

News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

(Every time Mother receives Satprem, she translates one line from "Savitri" that has been copied for her in large characters. Today's line is from the debate between Death and Savitri's heart)

And never lose the white spiritual touch (Mother repeats)

And never lose the white spiritual touch

It can drink up the sea of All-Delight

And never lose the white spiritual touch (X.III.655)

Sans jamais perdre le blanc contact de l'Esprit

(silence)

Yesterday, I read with H. Savitri's series of experiences when she begins with self-annulment: *Annul thyself so that God alone exist* (I no longer remember, but that's the idea).

Annul thyself that only God may be. (VII.VI.538)

It begins with self-annulment, then she has the experience of BEING the All, that is, of being the Supreme (the Supreme in herself) and the entire Manifestation and all things. There are three passages. It's absolutely... an absolutely wonderful description. It's extraordinarily beautiful.

The world of unreality ceased to be...

She was a single being, yet all things

The world was her spirit's wide circumference (VII.VII.554-556)

It's a chapter that doesn't have a title.

(Mother vainly looks for the passage in "Savitri")

First she meets her soul: a house of flames. She enters the house of flames and unites with her soul ["The Finding of the Soul," VII.V]. It's after that. After, there is Nirvana ["Nirvana and the Discovery of the All-Negating Absolute," VII.VI]. She goes into Nirvana - and becomes just a violet line in Nothingness.

Unutterably effaced, no one and null,

A vanishing vestige like a violet trace,

A faint record merely of a self now past,

She was a point in the unknowable. (VII.VI.549)

Then finds herself back in her body - that's where it begins. A chapter without a title [VII.VII].

I'll find it some other time. (Mother puts aside the book)

It has been a revolution in the atmosphere, that's why I am telling you about it. Because all the experiences described [*in Savitri*] are precisely the experiences I have. So then, suddenly, in the body... I was over there in the music room, and H. was reading to me; then when she had finished reading, all of a sudden the body sat up straight in an aspiration and a prayer of such intensity! It was a dreadful anguish, you know: "See, the whole experience is here [*in Mother*], complete, total, perfect, and because this thing [*the body*] has lived too long, it no longer has the power of expression." And it said, "But why, Lord? Why, why do You take away from me the power of expression because this has lived too long?" It was a sort of revolution in the body's consciousness.

Things have been much better since, much better. There has been a decisive change.

You see, it was the exact description of the body's present state, yet it constantly feels fragile, in a precarious balance. And then, with all its aspiration, it said, "But WHY? Why?... See, the experience is all there - why isn't it expressed?"

As always (*laughing*), I had the feeling that the Lord was laughing and saying to me, "But since such is your will, it will be that way!"

Meaning simply: it's you who CHOSE to be like that.

And it's perfectly true. All our incapacities, all our limitations, all our impossibilities, it's this idiotic Matter that chooses them all - not with intelligence, but with a sort of feeling that "that's how things must be," that they are "naturally" like that. An adherence - an idiotic adherence - to the mode of the lower nature.

Then there was laughter, tears, a whole revolution, and afterwards all was fine.

But nobody on earth will be able to convince me it isn't because this material nature chooses to be that way that it is that way.

And the Lord looks on, smiles, waits... (*laughing*) for the body to be cured of its idiocy.

He does all that is needed, but... we don't take any notice.

It's the trigger of FAITH that's not there, that famous faith Sri Aurobindo always mentions.

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 8 May 1965

MOTHER

*The
Ponder
Corner*

*Those who come here have
an aspiration and a possibility;
something in their psychic being
pushes and if they follow it,
they will arrive;*

Sri Aurobindo
ref. Letters on Himself and the Ashram, p.664

LAND ALLOCATION PROCESS

Dear friends,

For your information, published below is the land allocation process in the greenbelt. If you have any questions, please let us know at 'adminfamc@auroville.org.in'. - Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)

LAND ALLOCATION PROCESS IN THE GREEN BELT

This document approved by FAMC, Town Development Council, and Green group as of 25 July 2015

Land allocation and the appointment of stewards in the green belt should follow the following sequence:

1. Any plot becoming available for stewardship in the Green belt will be assessed as suitable for farming, forestry or other activities in the green belt by L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC in association with the Green Group. This assessment will be carried out based on the Land Use Plan for the Green belt.
2. Individuals interested in farming or forestry will be directed to the appropriate group - Farm or Forest. Other activities which are permissible in the greenbelt will be seen to by L'avenir/TDC... Each of these groups has their own processes for choosing and supporting stewards of Green belt land.
3. When a steward has been chosen by the Farm or Forest Group this appointment will be submitted to the Green Group which will submit it to L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC. L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC will certify that the land use proposal is in accordance with the land use plan. This certification information together with details of stewardship will be sent to the Green Group and FAMC for final scrutiny and approval.
4. Once land has been allocated by this process the construction of all immovable assets on the land must be done through the Green Group and TDC using the normal building permission process.
5. No individual land stewardship application will be entertained by the TDC or the FAMC outside this process.

Footnote: Land allocation can be reviewed in case the land is not being utilized for the purpose that it was allocated. The FAMC has the final authority of continuing stewardship, in collaboration with the relevant group (i.e. Farm, Forest, L'avenir).

LAND BOARD REPORT JULY 2015

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

1. A 20 year old encroachment issue of Siddhartha Forest on the backside of Edayanchavadi has been addressed. Since 6 years attempts have been made regarding fencing the east and south side of Siddhartha forest. This work has been completed by Land Board with untiring efforts and dedication by a newly joined member. This should prevent further encroachment. It is now the responsibility of the stewards and FAMC, L'Avenir and Green group to maintain the fence and they should support the efforts of Boobalan by settling strong stewards in this area.
2. In 2010, 94 cents of land was bought but not taken possession of, in Buddha Garden area 185/3b and 184/2a. This land was still possessed and enjoyed by the seller and had to be recovered after long negotiations, numerous visits and doing a government survey which was completed in July 2015. Buddha Garden is temporarily stewarding the land for protection. This issue has been brought to the notice of FAMC and Farm Group.
3. FAMC had approved a fence where there was a boundary issue with a neighbor. This was fenced after a survey last month. In order to protect Annapurna Farm from the

Thirchitrabalam - Vanur highway widening by the highway department, new markers were put. To protect the roadside of the Annapurna Farm and prevent any unwanted development, fencing is being done at Annapurna farm with the funds allocated by FAMC.

4. We have purchased 99 cents of land in Green Belt, Mattur area MA 307/4 to consolidate that part of the land. This land is next to Johnny's area.
5. A member from the Land board was present at the meeting held by AV Security Service, with the ASP and SP of Villupuram to discuss the protection measures to protect Auroville lands and its properties from theft and land grabbing taking place in Auroville.
6. As an update we would like to let you know that the survey in Srma has been completed in a peaceful manner. The report of the survey is still awaited and multiple efforts have been made via letters and visits to local administration to get this report. In the meanwhile the stewards of Srma should continuously monitor and protect the fence.
7. Two important fencing projects at Bharatipuram, namely Tamil Heritage Center and Auroville Language lab, with the approval of FAMC, have been initiated to keep Auroville lands safe from encroachments.
8. Survey at Sustenance farm IR426/1C,6B and land close to Surrender IR 406/6 has been completed and boundary issues have been resolved.
9. The Land board is in discussion with FAMC, TDC, Forest group, Farm group and Green group to understand the land stewardship process which is very important to all the groups.
10. The Land Board have informed FAMC and Housing Service to continue to keep the Gokulam area marked for exchange as it was initiated by LCC.
11. The Land Board would like to appeal to all Aurovilians to monitor the fences around their settlements, forest and farms to prevent encroachment and contact the green group and the land board if there are encroachments and land grabs. If Stewards are unable to protect these then the Housing Service can be approached to allot places for Aurovilians and Newcomers seeking houses.
12. A consolidated map has been provided to members of the Housing Board with the areas and plots which require caretakers and the ones which may be under the threat of encroachment.
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 Vanur court.
14. The wood sale for the month of July from 2nd July 2015 to 25th July 2015 was ₹62,102/-
15. For all units and activists interested to buy firewood or timber quality wood - please contact Kannayappan or call 0413 262 2657 and fix an appointment.

Land Board (Divya, Gerard, Kannayappan, Prasad, Sandeep, Suhasini, Sukrit)

REPORT OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE

Main topics dealt with in July 2015.

1. **Meeting with Doshi** - A report has been published on N&N and AuroNet, including our proposal for the restructuring of TDC, the feedback received by members of TDC itself, that of the TDC Advisory Board and the transcript of our meeting with Mr. Doshi. Feedback is open until end of August: all Residents are invited to submit proposals and suggestions within this term.
2. **Maintenance of Public Building:** The Acting Secretary, Auroville Foundation, has agreed that an amount of Rs 10 lakhs

can be allocated towards the repair and maintenance of public buildings. We have requested the BCC to follow-up on any incoming proposals.

