Looking for a taxi share from Auroville to Chennai, either July 28 afternoon or July 29 at 4 am. E-mail *Alexia*: perineaualexia@gmail.com.

August 2nd: Leaving from Auroville to Chennai airport at around 8 pm and coming back from the airport to Auroville at midnight (after flight LH 758 has arrived). Contact *Chandra*, 2623 024, 7639781711, chandradedionigi@yahoo.fr

August 7th: Leaving from Chennai airport to Av at 5 pm around. If anyone would like to share there are 2 seats

available, also empty car Av to airport. Please contact mariano@auroville.org.in 7639226362. Thanks. *Mariano*

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

English teacher

Hello!

Aikiyam School is looking for a teacher of English-as-a-Second-Language. Our teachers' spoken English can be developed with your expert help! We would be especially happy if you have a TEFL or CELTA background.

This would be a part-time job with maintenance. Please do contact us by sending us an email to: assg@auroville.org.in

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Shankar and the Aikiyam School Support Group (ASSG)

At the Unity Pavilion

Unity Pavilion is looking for a person (Aurovilian, Newcomer or volunteer) to help us with editing and publishing work, with reception of visitors / student groups and assisting on events. Half day commitment is sufficient. The person needs to have a good command of English, able to work independently, some knowledge on Auroville - its purpose and aim - and enjoy being in contact with people.

Please contact Unity Pavilion team:
unitypavilion@auroville.org.in, 2623576

Dreaming of helping Matrimandir?

Who doesn't think of helping Matrimandir? Be it literally or materially. Matrimandir (MM) awaits us all... Once it was natural to spend the whole night helping the MM construction phase. Today there is no such demand, yet it welcomes us all. Wonder why it is like that? Give it a try and you will experience miracles.

Six or seven years back when every Sunday there was the Auroville school bus load of ashramites and volunteers coming from Sri Aurobindo's ashram to work for MM (it still does twice a month), my neighbour AuroCulture also joined them. It was her dedication that inspired me to join the team. Ever since, I

have helped clean, weed or coordinate MM's work. For the last few years I have been basically coordinating and guiding the visitors who want to concentrate in the inner chamber. On holidays I even managed to help thrice a week and miracles multiplied that many times, especially during the miracles blossoming time, viz. summer time. During the other months also we can feel it but the condensed humidity intensifies the blessings.

Matrimandir beckons us all. Your help may be only a drop in the ocean but do join the team and serve "the Soul of Auroville".

*"All ocean lived within a wandering drop,
A time-made body housed the Illimitable,
To live this Mystery out our souls came here."*

Sri Aurobindo

Let us all join hands... and help!

Madhavi

Looking for 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 program 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 working 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* at:8940230984 - should you be able to help in any regard

HEALTH

Free Ayurveda diagnostic camp

There will be a Free Diagnostic camp for Ayurveda free consultation, by Dr.Geeta on 28th of July. Treatment will be provided as per patient's convenience. Charges depend upon treatment provided and can be confirmed at the time from Dr.Geeta.

Please make an appointment at AvHC reception

Dr Uma

News from LINEA DENTAL Clinic & Laboratory

Dear Aurovilians and guests we have some good news for you - we open the clinic from the 3rd of August 2015 onwards.

Our working time is: 9.00 am to 12.30 and 2.00 to 5.00 pm, in Aurelec from Monday to Saturday morning.

You can call for appointments on our land lines 0413 2623134 or 2623592

We have a new reception and a digital x ray equipment.

Our team is ready again to offer the best dental services.

Big Smiles, *Nicola & Tatiana*



Dear Listeners,

This is the final week for community service students, we hope that this short introduction at the radio will inspire them to continue to explore and discover more. We have also met with Aurovillians that are looking at the Archives project and expanding its scope with fibre optic capacities, which merges with the direction of the Media Lab project.

We have finally sent an FM application to the "One World" NGO that assists in the development of Community Radio Stations (CRS) and are being mentored by them.

In Early September we will start our fund-raising campaign with an event in Kalabumi (details to follow).

We plan to wrap up our team SWOT sessions with the assistance of Christine Q who is visiting; this study will give us an editorial direction. As always we need people with skills in website and smart phone applications and anyone with goodwill and enthusiasm.

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.