3. 50th Anniversary Celebration: An overview of all proposals received from the community has been sent to the Envisioning Committee (EC) for their consideration. A meeting in the first week of August is scheduled in Delhi, jointly with representatives of the WCom. The WCom will publish the proposed structure of the celebration as envisioned by the EC.

4. Way Forward 2018: Action Plans from 4 Action Groups (Governance, Economy, Land & Town Planning, Youth) have been published in the N&N (online version) and Auronet. The Education Action Group will be submitting their plan very shortly. Growth and Bioregion have goals and milestones that are already integrated in the Action Plans of the above-mentioned Groups. Although the Action Plans are being published only now, it is important to note that work has already begun since a few months. The RAS is creating a web portal where all information and progress will be published.

5. Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) - Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act: The Auroville Council and the Working Committee had proposed and published (WCom June report) the following names were published for the constitution of the Internal Complaints Committee to be set-up under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013: Niva (Koodam/Realisation), Anbu (AVAG), Srijita (MM Nursery), Bridget (Luminosity), Anandamayi (Madhuca), Jayendra (Djaima), Yuval (Utility). Since the community feedback period has come to an end, and there have been no negative feedback, we will now bring the matter to the Chairman of the Auroville Foundation for the passing of the Standing Order. The members will soon announce when the ICC is operational. Please note that the scope of work of the Internal Complaints Committee includes issues of domestic violence.

6. We wish to add the name of Suryagandhi (Djaima) to the list of the ICC members and await the two-week community feedback starting now.

7. Volunteers' issues - Clarification: We have been trying to clarify with the Bureau of Immigration if Volunteers on an Auroville Entry Visa are entitled to volunteer in Auroville commercial units. The answer is yes but clearly this must not be used as a disguised Employment Visa, which would be very adversely perceived by the Indian Immigration authorities.

8. Aspiration Sports Ground: A second reminder has been sent to Rajan Naidu. We are still waiting for an answer to our email sent on 17th July 2014, to a first reminder sent on 29th October 2014 and to a second reminder sent on 22nd June 2015 about the dispute at the Aspiration playground and the acts of vandalism.

9. Closure Abri - Forecomers - Ravena road: The Working Committee together with the Auroville Security is trying to close some of the many accesses which make it difficult to limit entry into Auroville. Currently there are 32 possible accesses. A proposal to close the Abri / Ravena road was sent to the residents of Ravena, Forecomers and Success community for their feedback. The feedback is mixed between completely against and very much in favour. We open it to the larger community for your feedback too.

- The Abri check post will remain open for access to and from Auroville. The cow-gate near Ravena will be closed to two wheelers at night with a locked metal gate from 7 pm to 7 am with a number lock to open it when needed. Users will be informed two weeks in advance through boards with bilingual texts with timings.

- Then if it goes smoothly, eventually close it all day. If

this road is not a thoroughfare anymore, it will certainly limit traffic, attacks and poaching.

- As suggested by Renu and Jaap, we can in parallel ask the Kottakupam panchayat to finish the last tract of asphalt road (a couple of hundred metres) which reaches near Pitchandikulam bridge. This would become an alternative for thoroughfare between Auroville and Kottakupam/Solai Nagar.

10. Sludge Disposal: The TDC has accepted the land use for sludge treatment at BO.R.S.No. 30/3 A and BO 30/3 B and Johnny, the steward, has accepted this proposal with a written and signed document in the TDC office. The TDC asked the Working Committee to define the operators/team members that will take care of this project. Once all the relevant information is furnished the TDC will make an official announcement to the community.

11. Police Outpost - Last month, a plot next to the saw mill, opposite Maha Travels was announced as a possible spot for a Police outpost, at the outer border of the greenbelt. Other plots have been suggested since by members of the community and it is being discussed with the stewards. The plots will be published for feedback by next month.

12. TDC restructuring: we have published the proposed restructuring of TDC in the N&N and Auronet last week and await the feedback of the community.

13. Windarra: The implementation and monitoring group has welcomed three new members from the Farm Group: Ayanar (Brihaspati), Jeff (Discipline) and Ramalingam (Sustenance Farm). The group is meeting regularly and is making good progress.

14. List of Residents in Auroville: As per request from the AV Foundation, a list has been compiled with names of persons who have been out of Auroville for over 5 years. The list has been published on Auronet for community feedback. The Working Committee has received and taken in consideration several feedbacks and considerations which have been sent to clarify the present status of some of the listed persons. The next step will be to request the Resident Service and the Auroville Foundation to remove the names from the Register of Resident as well as from the Master list.

Ongoing matters

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

- 1) Trademark protection of the name of Auroville
- 2) Special Guests Coordination (jointly with the MM Access Team)
- 3) Kottakarai
- 4) Rayapettei Asset (jointly with the FAMC)
- 5) Auroville Health Services
- 6) Eco Service
- 7) Security
- 8) NTDA.
- 9) Post office shifting
- 10) Entry Service long-pending cases
- 11) GOI Grant Disbursement

The Working Committee (*Angela, Carel, Elisa, Eric, Mandakini, Manohar, Ranjith*)

L'avenir d'Auroville / Town Development Council (TDC)

July 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) TOS, Manohar (WC representative) present one meeting a week, Sauro (Overall Coordination and Facilitation), and Toby (Township Development) TOS for the last week.

Punctual attendees: David (Green Group (GG)), Fabian (GG), Fritz (Farm Group (FG)), Jeff (FG), Kumar (FG), Iyanar (FG), Paul-Vincent, Priya (GG) and Ramalingam (FG)

I. TDC-RELATED TOPICS

A/ Site and Building Applications

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

II. FINANCIAL TOPICS - *nothing new this month*

III. HOUSING TOPICS

A/ Housing for Aurovilians

Several housing projects will be occupied only on a provisional basis (Maitreye II for example). There are however many Aurovilians who are in need of housing. The TDC feels that they should also be considered for these projects alongside the Newcomers to try and find a permanent solution for them. The FAMC and Housing Board were contacted for their comments/feedback on this issue.

B/ Detailed Development Plan (DDP)

A meeting with architects and community members having provided feedback was held to discuss the DDP. A dedicated site was created in collaboration with the RAS and announced on the AuroNet and in the N&N. The feedback period will last until end of August, at which point Dr. Doshi shall study it, and then the TDC will answer all feedback.

All relevant documents were taken into account, such as the Master Plan 2001, various studies by Roger Anger and recent studies by Gilles Boulicot and Suhasini.

The DDP is an urban design; the models and drawings do not represent or define the architecture, sky-line or character and identity of the clusters.

Summary of concerns/questions raised:

- **Projects in the pipelines:** Current projects shall be developed further and keep their identity etc.
- **Participatory process:** Existing and future developments will be brought together through communication (between the planning team, architects and the community), meetings and participatory processes.
- **Integration of ground realities and people's needs:** Surveys have been conducted over the past years to know the base on which all studies can grow. The feedback period is precisely meant to gain consciousness on actual needs. When all feedback and comments have been collected, this additional information may be used and included in the DDP to improve it.
- **Environmental-related issues:** Regarding biodiversity, biomass, soil conservation and percolation, the DDP specifies each aspect by area (such as green spaces and corridors).
To successfully strive for our ideal, it is necessary to acquire all lands and generate enough funds.
It was also suggested to include green elements in the buildings.
- **Galaxy and Mother's guidelines:** The DDP was studied in such a way as to reduce mobility (service roads vs. roads for internal mobility) and the lines of force respect height guidelines.
- **Validity of the NTDA with regard to non-AV lands:** If a DDP of the entire Master Plan area were submitted and approved, it would limit encroachments. Furthermore, the GB is working on getting permission to sell outside land in order to acquire missing land in the city area.
- **Future unknown developments:** As the future may create new needs, several reserved spots are needed for community or area-related needs. These amenities need to be defined through participatory processes and community input.
- **Deepening the study:** It was agreed by all present that the

DDP is not detailed enough: feedback, participatory processes, and surveys will be updated, and Asia Urbs will be better integrated. Once all agreements have been reached, details included, etc., and these modifications made official, the architects and consultants will have a development plan on which to start working.

- **Evolution (funds, population, amenities, developments, land ownership):** These changing aspects need to be defined over time for review. To that effect, a 3-year timeline was proposed.
Furthermore, various other studies such as a mobility plan will also be added.
- **Studies for other zones:** Due to lack of funds and participation, studies of other zones have not happened as fast as desired.

The participatory aspect of this project was highlighted several times; therefore comments and feedback are highly encouraged, desired and welcome.

IV. LAND-RELATED TOPICS

A/ Auroannam

The TDC was contacted regarding any (current or future) developments in Auroannam. This land is earmarked for exchange so there will be no development in this area, i.e. no plans are being made within the TDC and no Site or Building Applications are being processed.

B/ Postman land survey

Following a survey conducted near Surrender, it was determined that pipelines can follow the road, and the fence of several communities (Invocation and Surrender) will need to be shifted so as to protect the land from any encroachment.

C/ Moonlight Farm - land allocation

Confusion arose due to a change in plot numbers: a piece of land was previously under Water Harvest and leased to the village under the old plot number in 2007; it was also allocated to Moonlight Farm under the current plot number. (Double allocation)

This land would be used by the village for waste segregation, not as a landfill site. Furthermore, only 50 cents of land are required for this project which would be made available for a limited amount of time on a "Permission to use" basis. If the project fails, it closes and the land is returned to Kumar.

D/ Under-utilized AV lands

Following up on the June report, a map of lands vulnerable to encroachment is currently being prepared, as well as a report and plan proposal.

E/ Land stewardship

The FAMC sent the TDC an email regarding 2 "stewardless" pieces of land. A meeting was then organized with the Green Group and this is what came out:

- a) Land in Irumbai: The Farm Group will apply for this land by Windarra which is currently under the Land Board (LB).
- b) Land by Buddha Garden: The stewardship of this land will either go to Buddha Garden or to Siddhartha Farm (under Matrimandir).

V. ROADS

A/ Verite radial feedback

All the feedback is being analyzed and a response will be prepared. Most concerns revolve around the fence, mobility, and parking for buses.

B/ Avenue trees

It is premature to plant trees until a road plan is ready because it reduces flexibility. The road plan (see point D/) should include the right of way and tree plantation.

C/ Solar Kitchen (SK) crossing

A clear design and estimates will be prepared for 2 options: a) roundabout or b) alignment of the existing road.

D/ Road plan

3 roads are currently being studied regarding their development:

- c) N-W access (Industrial Zone): Verite radial, Mangalam radial and road up to Celebration
- d) S-E access: Vikas radial, Ring road and SK radial (the

connection to the tar road must be studied)

e) International Zone loop road: proposal and alignments are being studied and discussed

VI. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A/ Kottakarai (KK) peace talks

To proceed with the agreement between KK and Auroville, feedback from the International Zone (IZ) and Bharat Nivas teams is needed.

B/ Solid Waste Management (SWM) project

The TDC is in the last leg of setting up a plan for regional SWM involving the local panchayat, the SWM groups in Auroville, the TDC and local administrations. We have received a letter from the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) in Villupuram requesting the TDC's good offices in making the plan a success. A working group is in place and anyone with knowledge in SWM is welcome to contribute their energy to this project.

C/ Water For All

The TDC is involved, along with PandyCAN and other organizations, in the preparation of a plan called Water For All. The goal is to gather information on various aspects of water management in an area with a 40-km radius around Pandy and Auroville. This project is ongoing.

D/ Green Belt Land Use Plan

The draft of this document is ready. It is currently under review and will be circulated to the concerned groups for comments. Once completed, the document will be published for community perusal.

E/ Fundraising

The TDC has organized a fundraiser for the completion of the Community Hall in Edayanchavadi.

Details have been posted in N&N no. 608 (date: August 1st 2015) as well as on Auronet (article: <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/52352>).

VII. GROUPS, ZONES, SERVICES - nothing new this month

VIII. OTHER TOPICS

A/ Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP)

More communication is necessary and the approval process needs to be modified for a more effective implementation: an information GM with Residential Zone sectors 1 and 2 will be organized in August to speak about the Detailed Development Plan (DDP) and the WWTP. If overall consensus is not reached

when everyone is informed, then a decision event may be considered.

B/ Pony Farm (PF) developments

There have been developments around PF: the only problem for building the road would be the fence.

The Housing Service is checking who moves in to PF as it is a temporary housing solution only.

C/ Auroville Earth Institute (AVEI) soil tests

Soil tests are being conducted in AVEI for a Project Coordination Group (PCG) project. These samples originate from 4 peramboke lands around Irumbai.

D/ Post-retreat/Way Forward 2018

Collaboration is happening between the TDC and 3 GG representatives to consolidate the Master Plan (MP) with ground realities. The 5 goals regarding Land (1) and Town (2) Planning were discussed:

1. Land planning:

- Protection of the Green Belt
- Land purchase prioritization
- Land utilization improvement

2. Town Planning

- Connection between the Galaxy and ground realities
- Sustainability framework

It was pointed out that the Galaxy only depicts several adjustable landmarks such as the Lines of Force, roads (Ring, Crown and 8 radials) and lake (3 proposals formulated by Michael, Gilles B. and Gilles G.).

Furthermore, many additional documents have been taken into account, such as the Master Plan (MP), the sensitivity analysis (land use) by Suhasini, the water preservation study by Gilles Boulicot, the Detailed Development Plan (DDP) and the electricity MP.

It was suggested to invite all stewards to discuss the green areas that may be affected by future developments and request them to bring their individual maps with details on forest and developments.

Another suggestion was to prepare a clear and simple graphic representation with different layers (ex: buildings, roads, etc.) like the DDP. This will allow for detailed information on the value of green spaces, right of way, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SRI AUROBINDO'S ROOM DARSHAN on 15th AUGUST 2015



Tokens for Darshan will be registered on:

Days: Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th August

Timings: 9 am - 12.30 pm and 3 pm - 6 pm

At: PITANGA, Samasti.

This is a service for Aurovilians & Newcomers only.

We remind you dear friends that from now on we will not be able to take requests by mail (Sorry for the inconvenience).

So to register your name(s) for Sri Aurobindo's Darshan tokens, we invite you to come or send someone to Pitanga with a requesting note. We will do our best for your requirements.

Registration on the phone will be taken only for people who are sick or not mobile.

Collection of tokens will be on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th at Pitanga from 9-12.30 pm and 3- 6 pm

Darshan timings: The tokens given by the Ashram enables you to go for Darshan usually between 12 noon and 4.30 pm with the limit of 30 persons per slot. The time slot 3.30 - 4 pm is reserved for Aurovilians taking the bus.

Transport: The bus will start from Matrimandir at 3 pm following the usual route and coming back to Auroville at 6 pm. The trip is restricted to those who are going for the Darshan.

Reminder from the Ashram: Auroville will not be granted extra tokens, beyond the number of tokens provided in the regular 9 time slots.

Reminder from us: There are four ways to go to Sri Aurobindo's Room or Mother's Room without a token on Darshan days.

- You may join the queue of devotees at 5-6 pm on the previous day, spend the night waiting on the street and enter the Ashram compound for Darshan from 9 am onwards.

- You may go on the day itself, join the queue between 3 and 6 am.

- You may go in the morning of the Darshan day and get your token at the Ashram. In this case you will probably need to wait or come back later at the time indicated on the token.

- You may join the queue on Darshan day before 5 pm as the queue is generally over between 5 to 6 pm.

Kumar, Mallika, Meha. _ Susmita in collaboration with Pitanga team

Trip to Pondy on 15th of August Darshan Day

There will be a bus on the 15th of August, Darshan Day, starting from Matrimandir at 3 pm, following the usual route, coming back to Auroville at 6 pm. The trip is restricted to those who are going for the Darshan.

Susmita

Announcement from BCC

Dear Community,

The Working Committee has informed us that an amount in the order of Rs. 10 lakhs will be made available by the Auroville Foundation for repair and maintenance of Auroville's public buildings.

BCC hereby requests all caretakers of public buildings to submit detailed proposal with estimates for the same. All final requests along with estimates can be sent to bccoffice@auroville.org.in

Thanking you and Sincerely,
BCC

A Clarification from the AVCouncil

Regarding our recent postings in the News & Notes and Auronet under the heading: the Green Group Mandate, the AVCouncil acknowledging the feedback received until now, has decided to give more time to the community and review the draft/document together with the relevant working groups.

Sincerely, Auroville Council

Houses available for transfer

Luminosity - Office space available, Sqm - 39.18.

Contact - Housing Service - 2622-658, housing@auroville.org.in.

Call for Grant Proposals Fall 2015

This present call is for Aurovilians who would like to prepare a project proposal to be submitted through the Project Coordination Group for either a:

- Project to be submitted to Stichting De Zaaier for possible funding before the end of this calendar year
- Micro-project in the categories of Women's Development or Informal Education, Youth or Innovative Start-Ups or,
- An application for the MT&D Programme

Copies of the appropriate application form will be emailed to you via pcg@auroville.org.in on request, or may be downloaded from Auronet: a guide for filling in the grant form is also available. If you do not know which application to use, or under which category to apply, please send us a brief description of your project or request so that we can advise you.

Project holders are invited to send their projects as a Word document, saved in the name of the project title, to pcg@auroville.org.in

FINAL DATE for submission is MONDAY, 17 AUGUST 2015

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

Please note that the Project Coordination Group will be meeting later in the year for its annual review of new and pending grant proposals for funding by the Foundation for World Education and Stichting De Zaaier in 2016. A call for such proposals will be announced in the News & Notes and posted on Auronet shortly.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Blessed are those... (Who take a leap towards the Future - The Mother)

'Remembering the Mother ...', a series of talks was presented at Savitri Bhavan, Bharat Nivas, Verite and some other places in Auroville from 2001 to 2004 and published as a book titled 'Darshan' in 2006. The programme continued from 2006 to 2011 and a second

book titled 'Blessed are those...' based on these talks along with a few articles from earlier days" sadhaks and volunteers, that appeared in some Ashram-Auroville connected publications, have presently come out.