Interactions with Doshi on Plan (Free Progress 19/07/2015)

Interactive session with Dr. Doshi after the presentation detailed development plan for Residential Zone 1&2 of Luis F. - [English, 134 Minutes]

Revealing the Self (Performing Arts 19/07/2015)

Truly Tracy and KinGi shared with the community last night at the Visitor's Centre poetry recital Revealing the Self. -[English, 78 Minutes]

History of Rock with DJ Sic Sixx (Music 18/07/2015)

Luca and Tara present a special playlist with a run-through of the history of rock, brought to you by Auroville radio! -[English, 59 Minutes]

Auroson Tara Edo - Take 2 (Music 17/07/2015)

At the Auroville Radio Auroson, Tara & Edo prepared 30 minutes playlist. Listen to the program! -[English, 29 Minutes]

Exploring the Town Hall (Governance 17/07/2015)

Today in Auroville Tara, Edo and Auroson went around the Town Hall interviewing people about their work experience. - [English, 17 Minutes]

Truly Tracy Revealing (Performing Arts 17/07/2015)

Truly Tracy shares with us some of insights on her life view point, and passion on empowerment of women. -[English, 27 Minutes]

Marudhala - Change (Performing Arts 17/07/2015)

Humorous play Change (Marudhala) was presented by Auroville Theater Group yesterday at Visitor's Centre. -[English, 41 Minutes]

Off the Cuff-35 (Performing Arts 16/07/2015)

New networks and health facilities in Auroville, and how earning is not helpful to learning and thus changing etc .. - [English, 16 Minutes]

The Service week Experience! (Kids & Youth 16/07/2015)

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

Tara, Edo & Auroson! Their third program, this time an exclusive perspective on Service week in Auroville. -[English, 10 Minutes]

Poetry Recital and Women (News from Auroville 16/07/2015)

Featuring Tracy inviting us to a Poetry Recital on Saturday at 8pm at Visitor's Centre, Women's Festival on 19th -[English, 16 Minutes]

Auroson, Edo and Tara present... (Music 15/07/2015)

T.E. -[English, 62 Minutes]

Cumbia Cumbia (Music 15/07/2015)

Scratching the surface of music named Cumbia with its own originality, reflecting the history of the area. -[English, 82 Minutes]

Selections par Gangalakshmi-46 (Performing Arts 15/07/2015)

Selection par Gangalakshmi-46. Cette semaine; -[French, 15 Minutes]

Angeli's update on Youth Link (Kids & Youth 14/07/2015)

Angeli updates us on the Youth Link and shares the events planned as well as her perspective -[English, 13 Minutes]

Impressions of Auroville (Guests 14/07/2015)

First impressions of Auroville by visitors, interviews by Edo, Auroson and Tara during community service week. -[English, 2 Minutes]

Exciting Energy of Youth (Performing Arts 14/07/2015)

Students of Changjo Traveling School for the 9th time has shared with the community what they have learned insofar. - [English, 56 Minutes]

Bautakata Today, Change Thursday (News from Auroville 13/07/2015)

Changjo Traveling School from South Korea will share with us today at 5pm at Visitor's Centre a concert. CHANGE on Thu - [English, 11 Minutes]

TRAVEL

Latest News from the Travel Shop -

located at Inside India in Auroshilpam - For ticketing - International and Domestic Flights, Trains, Buses, Tours, Hotels and Travel Insurance / We are open from 09:00 to 12:30 and from 13:30 to 17:00

New Offers from Airlines:

Oman Airways has promotional offers to Europe

Srilankan airline has special offers to Europe

Etiihad Airways has promotional offers to Europe

Domestic offers: Air India has announced discounted fares to travel within India

Hotels: International and Domestic Hotel 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.

Please ensure that you have all the required travel documents for your entire journey i.e., valid passport & necessary visas, and that you have had the recommended inoculations for your respective destination(s).

Please check with us in advance if flight schedules have changed.

International Flight Tickets / International Hotel booking - +91 - 413 - 2622078 travelshop@auroville.org.in,

Domestic Flight Tickets / Trains / Bus / Travel Insurance - +91 - 413 - 2622604 / 2623030 domestic@inside-india.com,

doulat@inside-india.com

Tours and Domestic Hotel booking - +91 - 413 - 2622047

insideindia@auroville.org.in

Notes

The Banyan Tree in the Dream of an Aurovilian

An Aurovilian had been worrying too much about the presence of the banyan tree near Matrimandir. He thought that the roots of the banyan tree might cause damage to the Matrimandir building. He felt helpless and should have been in a state of high emotional disturbance for a long time. One day he saw in his dream the banyan tree which told him that its roots had always grown away from Matrimandir. It was a great surprise to him and he shared his dream experience with his friends. He and his friends verified the truth of his dream by digging the earth in different places near Matrimandir. They found that there were no roots and that the roots had grown away from Matrimandir.