It is published with the combined financial contributions from Auroville Foundation and SAIER and we are grateful to them. The book is dedicated to all those who are working towards the realisation of the ideals of Auroville, either in their physical bodies or without - at many levels.

This publication is intended as a commemoration of:

- (1) The 100th anniversary of Mother and Sri Aurobindo's meeting (1914-2014)
- (2) The Advent of the 60th year of the Supramental manifestation (1956-2016) and
- (3) The Golden Jubilee year of Auroville Manifestation (1968-2018).

We are sure many such will follow in the times to come. At the beginning, some of the audio record of the talks were transcribed by Patricia and handed over to Savitri Bhavan. The records were missing for some time but found later by Shradhdhavan and sent to me. I am grateful to both of them.

Originally we planned to publish this late 2013 or during 2014 but couldn't proceed and the materials were left in a

cupboard. Later I started clearing off the stuff from the cupboard and as I touched them I felt, inexplicably, a "Breathing" in them. Then I prayed to Mother because of my helplessness to finish that work, and miraculously things started moving onwards. Thanks to Varadharajan (who organised these talks) and Jothi Charles (who was the co-editor of the first book 'Darshan') along with RajaSundari (who did some of the transcription work) as well as MuthuKumari and Velmurugan for their administrative help, the book finally came out.

Primarily my intention was to do it for the victory of the collective spirit of Auroville and hence our group, not minding minor adjustments, worked with mutual goodwill and confidence. We have done our best to be factual with the original talks of all the speakers. In Mother's work we are still learners and toddlers in a way, not perfect, but there is no intention to hurt anyone. There are a few overlooks here and there which the collectivity may well understand.

When I met Shradhdhavan I told her that I was not a regular book publisher and not fluent in the language but still I attempted this as I wanted to finish the work with the cooperation of all the participants. She listened to me and with an affectionate, beautiful and reassuring smile said "This is very nice" - To me these words are like Rishi Vashista pronouncing Viswamitra as a Brahmarishi. Another sadhika in the Ashram too brushed aside my overlook in an article with her usual sweet smile.

These gestures encourage us to improve. "Always Better...*Toujour mieux*" as the Mother said. I am grateful. 'Blessed are those...' has been printed in 500 copies. It is free for Aurovilians. I requested my friends to circulate the book to

as many as they know who may like this kind of literature - as a collective participation. As the actual expenses have exceeded the funds received, those who would like to donate may do so at PT Account no. 252365 (book donations). The printing cost of each copy worked out to be Rs. 125/- Copies are presently available with me.

In oneness,

KK Syamala (Prarthana: 04132623082 or 9442934306)

Blood Donation Camp

On Sunday August the 16th, Auroville Village Action Group is hosting a blood donation camp! The camp will take place from 10 am to 2 pm at the AVAG campus. For any queries, please feel free to contact us at: avagoffice@auroville.org.in or call us at 0413 267 8871.

Please, join us in becoming a part of the solution!

Auroville Village Action Group - Irumbai Main Road Opp. TNEB Sub-station / Auroville, Tamil Nadu, India 605111

The "Collective BODY": Ecoservice



If all the objects we use to support our physical, emotional and mental capacities can be considered as extensions of our body, then Ecoservice would be the symbol of our "Collective BODY".

Since the work has to be done in the soul and in the body, it seems like the amount of energy, money and attention that we give to the symbol of our "Collective SOUL" (Matrimandir) compared to our "Collective BODY" (Ecoservice) is quite disproportional. Of course, it's a lot harder to be working at this physical level and the resistance is a lot bigger, but we feel it's now time to work it out as a Community.

We are now looking for **Architects** (for the plan of an office), **Botanists** (landscape design), or **General contractors** (Shed building) to help us with planning the most beautiful and educational waste & recycle center. Anyone else inspired is welcome to join this adventure, just contact: ouellet.alexandre@hotmail.ca.

Thanks for your energy! *Alex for Ecoservice*

Cinema Paradiso update

Dear Community,

We would like to keep you updated about the recent improvements done at the MMC/Cinema Paradiso. These needs were pending for so long that we could not ignore them any longer. In order to do so we had diverted most of the funds allocated for programs and hosting film-makers into this. Even then it was not enough. Still, we are glad that the following could be taken care of:

First time in 10+ yrs we have repaired the cracks and painted the inside of the auditorium including the ceiling.

One of our sound systems was malfunctioning and we repaired that.

We have replaced and added cables so that speakers have better flexibility in hooking up their laptops while speaking at the venue.

Both our DVD players were not working properly anymore. We have replaced them.

We have changed the battery, re-painted the light, and replaced the lights that were malfunctioning for the yard-light outside the hall.

We found out that simply oiling will not help the chairs. Most of the springs were broken. The chairs that we have are not built to sustain young or adult standing on them, jumping, skipping from one chair to the other or taking the pressure of

extended feet/legs over the back of the chairs in front. Each chair cost us Rs.750 just to repair. We could not even afford to change the covers.

In doing all these we simply ran out of funds: We could not take care of the following that were already in our list of urgent to-dos:

Replace our multimedia player which is now old and have started to malfunction.

Replace the covers of the chairs.

The doors we had were so heavy that the frames could not sustain them. Since then we are door-less, with dust and rain entering the auditorium easily. We need to install our front and back doors so that the main auditorium and the equipment therein can be protected.

We also want to construct a canopy leading to the front door - to give people and the hall some protection during the rain and shine.

Install an appropriately sized voltage stabilizer in the hall and Replace our very old and under-sized AC, which as you know keeps breaking down (affecting the equipment and to the utter discomfort of people) with a new one.

Hopefully, one day we can get to all that....

Every year, including last year - we had 352 evening and matinee film screenings (that is >716hrs of screening) - including our film series and the Eco-Film Fest. This year we will again bring you Auroville Film Festival in addition. We also offer the venue to Auroville Schools for programs for and by the students. All these are offered without charge. We do receive a nominal contribution for the venue booked by individuals or groups for their own programs - to cover some basic costs. We would like to continue to offer you a quality venue and wonderful films. In return we request your support to help us upkeep and maintain the place. Kindly do not (and discourage others from it) eat, drink, or snack in the auditorium and refrain from putting your feet up onto the seats.

As you know we receive only partial support from the City Services. Your monthly contribution therefore helps us a lot. **Please consider making a monthly contribution for the Cinema Paradiso (Account # 105106)** if you are not doing so already. Please do encourage other Aurovillians/Newcomers to do the same. Guests/Visitors no longer can give us a donation through blue-sheet. This has adversely affected our finances. You could inform/ encourage our guests and visitors to contribute to the MMC Account when they go to the financial service (They do not need to remember the MMC Account number but can simply direct their contribution to "MMC" or "Cinema Paradiso").

We look forward to our journey together.

Thanking you and in appreciation,
Nina and Marco for MMC/CP Group

SAIER Tender List 2015-16

We have a collection of following unserviceable items lying as scrap under following seven categories. We would like to dispose them off. They will be put on an **open tender** for each category on **Saturday, 8th August 2015 at 10:30AM**. We invite all interested parties to be there at **SAIER Store room in Udavi School at 10:00 AM** for registration.

SL.NO	NAME OF THE ITEMS	QTY	SL.NO	NAME OF THE ITEMS	QTY	SL.	NAME OF THE ITEMS	QTY
CATEGORY -A			CATEGORY -D			CATEGORY -E		
ELECTRONICS:			FUR			COMPUTERS & PERIPHERALS:		
1	Lamination Machine	1	24	Plastic Suitcase	1	47	CPU	19
2	DVD player	1	25	Wooden Cupboard 4x3	3	48	Monitor CRT	18
3	EPBX	1	26	Wooden chest of drawers	1	49	Keyboard	11
4	Audio System	1	27	Wooden chairs	7	50	Monitor LCD	10
5	Mobile	2	28	Small wooden Table	9	51	Printer	11
6	Camera	2	29	Small wooden bench 2x2	6	52	Scanner	1
7	Voice recorder	1	30	Small wooden Desk 1x2	8	53	Headphone	1
8	Video Camera Sony	1	31	Office chairs	5	54	Internet modem	2
9	Battery Charger	2	32	Steel chairs	2	55	Mouse	8
1	TV	2	33	Computer chair	1	56	External HDD	1
			34	Steel small table	1	57	Hard Disk Drive	2
	CATEGORY -B		35	Steel rack	2	58	Memory card	1
	ELECTRICALS:		36	Steel stool	4		CATEGORY -F	
1	Air Conditioner Set	1	37	Steel spring board	1		PLANT MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	
1	Ceiling Fans	1	38	Plastic chairs	2	59	Steel frame stepstool	1
1	Small Fridge	1	39	Plastic stool	2	60	Wheelbarrow	1
1	Electrical equipment	1	40	Wooden step ladder	1	61	Gymnastic frame	1
1	Emergency Lights	3	41	Aluminum Ladder	1	62	Water filter steel	1
1	Laboratory Heater	1	42	Wooden black board stand	4	63	Water can steel	1
1	Solar Led lamp	2	43	Wooden black board	6	64	weight machine	1
1	Pedestal fan	4	44	Steel Cupboard	1	65	Chain Saw	1
			45	Wooden Stool	1	66	Gas stove	1
	CATEGORY -C		46	White board	2	67	Tailoring Machine	3
	UPS & BATTERY			CATEGORY -G		68	Typewriter machine	5
1	Big Batteries	9		VEHICLES:		69	Harmonium	1
2	Small Batteries	8	72	E-Bike (Electrical Scooter)	1	70	Lakshmi wet grinder	1
2	Small UPS	6	73	Maruti GYPSY (PY 01- L 8923)	1	71	Prithi Mixer	1
2	Big UPS							

POSTINGS

AVFF art installations2015



The AVFF 2015, from Oct 2-7, invites contributions of site-specific installations to add to the general festival atmosphere. If you would like to create an installation, please do contact us

at: aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in

Public Service Announcements instead of Dial tone

If on your landline, you hear a recorded announcement instead of a dial tone, please do not panic. No one is 'hacking' or tapping your line. And it's certainly not an AV conspiracy by unidentified power hungry working groups in utter disregard of the RA. The recording can be ignored and one can continue dialing - AVTS

Request to the services and the units of Auroville

Please do not allow anyone to use my account without my signature. My PT account is 102839. Especially for Hers and Ganesh Bakery - Thank you, *Raju&Jayanthi, Rajagam/Discipline*

Auzolan repairs workshop closed

Auzolan repairs workshop (Manolo) will be closed from Friday the 7th of August to Monday the 17th. Sorry for the inconvenience. Best, *Eric for Auzolan*.

Invitation to new members

We would like to invite new members to join our team. If you are interested to contribute and work on the study of the Auroville Organization, especially the **Participatory Working Group Proposal** - its implementation, evaluation and fine tuning - this is a very good opportunity to do so. The team meets every Monday at 4 pm at Unity pavilion. Our e-mail: studygroup@auroville.org.in
Our existing team is composed by: *Helena, Isha, Eugen, Uma, Shivaya, Margarita, Pashi, Jaya (TOS) and Marc*.

3rd All Auroville Singing Festival

We are looking for musicians who could accompany some of our singers during the coming 3rd All AV Singing Festival that will probably take place on 10th and maybe also 11th October 2015. If you think you can help kindly contact Shakti at: shakti@auroville.org.in.
Thanking you, *Ananda*, Participants Coordinator

AVAILABLE

Teslor turns negative radiation into positive one.

Electromagnetic radiation from cellphones and computers can be harmful, especially if you are sensitive or use them often. The TESLOR transforms the negative, harmful radiation of your cellphone and computer into a positive form. Comparable products neutralize the radiation only. The TESLOR chip

change the subtle energy field, which can be measured by Kinesiology and dowsing. Available as bracelet or chip. *Hans*, Silence 9 5858 29329 - Innovation unlimited

7 second-hand bicycles

Good condition - with tools to repair; please contact: aczerny@gmx.de

Thank you! Kind regards! *Andreas*

From UTS

Taxi vehicle (T Board) Model 2011.White Colour. Contact Person: *M.Krishnan* - Contact Number: 9443362218.

Motorbike

Mahindra centuro, 1 ½ years old (16000kms). Red color. Excellent working condition. Contact *Mani/ Le Morgan café*: 8098433031

The grass is greener

Dear community, with the lovely rain that we have been blessed with; an enormous amount of beautiful green grass has sprouted everywhere. Along with the grass and the rain the mosquitoes have taken to the airspace and are running havoc among us as well as some slithering snakes. So please do call

BEFORE the rush if you want your grass cut! First call first served so don't delay, get on that phone and call GreenCare to help deal with them natty mozis and hissy snakes by cutting your grasssssszzz.

Dial 9585 8389 38 for turbo injected high adrenaline grass cutting experience! We do the green!!

Faaaar faster, yet top quality and ultra-attentive to details. I repeat don't delay, it's about to get craazy!!

Virya, for GreenCare

Maintaining E-Bikes and Mopeds at SaraCon

We undertake repairs and servicing of all makes and brands (company) including replacement of batteries, chargers and out-sourced spares to maintain the E- Vehicles within our community. We are located in SaraCon Campus near Svaram in Kottakarai, Auroville. Contact: +91 9443372418 or 0413-2622973 between 10.00 am to 12.30 pm and 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. We also have participatory rides and contribute E-Mopeds and E-Cycles activity for Aurovilians and long-time guests staying in Auroville Guest Houses. With Warm Regards, *Anand*

LOOKING FOR ...

Somebody interested in Forest and Electronic work

I am looking for someone responsible who is interested in Forest and Electronic work - place to stay, house-sitting, and workshop.

Contact *Hans* / innovation@gmail.com

Volunteers needed for AVFF 2015

The Auroville Film Festival 2015 team is urgently looking for volunteers with the following skills:

Downloading/Uploading: preferably working at Town Hall or in another place connected to the optical fiber

Googling films and getting us information to contact the director/distributor

Organisational skills with a flair for excel / Graphic Design / Photoshop knowledge

If you would like to help AVFF 2015 during this busy time, do please get in touch by email or phone. Many thanks, AVFF team - aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in / 04132623187

Someone who plans to go to Bangalore

Hi, I'm looking for someone who plans to go to Bangalore. I have several Macintosh laptops to give to repair there (it is around a 15Kg pack!) The people in Bangalore can send a taxi at a specific place to get the pack of laptops once there. Thank You - You can contact me on: 9489840173 (sms are best) or at: eric.chacra@gmail.com - *Eric Chacra*

Solar Battery, inverter and solar light

Hi, I am Balu from Azhagu-Bhoomi forest, I am looking for a second-hand solar Battery, inverter and solar light for my house - if anybody can help please inform me - call *Balu*:9786807071 (or) e-mail: sbalu.av@gmail.com

An amma

Hi, I am looking for a full-time Amma with very good experience with vegetable garden work and who is looking for some work in the green belt area - Contact *Balu*: 9786807071 or e-mail: sbalu.av@gmail.com

Russian-English Translator needed for art exhibition

My name is *Elena* and I am volunteering in AV. I am planning to do an art exhibition and need somebody from the Russian speaking community to help me translate short poems to go with my paintings - from Russian into English. It will take approximately 6 hours. If you want to help and make these poems available to non-Russian speakers please contact me at: 96 55 662645 or euuua@mail.ru.

Help for Auroannam Farm

Greetings - We, at Auroannam Farm, are preparing for the incoming season and optimizing our farmlands and the cafe. We have a bit of requirements to be fulfilled for a smooth operation.

We would like your help in terms of: 1) Organic Seeds (Vegetables and fruits) / 2) Farming Equipment / 3) Spare clay pots of any size - Also, we are looking for eager volunteers with bright ideas and a strong will to keep up with us :) - Please contact us at: Auroannam@auroville.org.in or call *Mawite*: +91 8940108632 - Thank You, *the Auroannam Family*

A second hand bicycle

I'm looking to buy a second-hand bicycle for a woman with speeds and not too heavy if possible. If you have one, please contact me at: karen.aalders@hotmail.com - *Karen*

THANK YOU

For the opportunity to serve you.

Dear Fellow Aurovilians,

At the outset we wish to thank you for giving us an opportunity to serve you for the last 11 years.

We started with low-cost Internet and International telephone service, a few rooms for convalescence and special diets. Over the years we have added a Wellness centre, Multimedia hall and a Library. In the peak season almost 100 Aurovilians,

Newcomers and guests visit us every day. We work around the year without a break to take care of Aurovilians under convalescence.

We have been working with AVHS for the last five years and have been able to provide convalescence facilities to a number of Aurovilians at highly subsidized rates. A few years ago FAMC gave us a sum of Rs. 15 Lakhs for accommodating some Aurovilians under the land exchange plan which did not happen. To offset this we decided to offer rooms at low cost,

which is equivalent to Rs. 50,000/- a month and amounted to more than Rs. 30 Lakhs over the last five years. We are also one of the most affordable guest houses and a number of Aurovilians bring their parents and friends to stay with us. We are among the top 10 Guest houses who contribute to the Central Fund.

We are not a medical facility and can provide facilities only for Convalescence, which means "A period of time during which you recover after being ill or after having had an operation, especially by having a lot of rest". We cannot look after cases of drug abuse or alcoholism as they need to go to Chennai/Bangalore where facilities are available. For Aurovilians who need medicare they need to go to Sante who have two in-patient rooms.