Our ancients view the Universe into three parts in terms of consciousness; middle conscient, lower inconscient and upper super conscient. Man too, has three similar states of consciousness. He has subconscious in between the inconscient and conscient. An account of a dream experience given by Sri Aurobindo is very essential to interpret the dream properly. In the waking state we are aware of our outer self (outer mental, outer vital and outer physical) and its activities. During sleep the consciousness (soul) withdraws into the inner being (subliminal) and the outer self takes rest and its activities are suspended.

During sleep the consciousness withdraws inward; but it is very active and dwells in the subliminal (inner mental, inner vital and inner physical) and experiences its activities. Some of the formulations of the surface subliminal reach the subconsciousness which is the normal dream builder in man. All the experiences of the waking state submerge into the subconsciousness. Forms and figures emerging from the inconscient also reach the subconsciousness. The surface layer of the subconsciousness known as its anti-chamber is just below the waking consciousness. The subconsciousness uses all the forms and figures in the building up of dreams. The surface layer of subconsciousness is also known as the dream transcriber. The dream transcriptions are stored in the anti-chamber. When the consciousness returns to the waking state, it carries with it some of the impressions of the dream stored in the anti-chamber, to the waking consciousness which has to interpret and understand the dream properly.

But the subliminal dreams are precise, clear and powerful in their characters. The subliminal is a great dream builder. The inner sight, hearing, touch, etc. are its channels of contact with the objects of study rather than the instruments of sensations. So it could directly receive the content of the forms of objects. Further it has the right of entry into the different realms of the universal consciousness. The subliminal consciousness uses the various forms of its experiences to build dreams which are impressed upon the subliminal itself powerfully. It is capable of imposing its dreams firmly upon the outer waking consciousness that will understand the impressions of the subliminal dream experience without difficulty.

The dream of the Aurovilian, under consideration, comes under the subliminal category. If it were the dream of the subconsciousness, it would have been marked with incoherence and ambiguity and the Aurovilian would have felt difficulty in getting the clues and signs from the dream to be used to interpret it. What has happened in his case is that his consciousness has reached the inmost subliminal region as a result of his intense emotional disturbance. Moreover the waking consciousness perceives the form of the banyan tree clearly accompanied by a voice telling him that the roots of the banyan tree always grow away from the Matrimandir building.

Ref: The Life Devine, Book 2, Part 1, chapter V, PP.436-444

Submitted by A.Somasundaram

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri - read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every Thursday at sunset
6.00 to 6.30 pm (weather permitting)

We are restarting Savitri, from Book I.

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

Reminder to all: The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such. We request everyone: please do not to use cameras, i-pads, cell phones, etc.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos there.

Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm

Please be seated by 5.55 pm, no late entry. Thank you.

Amphitheatre Team

INVITATIONS

Inviting local women to join the campaign to reduce sanitary waste in and around Auroville!

We would like to create an opportunity to make the switch to cloth pads an affordable choice for local women from the surrounding villages who work in Auroville. After all this is a campaign all women can join for a cleaner, healthier bioregion!

The event

In collaboration with the Unity Pavilion, Eco Femme would like to invite the ammas and women who work in Auroville units to join us for a fun, learning and interactive session that will cover:

- Understanding the basics of the process of menstruation
- Examining products that can be used for managing menstrual flow and the pros and cons of each - in this context cloth washable pads will be presented as an option that reduces non-biodegradable (un)sanitary waste, saves money and is good for health when cared for properly
- Presenting women with suggestions and ways they can reduce the impact of common symptoms associated with menstruation using yoga asanas and locally available medicinal plants.

The session will be conducted in Tamil and will last 1 1/2 hours
3.30 - 5 pm in the Unity Pavilion on Friday 31st July

Offering subsidized cloth pads

As part of this event, we would like to propose the employing person/unit who would send their amma/employee along to this session to offer a further 50% contribution towards the purchase of pads as an added incentive for the women to make the switch. We have tried this concept out in the past and it has been well received. It works like this:

1 pad = Rs 80 (subsidized price by Eco Femme) - Woman pays 50% = Rs 40 and her employer pays 50% = 40Rs (i.e. total Rs80/pad)
A woman can have up to 6 pads of her choice and the maximum cost to her will be Rs 240 and for the employer Rs 240.
In order for this to work and simplify the logistics, we would need you to send an email to unitypavilion@auroville.org.in confirming the names and number of women you would be sending to this event and a statement of your commitment to fund up to 6 pads at 50% i.e. Rs240/set/woman.