Aurovilians can stay in ARKA only for the period of convalescence and have to go to their homes once they are fit. However, AVHS has started an Assisted Living project for which ARKA and the Mahalaxmi Park have given some land, so anyone who needs a permanent place should apply to them.

Thank you once again for giving us an opportunity to serve you. Our website is: arka.org.in and for more information please contact us directly.

Regards, ARKA team

Summer School 2015

Auroville Consulting recently completed the 3rd edition of the 3H Summer School program. This three-week program, titled 'Unity & Diversity; Building for Cultural Encounters', took place from 12th July - 1st August 2015. 9 participating students from various parts of India learned about sustainable practices, project design and strategic planning and also got an exposure to practices that aim at developing self-confidence and inner strength. The students supported the African Pavilion Group in the design and construction of temporary structures and also contributed financially to the building project. We would like to express our gratitude to the many Aurovilians and volunteers that contributed their time to make the Summer School a successful program and a truly transformative experience for the participating students. Contributing people were: Eric, Taheer, Miriam, Jaya, Shivaya, Iraguha, Kasturi, Chitra, Fabian, Lavanya, Joe, Remona, Sujith, Sushil, Diego, Mani, Balu, Segar, Satya, Vimal, Martin, Thomas, Vincent, Jean

Sebastian, Jisu, Ross, Sam, Audrey, Lucas, Ribhu, Suhasini, Toine, Vikram, Lara, Ridhima, Ganesh, Deepti, Luigi and Helmut.

A video, publication and a student presentation on the Summer School program is available under: <http://www.agpworkshops.com/blog>
Martin Scherfler (Auroville Collaborative)

Big Thanks from Africa House

The Africa House Team (Africa House, Pavilion of African Culture, and International Zone) would like to thank all the participants of the ongoing work on the site for the community hall, compost toilet, kitchen....

Especially we would like to thank Martin (Auroville Consulting) along with Vimal and Segar for bringing architects from the Auroville Green Practices Summer School 2015 to help with the labor for the community hall and compost toilet, and for conceptualizing volunteers and students' capsules.

Big thanks to the "Girls Power" team, nine architects from different parts of India: Alisha Jain, Anoushka Sharma, Anushree Bhattacharjee, Astha Chopra, Bhairevi Aiyer, Harhitha G, Kritika Sahu, Pragma Sharma, Ridhima Khanna.

Thanks to Fabian and Lavanya for the design of the community hall and compost toilet,

Thanks to Diego for his contribution with workers on bamboo, and on the site with Balu, Mani, Satyavan.

Along with them we would like to thank also many Aurovilians who contributed in different ways to help the girls to understand the ideals of Auroville, and make them feel comfortable: Eric, Taheer, Miriam, Jaya, Shivaya, Iraguha, Kasturi, Chitra, Joe, Remona, Sujith, Sushil, , Segar, Satya, Vimal, Thomas, Vincent, Jean Sebastian, Jisu, Ross, Sam, Audrey, Lucas, Ribhu, Suhasini, Toine, Vikram, Lara, Ridhima, Ganesh, Deepti, Luigi and Helmut, and if we forget somebody, please forgive us.

All of you contributed to the amazing energy and enthusiasm which resulted into a graceful environment in which the temporary structures of the Africa House - Pavilion of African Culture, sprouted.

Heartfelt thanks to YOU ALL, Africa House Team

A P P E A L

We need YOUR HANDS!

Dear Aurovilians, Newcomers, volunteers and guest, we - the Africa House, Pavilion of African Culture in the International Zone - urgently NEED YOUR HANDS.

After the amazing AV Green Practices Summer School 2015 "Unity & Diversity; Building for Cultural Encounters" - nine architects from different parts of India have left. Some tremendous work was done but the **ROOF of the community hall** still needs to be built. We would like to seize this moment of grace and finish the work, so that we can host future events in this space. Since we are not so many at the moment in Auroville, we are asking YOU to give us a HAND. Either for a few hours, a full day or a full week - all are welcome.

We are expecting you on the site of the Africa House - opposite the Bharat Nivas entrance - on the old road to the Visitors' Centre where we work every day.

For more information please contact us on: 262 35 76, 9514676930 (Eric), 9443621742 (Shivaya)

And if one feels inspired to contribute in any other way, this is also very much welcome. For those who would like to contribute, our account number at FS is: Africa House #251476

With gratitude, Africa House Team

From Koodam team

Dear community,

We are happy to share with you that the Koodam team is moving its office to Kailash (the old Kailash Clinic rooms).

In order to make our new office a space to welcome and host people who need support with difficult communications or disputes, we would like to create an atmosphere of simple beauty and harmony.

We would like to ask for your support. Here is what we need:

3 office tables / 1 small low table / 10 chairs / 1 water filter / 1 UPS / 1 modem and router / 1 landline phone / 1 electrical kettle / 1 small Almirah / Plants

If you have any of the above, in good condition, that you don't need and would like to give away, please email us: koodam@auroville.org.in or call 9843191370.

If you would like to donate some money please transfer it to Koodam account: 251196, specified "Koodam Office". Any amount will be helpful.

Thank you for your support,
Koodam team

For Goupi

Our friend and brother Goupi needs to find a place. His stay in the convalescence room at Arka will soon be over. Finding a place for Goupi is not easy. Returning to Aurodam where he was staying with Li Mei is not the solution for several reasons. It would link him to a difficult period. Besides, Li Mei, who struggled so much with all this for so many years is entitled to find peace.

In fact, Goupi's problem is coming too soon or, rather, we are late: for years now, we know that we have to create a home dedicated to elderly Aurovillians who are challenged. If such a home would already exist, of course Goupi would find a place in it, as there would be professionals and volunteers to deal with the specific difficulties of each case.

This must prompt us to speed up whatever process (in our unyielding bureaucracy) which would aim at creating this home. It should have one of the highest, if not the highest priority: we are late, in fact, very late. Let us at the same time look up for the formation of a team which could man such a place. There are already elements of such a team. Again, we have to speed up and find the means.

Meanwhile, there is an urgent need for Goupi. We were hoping that Arka could give him a chance, at least a trial period, but they are not willing as they claim, and of course there is an element of truth in it, that they are not equipped to deal with Goupi. Problem: at this point, who is? Yet Goupi needs a place.

So we are sending this appeal to the community at large. Can we together find a place for Goupi? Not necessarily the ultimate solution but a step in between that would give us the time to find the right solution for him.

The Goupi support team / Supported by the Auroville Council

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House sitting1

Dear ones near (city area) and far (green belt); this is a rather urgent, bold and loving call for help. Who of you has a little place or even a big house to share with me temporarily? I am in an impossible situation: due to my exhaustion I am not able to return to my old house. Yet I believe in the possibility that a big sister is courageous enough to accommodate me until the Housing Service or myself find something long term. I am quite easy going and happy, grateful in my own way!

So either from August 27 or better August 12 to spare me one additional shift. Let's share and care...problems will dissolve.

Kayananda: 2623038 or SMS 944318-7453

House sitting2

Namaste everyone. I am coming to Auroville for 6 months from the 7th of August onwards and would like to find affordable housing or house-sitting from time to time. I am a male in my 30s, quiet and clean. I would like to do some volunteering in Auroville. Please contact me at: drinkz9@yahoo.com. *Dirk Maas*

House sitting3

We are a newcomer family - Juan (from Spain), Ally (from Taiwan) and Nalia (4 years, from Hawaii), looking for long-term house-sitting. We enjoy being with animals and nature and looking after things. We will come back and start our

newcomer process from mid-September onwards. If you are away and need house-sitters, please call: *Ally* - 9943504166.

House sitting4

We are a couple, both around 50 years. Natalia will be working in the new Santé Clinic as a Doctor and Peter will be writing his Master in Intercultural Art. Our daughter is attending Future School and is living in Kailash. We are responsible, reliable, used to be in collectives, do practical housework, gardening, taking care of cats etc. We will need this housing from about October 2015 to March 2016. Contact: peter.loegstrup@gmail.com

House sitting5

We, my son 13 and I 47 - and a dog (Chihuahua), are looking for a two bedroom longtime accommodation. We are on the way to become Newcomers. We have been here already for a year. My son is attending Depanam School and I am volunteering in different places. Please let us know if something is available. Thank you, tel: 9943368410, kay_nag@yahoo.de. *Kay*

House sitter

I will be away from the 21st of Aug till 2nd of Nov. My house in Quiet is available for house-sitting to a single, responsible, quiet person (or a couple) who likes animals. Please call 0413 2622637 or SMS 9488483286 or email: shahnandi@gmail.com
I look forwards to hearing from you, *Nandita*

TAXI SHARING

August 10th: We have 2 seats available, leaving Auroville around 2pm to Chennai Airport. Call *Juan* 709486922

August 12th: -Taxi leaving from Dana to Chennai Airport around 5pm, 2 seats available, Call *Ally* 9943504166.