Finally, if you run a unit with more than 10 women, we would request you to contact us for a separate session - we would be prepared to come to your workplace and offer the same session at a mutually convenient time. We would love to have every woman who works in Auroville to have the opportunity to attend this learning session and be able to avail of inexpensive cloth pads which will last her for years. This is a choice which benefits all of us!

We look forward to hear from you soon! Please RSVP by 30th July.
Shivaya for Unity Pavilion and Kathy for Eco Femme

Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research (SACAR), Puducherry

Organises

"Living Within" Study Camp in English in August 2015 (10th to 14th)

Psychology of Health:

An Integral Approach to Body Awareness and Self-Healing

Speakers: Dr. Alok Pandey and Dr. Falguni Jani

For Registration please contact: sacarstudycamps@gmail.com / 9443019172, 9994190403

Camp fees: Rs. 5,500 including stay and food

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

Submitted by Anandi (Progress)

International Youth Day

Dear Community,

Youth Link is organizing International Youth Day at BharatNivas for the 12th of August 2015. We have this Youth Link event registered on the United Nation's Map of World events, this year's IYD theme is 'Youth Civic Engagement'. If you have expressed interest to participate in the exhibition, performances or in setting up a stall, please confirm as soon as possible. We may have some space for a couple more presentations, artists, entrepreneurs, performers... so if you are in your 20s +/- some years, contact us soon to see if we can include your talent. Posters will be out soon!

Excited and looking forward to seeing you all there.

Warmly, Youth Link's Core Team

The Teachers Center invites Auroville teachers and parents to Conversations on Integral Education

THE FINLAND PHENOMENON: WORLD'S MOST SURPRISING SCHOOL SYSTEM

Finland's education system has consistently ranked among the best in the world for more than a decade. No standardized tests, no private schools, no homework, the puzzle is, why Finland? From within classrooms and through interviews with students, teachers, parents, administrators and government officials, this documentary reveals the surprising factors accounting for Finland's successes. There will be time for sharing after the film.

Where: Teachers Center, SAIER

When: Tuesday 28th July at 4-5.30 PM.

Teachers Center SAIER

EXHIBITIONS



Dancing waves in colours

Recycled materials knotted and hand woven into a spontaneous act of creation by Manju Selvam stitching together her inner vision of Auroville colours.

July 24th to 29th

8 am to 12:30 pm - 2 pm to 6 pm (except Sunday)

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville, TN 605101, India (0413) 2622403 / 2622994
pitanga@auroville.org.in

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

28th 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: 'The Collective Yoga'

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

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

Led by Ashesh Joshi. Contact: 9489147202, 2622922

No Registration required (except for groups). Fees: Voluntary Contribution

All are welcome

For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit www.integralyoga-auroville.com

WELLPAPER Workshop 18/03 Wednesday

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

Bowls Coiling introductory workshop-

The WELL Women will introduce you to how to create beautiful bowls, containers or accessories made of flattened and coiled newspaper sticks. Most likely you will end up with more than one item.

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

Contribution: Rs.500 for guests. All the workshops have a minimum of 6 participant registered.

We will meet at "Ganesh Bakery" at 09:15 to bring you to our workshop in Kottakkarai.

The workshop will take place every Wednesday between 9:30 to 12:30, sitting on the floor.

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 or call 0413-2622219.

BASIC MEDIATION WORKSHOP

11-14 August, 9 am-5 pm - Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

Mediation is an alternative conflict resolution process, where a neutral third party supports individuals in conflict to engage in dialogue and build their own solutions.

During this four-day workshop, you will explore the nature of conflict, how it happens, the process and structure of mediation, and role playing scenarios to practice dealing with disputes in everyday life.

Workshop Hosts: Niva and Elvira run a conflict resolution platform for the Auroville community. Niva is an Israeli Aurovilian, a lawyer and mediator. Elvira is a German Aurovilian and conflict transformation expert.

For Registration and information: mediation@auroville.org.in, or call Niva: 9843191370, Elvira: 8903306837

Note: There will be mediation training specifically for Aurovilians in October / November 2015.

TAIKO WORKSHOP

Conducted by Yuhei at SAWCHU

From the 5th to the 7th of August and from the 10th to the 12th of August

9 am to 12 noon

Yuhei started playing Taiko at the age of 12 and played for 10 years with a Japanese Drum group, Hatoyama Koinnokai, based in the Saitama prefecture. From 2013 till the present time, he has been a member of a Taiko project "Indra".

Contact Jyoti at: 9489887192.

CIRCUS CLASS

Every Monday with Romain Timmers - acrobatic, aerial, balancing work, juggling...

Please wear some yoga type clothing.

From 4 pm to 6 pm at Eluciole circus - Miracle community

JUGGLING AND AERIAL WORKSHOP

Saturday 25 and Sunday 26, July

Beginners and amateurs are welcome.

Place limited - Contact: 7639405194 at Eluciole Circus. Miracle community

SCHEDULES



PITANGA

Dear Friends,

Our teachers are arriving back and we will have a fuller schedule in August for you that will be posted in next week's News and Notes, in the meantime you can enjoy the following classes and are welcome to see Manju Selvam's exhibition: Dancing waves in colors (see exhibition section) / and to phone for therapies of Naturopathy/Cranio Sacral with Veronica, Reflexology with Priscilla, Suction Massage with Svetlana and Thai yoga Massage with Juan.

Current Classes

Yoga Therapy with Gala, Mon, Weds and Fri 8.30am - 10am

Yoga for Pregnancy Mothers with Appie restarts Thurs July 30th at 9am and for August the class will be at 9.30am

Iyengar Yoga - Practice group for regular practitioners Thursday and Saturday at 17.00pm and Tuesdays 15.30pm. Classes and workshops with Tatiana start August 1st and with Angela in August 17th.

Reconnection - an Iyengar Yoga Workshop with Tatiana August 1st, 2nd and 3rd 7.00am - 9.30am. Fully booked

Teenage Yoga with Ofa, Mon 16.00-17.00pm

Children's Yoga with Gala

Āsanas for children 7-9 yrs, Sat 10.00-11.00am

Discover the energy body, children, 7-9 yrs Sat, 11.00-12.00am

Hormonal Classes

Aviva exercise for women with SuriyaGandhi, Thurs 16.30 - 17.30pm Hormonal Yoga for women with Sophie, Sat 17.00 - 18.00pm

Aikido classes please contact Cristo and Surya

Dance Classes

Odissa Dance with Kanchana, Tues, 16.00 - 17.30pm

Odissa Dance with Rehka, Fri, 15.30 - 16.30pm

New Dance Classes

Belly Dancing for Women with Priscilla, Weds, 7.15 - 8.15 am, starts July 29th

Adult Classical Ballet Class with Grace Gitadelila, Mon 16.00 - 17:30pm, starts August 10. Young and elder adults are welcome to a class where gentle and conscious attention brings the body to move in patterns, exercises danced on the floor, at the bar and in the centre of the dance room. The body is guided to listen, follow and dance to beautiful classical music. Balance, harmony and fluid use of breath are the focus of each class, giving length, strength and beauty to each participant's expression. Wear comfortable soft fitting clothes allowing full circular range of motion in shoulders, hips and legs, with socks for the feet. Do not be afraid to join, you need not be a Ballerina or wish to become one. Just the desire to guide your body once a week and dance a simple movement pattern to beautiful music is all that you need.

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, (0413) 262 2403 - pitanga@auroville.org.in

FILMS



CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

Reminder: Friday 24th - PRINCESSE OF MONTPENSIER by B. Tavernier

FRIDAY 31 JULY - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7:45 sharp) "THE RIVER"

Directed by Jean RENOIR, USA-France-India - 1951

With: Nora Swinburne, Esmond Knight, Arthur Shields, Suprova Mukerjee, Thomas E. Breen, Patricia Walters, Radha Burnier, Adrienne Corri, June Hillman (voice over)

Director Jean Renoir's entrancing first color feature—shot entirely on location in India—is a visual tour de force. Based on the novel by Rumer Godden, the film eloquently contrasts the growing pains of three young women with the immutability of the Bengal River around which their daily lives unfold. Enriched by Renoir's subtle understanding and appreciation for India and its people, The River gracefully explores the fragile connections between transitory emotions and everlasting creation. Music by M.A. Partha Sarathy

Duration: 1h 40' - Original version in English with English Subtitles.



The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, July 31, Friday at 7pm

WATER: THE GREAT MYSTERY

2006, 87 minutes, Directed by Julia Perkul and Anastasiya Popova

Witness recent, breathtaking discoveries by researchers worldwide from Russia, Kazakhstan, Switzerland, Israel, the USA, Britain, Austria, Japan, Argentina, China and Tibet. The arguments expound upon unexpected and challenging assumptions enlightening many years of research to open humankind to new horizons, such as the applications of structured water in agriculture, or the use of water in treatment for the most serious diseases and more.