August 13th: I, Sylvia, will arrive at Chennai airport on August 13th at 3.30am. If anybody comes/goes to the airport at around that time please contact Karin from Discipline under landline 2622 677 or 904 7013 086 for further arrangements. *Sylvia - Surrender*

August 14th: At 8.20 I will arrive at Chennai airport with Emirates. If you are interested in sharing a taxi, please let me know. *Tineke*

August 18th: An empty taxi will be going from Auroville to Chennai Airport to be there at 8.30am. For sharing it both ways (but only one place from the Airport back to Auroville), please call: 9047654157 - email: silvanagrippo8@gmail.com. *Silvana*

August 18th: at about 4:00 am. Going to Auroville from Chennai international terminal 4. Patricia: pat@auroville.org.in

August 20th: Frederick and I could share a taxi with someone leaving Chennai airport on August 20 at about 1 pm and coming to Auroville. We could do the same on August 28, leaving Auroville at around 9 am for the airport. Please, contact me by email if you are interested: monatmam@gmail.com

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Interior design models

Looking for a person who can make interior design models in SketchUp Pro. Contact *Lieve*: 9159281631

Chinese translations for the Auroville website

It has come to our knowledge that some of the Chinese translated pages on our www.auroville.org website, starting from the translation of The Charter, are not accurate.

We need assistance from some Chinese-speaking person to check them and possibly make them better.

If interested, please contact: webmaster@auroville.org.in

We take this occasion for reminding you that also other languages need a more extensive presence on the Auroville website, for communicating the message in most possible different countries: whoever is willing to collaborate, even in spare, limited time, please come forward, as a service to Auroville.

Thank you,

Manohar AV.org webmaster (Auroville Web Team)

Cooking in Jolly Kimbap.

The youth of Auroville is most welcome to learn cooking in our Korean Sushi restaurant called 'Jolly Kimbap'. 'Kimbap' is an

amazing food with which you can create numberless and brilliant items with a large variety of ingredients. It is a popular fusion food.

We would like to build a sustainable enterprise with youth at its base, and hope to encourage young people to create their own life. We would very much welcome a characterful, lively person ready for working together and sharing ideas.

Please see our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jolly-Kimbap/1477043819277821?ref=hl>

[email: jollykimbap@auroville.org.in/](mailto:jollykimbap@auroville.org.in) Phone: 97517 83912

For your Jolly Kimbap in Adventure, *No-eul* (Manager).

AUROVILLE RADIO



Bonjour Hello and Vanakam,

Auroville Radio is always looking for Software engineers to take care of the new features for our website and programmers familiar with Android and I-phones apps.

We have continued the team work with Christine; helping us organize our activities, give clear fund-raising goals and costs, this has also helped build a team spirit, clarify direction and may lead to refine content.

Pre-newcomer Prem (engineer) has repaired many of our devices and is helping us manage our computer network and upgrade our electric system. This work was much needed and we are very grateful for his help and look

forward to further involvement.

Prem and Rema are looking for accommodation in Auroville, we thank you for your help to make this a reality.

Since the Community Service week we are pleased that some of the students have been engaged in providing regular or occasional content.

We continue to explore the new scope of the "Archives" and to utilize the opportunities that the NKN (National Knowledge Network) offers. Last week we tested the live video broadcasting (at very high quality) in the new fiber-optic network just laid down and it's working well! The NKN has already connected 1070 institutions and aims to connect over 1500 Institutions / Organisations / Laboratories under various categories throughout the country. We will have a live link (audio/video) session with AVI USA on the 22 Aug to present new projects, like the coming FM station and video broadcasting in Auroville and abroad.

Newcomers and Aurovillians are always welcome to join the Auroville Radio team; journalists, producers, volunteers and students are always welcome to come and visit us at the ground floor in the Town Hall.

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.

Amazing Progress (International Programs 01/08/2015)

Presentation of participants in AV Green Practices Summer School 2015 who helped with construction of Africa House - [English, 34 Minutes]

21st Century Techno with Sic Sixx (Music 01/08/2015)

In today's Auroville Radio music programme, we have Sic Sixx bringing to us a 21st century techno playlist -[English, 45 Minutes]

Off the Cuff-37 (Performing Arts 31/07/2015)

Renting space for profit should no longer be tolerated. It goes against the very core of Auroville's purpose. -[English, 17 Minutes]

African Twist, Lingala (Music 31/07/2015)

African mix of songs of lingala, Congolese rumba, benga - [English, 83 Minutes]

Selections par Gangalakshmi-48 (Performing Arts 30/07/2015)

Selection par Gangalakshmi-48. Cette semaine; -[French, 22 Minutes]

Terra Del Sud, Africa (News from Auroville 30/07/2015)

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

Local women will dwell on menstrual cycle 31st at 3.30 pm at unity Pavilion. -[English, 12 Minutes]

World Groove Connection #2 (Music 28/07/2015)

Erika and Siam Lee, travellers, musicians and cultural activists, present the new trends of world music! Let's GROOVE! - [French, 45 Minutes]

Content at the Speed of Light (Infrastructure 28/07/2015)

A very fast fiber optic network is connecting some public buildings in Auroville. Video content will be shared soon. - [English, 11 Minutes]

Good Vibrations (Medical Research 27/07/2015)

Explore the effects of sound on the brain and how it can heal in this in-depth study by Albert in Auroville -[English, 40 Minutes]

Integral Education, AV Films (News from Auroville 27/07/2015)

Conversation on integral education tomorrow at 4 pm at SAIER. Workshop with Tamil women on menstrual pads. - [English, 14 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

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Oman Airways has promotional offers to Europe

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Etiihad Airways has promotional offers to Europe

Qatar Airways has promotional offers to Europe travel after 15 September

We are able to offer's Europe to India. Any where in the world to India back pay by credit card

Hotels: International and Domestic Hotel booking can be done at discounted rates.

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

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04132622604 / 2623030, domestic@inside-india.com,
doulat@inside-india.com
Tours and Domestic Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622047,
insideindia@auroville.org.in

EATING OUT

Kofi Bar

Kofi Bar, now a unit of Auroville (AFA) welcomes you for cold coffees, 110% fresh juices, sandwiches and much more. We also serve a variety of vegan foods and drinks and organic chocolates.

Location: Kuylapalayam main road, next to Yatra Nova travel agency.

Open everyday from 10.00 am to 8.30 pm.



Warriors of Light

There is a place on earth that fights tirelessly against the darkness: Auroville. It is not insignificant that Aurovilians are only a few (about 2,500) after more than 45 years - A city aiming at a population of 50,000.

The Consciousness governing this place is of a particular essence: very different from the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in Pondicherry where one feels lulled by Mother, and this unconditionally. In the ashram, no fighting, only the protection that envelops us and demands nothing in return - A divine grace that blesses us like magic - A spiritual territory that could be called paradisiacal. This is, at least, the way I feel.

In Auroville, it is just the opposite: A place of all fights. People are left to themselves and evolve at the heart of daily action and its difficulties, without feeling the burden lightened up by the Divine Grace. Only the strongest ones can remain there and win the "privilege" of being called Aurovilian, after a process worthy of the twelve labors of Hercules. I hardly exaggerate. It is not enough to want in order to be able to realize; we must cling to the goal of a superhuman way to accomplish the achievement of being accepted in the community and receive recognition on paper to be a real Aurovilian.

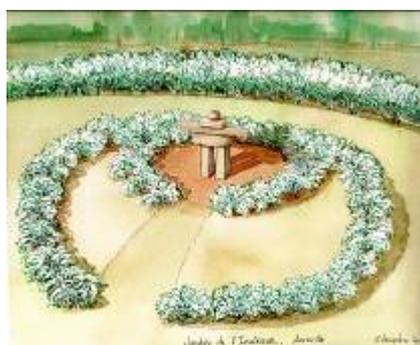
We believe wrongly that it is a blessing to have this status and the path becomes lighter from that time on. Aurovilians actually represent global shields for all difficulties. They are concentrated in this confined space; and this is no accident. The Divine Consciousness chooses its warriors of light sparingly, and freely uses them for lack of new candidates that it hardly recruits.

No Aurovilian will tell you that it is easy to live in Auroville. What you can find in your respective country, the sense of clan, family, does not exist there. Each fighter is alone with his consciousness. Even courtesy is completely non-existent in Auroville, something I find intolerable, but which for them represents a barrier they work to transform. The little that is good in the world, Auroville is not entitled to. They are warriors and they fight against the darkness. They eat it. They are here to transform the earth. When something is turned into light, it takes off into the world. And they care for others' darkness falling on them. In fact, they are taking the hits for nothing (to lighten the earth). What I am saying is that we have in the world, in our lives, some respite, but they don't. Auroville is the front line and the continuous trench warfare.

It is important not to judge Aurovilians. Moreover they do not have a cure. Let us express gratitude for these creators of the New Consciousness. Mother gave them the beauty of the place in order to alleviate their agonies: Art reigns supreme, leisure is handpicked, schools allow development, food is varied, delicious and complete; and above all, there is the Matrimandir where they connect with their Superior Self to regenerate themselves.