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

16:30 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.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

"MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI - Book 2: THE BOOK OF THE TRAVELLER OF THE WORLDS.

Canto 1- 4: "The World-Stair", "The Kingdom of Subtle Matter", "The Glory and the fall of Life" and "The Kingdom of the Little Life".

Monday, 27th of July 2015, at 6.30 pm

Sri Aurobindo's work was to explore and to travel through all the worlds - he went through the deepest and darkest and highest and most luminous worlds in order to do the transformation for the Earth and men. His experiences and his work are described in mantric-yogic words in "Savitri - Book Two "The Book of the Traveller of the Worlds".

"A miracle of the Absolute was born; / Infinity put on a finite soul, /

All ocean lived within a wandering drop, / A time-made body housed the Illimitable. /

To live this Mystery out our souls came here." (Savitri, p.101)

A film by Manohar of Huta's paintings illustrates passages from Savitri read by The Mother and accompanied on her own organ music.

Duration: 46min.

We supply photocopies of the "Savitri" texts read by The Mother, so that the texts can be followed when watching the film.



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 27 July 2015 to 2 August 2015

Indian - Monday 27 July, 8:00 pm:

- NO FILM SCHEDULED FOR MAINTENANCE WORK

German - Tuesday 28 July, 8:00 pm:

- URLAUB VOM LEBEN (A Break from Life)

Germany 2005, Dir. Neele Leana Vollmar w/ Gustav-Peter Wöhler, Petra Zieser, Meret Becker, and others, Drama, 83mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.

A father working as a bank cashier sees his well-arranged world slowly unravel. An eccentric lady-taxi-driver will help him get through.

Cultural - Wednesday 29 July, 8:00 pm:

- GYPSY CARAVAN: When the Road Bends

USA, 2008, Dir. Jasmine Dellal w/Ezma Redzepova, Taraf de Haiduks, Ciocarla, and others, Music-Documentary, 110mins, English, Rated: G

This film is a dazzling display of the musical world of the Roma, juxtaposed to the real world they live in. Five bands from four countries: Macedonia, Romania, Spain and India, united in a Caravan for 6-week concert tour across North America with the musicians astounding every audience they meet. Their musical styles range from flamenco to brass band, from Romanian violin and Indian folk. They present an explosion of song and dance that celebrates the best of Gypsy music and the diversity of the Romani people.

French - Thursday 30 July, 8:00 pm:

- HENRI

France-Belgium, 2013, Dir. Yolande Moreau w/ Pippo Delbono, Miss Ming, Jackie Berroyer, and others, Comedy, 107 mins, French WITH ENGLISH subtitles, Rated: G

Henri, of Italian origin, runs with Rita his wife a small restaurant "la Cantine". Once the customers have left, Henri meets his pals, all bar addicts. Rita dies suddenly. Henry, helpless, hires a "white butterfly" as they call the inmates of an institution for mentally handicapped, Rosette...

International - Saturday 1 August, 8:00 pm:

- LIKE SOMEONE IN LOVE

France-Japan, 2012, Writer-Dir. Abbas Kiarostami w/ Rin Takanashi, Tadashi Okuno, Ryo Kase, and others, Drama, 109mins, Japanese w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

This critically acclaimed film is set in Tokyo. A young sex-worker in the city develops an unexpected connection with a widower over a period of just two days.

Children's Film - Sunday 2 August, 4:30 pm:

TINKER BELL AND THE GREAT FAIRY RESCUE

USA, 2010, Dir Bradley Raymond w/ Joe Ansolabehere, Mae Whitman and others, 76mins, Animation-Adventure, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

Tinker Bell must team up with a rival fairy to keep their existence a secret from humans.

PASOLINI Film Festival @ CINECLUB

Ciné-Club - Sunday 2 August, 8:00 pm:

- TRILOGY OF LIFE III - IL FIORE DI MILLE E UNA NOTTE (Thousand and One Night)

Italy, 1974, Dir. Pier Paolo Pasolini w/Franco Citti, Ninetto Davoli, and others, Comedy-Fantasy, 130mins, Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: R

The film is an adaptation of the ancient Arabic anthology "The book of one thousand and one nights", better known as "The Arabian Nights". It is the last of Pasolini's "Trilogy of Life", which began with The Decameron and continued with The Canterbury tales. The film was entered into the 1974 Cannes film festival where it won the Grand Prix special award.

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

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

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

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in.

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

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

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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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