Thanks to the Aurovilians to pursue the goal of Human Unity without reaping the fruit at this time, diffusing the light they generate in the world tirelessly and stubbornly continuing their alchemist transformation work on darkness and division.

Andrée Gagné-Feuillette



About the Inukshuk Garden

The idea of the Inukshuk Garden was already around in 2009 when the monument was erected. The project, following Monique's suggestion, consisted of planting white bougainvillea around the Inukshuk, in order to evoke the snow of the Great Canadian North. A well was dug in February 2014 in the International Zone, but the connection with the Inukshuk was not done as it was planned. So we, members of AVI-Canada Board, decided to tackle it ourselves and have it realized during my stay in Auroville in February 2015. We succeeded but through a lot of difficulties, in an atmosphere of defiance and confrontations with some members of the International Zone group and even AVI's.

Naturally, nothing is simple in Auroville. Planning and projects are easy to realize on paper, but implementing them is much more difficult. We were indeed surprised that our modest and trivial project aroused so much misunderstanding, even hostility from a few people. If everyone puts one's grain of salt (or one's grain of sand in the gears) in a systematic and counterproductive way - even in generous and promising projects - this makes a lot of the work more complex. This functioning mode is not aimed at all at efficiency and is discouraging a lot of good will. After having so experienced the *modus operandi* working in Auroville, we could but express our admiration for all the builders who have succeeded in accomplishing the beautiful realizations in Auroville. We could hardly imagine the required amount of courage, abnegation, persistence or even stubbornness.

The International Zone will not make any progress if we cling to decades of old plan as to a life saver. This zone has been stagnating for 45 years. The model of the International Fair has lost its attractive power, and the governments of the world don't seem to be suddenly interested in investing in it massively in the near future. It would be interesting to revisit other concepts, such as an intercontinental approach. There are more subtle affinities among countries than only geographic ones. It is ironic to see that in the oversized European zone we can only see as tangible establishments (however declared temporary or moveable) the International House, built and financed by the Americans, the Canadian Inukshuk, the Art Centre by the Indo-American Krupa, Amy's house and Bill's house (both Americans), and also the Latin American Circle (Anandi). How can we not hear resonating there the divine laughter who is mocking all those laborious human concepts?

When we faced the International Zone group last February, we felt that a kind of blockage was in place. It seems everything becomes a big issue when it is related to the International Zone. Maybe is this due to the fact that Auroville is a symbolic representation of the Earth and that in the International Zone, all countries and their collective ego, exchange and communicate as per the traditional competition, mistrust and aggressiveness? It is meaningful that at the Auroville botanical garden, a vegetal labyrinth had just been inaugurated under the sponsorship of AVI-USA, and that a Japanese garden will soon be added. Why could not these projects have been logically implanted in the International Zone?

In spite of its obvious malfunctions, Auroville remains a wonderful place, unique in this world, where we feel that the atmosphere, if we know how to remain open to it, is sustaining us and taking us through all difficulties. We are comforted and sustained by the beauty of this special place, its nature and human creations. It is the individual initiatives, the artistic creativity, the educators' quality and dedication, the gardeners' skills and the builders' perseverance that give Auroville its value. If there were less redundant meetings and more silent concentration in work, less mental arrogance and more flexibility and sincere good will, Auroville would be a better place. Mother's stern warning to the first Aurovilians still rings true today: "*No more committees, no more useless talk.*" (Words of the Mother, volume 1, page 209, February 17, 1971)

Christian Feuillette (translated by Catherine)

The Supraphysical Experience of an Aurovillian under the Banyan Tree

The supraphysical plane of existence is above the physical world. We cannot know about it through our physical sense organs and sense. But the subliminal, our inner self, has the means and power to reach the supraphysical existence.

Gajendran, a long time Aurovillian, working in the Matrimandir gardens as a caretaker, once discussed with me his supraphysical experiences. One day he was lying on a granite bench near the banyan tree. He experienced that his head was moving backward. He felt the friction of his head on the surface of the granite bench. Suddenly he raised himself along with the granite bench to the top of the banyan tree, stayed there for some time and then returned to his original place. His experience coincided with the controversy over the replacement of the granite benches with the old circular granite sitting arrangement. How could we explain that this phenomenon happened to Gajendran?

A knowledge of the salient features of the subliminal being (inner being) would be necessary to understand the entry into the supraphysical plane of existence. In man the subliminal is behind the outer being. The subliminal self, consisting of inner mental, inner vital and inner physical, is capable of expansion and movement. Its instruments such as inner sight, touch and hearing are the channels of contact by which it gains direct knowledge about the objects and phenomena outside its being. It has the right of entry into the different worlds of the Universe. The subliminal is a great dream builder and transcriber also. It uses the record of dreams and dream figures to make the outer-self understand the dreams.

Gajendran was relaxing himself on the granite bench. The consciousness of his outer self withdrew from the activities of its outer mind, outer vital and outer physical and entered into the inner subliminal self. It was aware of the conditions of the inner waking state. Normally the subliminal self could communicate the messages to the outer self through dreams and dream figures. In the case of Gajendran it was not like that. Sri Aurobindo says that the inner waking state is a form of trance. Gajendran had gone deep into his inner subliminal self. His subtle physical consciousness, a part of the subliminal self, was active. All material objects are not formed by gross material substance alone. The granite bench and the banyan tree have also a subtle physical. When Gajendran was in the subtle physical consciousness of the subliminal being, his subtle physical ascended higher along with the subtle physical of the granite bench and reached the supraphysical realm of existence. After experiencing the conditions of that existence his subtle physical returned to the subliminal being. The consciousness that had entered into the subliminal from the outer waking self, had also participated in the supraphysical experience of the subliminal in the inner waking state. When it returned to the outer waking state, it communicated to the outer self the conditions of the supraphysical existence. Gajendran was aware of that experience and shared it with others.

The Mother also had similar supraphysical experiences. Her body consciousness (subtle physical) ascended to the Supermind and returned with the supramental power.¹ If we analyse carefully the supraphysical experience of Gajendran and follow the process involved in it, we will understand that his capacity to have this supraphysical experience is a blessing for him from the Divine. His experience is real and not an illusion.

Ref:

1. *Mother's Agenda, 1961, Vol.2, pp.41-42*
2. *The life Divine, Book 2, Part 1, Chapter V, pp.441-444*

Submitted by Somasundaram (somasundaram.aspiration@gmail.com)

I have a dream

I dream of a world in which love is the answer to every question, the response to every situation, the experience in every moment.

I dream of a world in which life and that which supports life is the highest value, receives the highest honor and has its highest expression.

I dream of a world in which equal opportunity is granted to all, equal resources are available to all and equal dignity is accorded to all, so that all may experience equally the unequalled wonder of life.

I dream of a world in which judgment is never again visited by one upon another, in which conditions are never again laid down, before love is offered and in which fear is never again seen as a means of respect.

I dream of a world in which differences do not produce divisions, individual expression does not produce separation and the greatness of the whole is reflected in the greatness of its parts.

I dream of a world in which there is always enough, in which the simple gift of sharing leads to that awareness and creates it, and in which every action supports it.

I dream of a world in which suffering is never again ignored, in which intolerance is never again expressed and in which hatred is never again experienced by anyone.

I dream of a world in which ego is relinquished, in which superiority is abolished and in which ignorance is eliminated from everyone's reality, reduced to the illusion that it is.

I dream of a world in which mistakes lead not to shame, regret leads not to guilt and judgment leads not to condemnation.

Thank you,
Ingrid



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



Sri Aurobindo's Birthday At the Matrimandir Amphitheatre

There will be a collective meditation with Dawnfire on 15.8.2015 from 5 am.

The fire will be lit at 5.15 am.

Recording of Mother's voice reading from 'Savitri' book 11 will be played.

Entrance from 2nd Banyan gate only. Gate opens at 4.30 am.

All are requested to come early and be seated by 5 am.

Please remember to bring along a torchlight and leave your pets and cell phones at home.

Those with camera must take their seat on the southern side of the Amphitheatre, at 'the PHOTO SPOT'. Photography without flash please.

Please note that access will be limited to the Amphitheatre and up to 7 am only.

A special request to all to maintain an atmosphere of silence and concentration.

Visitors are requested to either carry their Aurocard or collect personally free tokens available at the Visitors Centre (upstairs)

on the 13th and 14th of August between 3 pm and 5 pm.

EVENING PROGRAMME AT 5.30 PM

'The Birth of the Flame'

Russian singing bells resonating in the Amphitheatre!

Bonne Fete and see you there!

**THE TEACHERS CENTER INVITES AUROVILLE TEACHERS AND PARENTS TO
AN INTRODUCTION TO NATURE'S THEATRE,****A Lilaloka's activity**

Nature's Theater is a playground where we play with points, lines and shapes. To witness their birth, we learn to work with a sacred tool, the compass and discover the magic behind simple shapes.

Anna will share her work and material and show how to work with it. All developed material can be borrowed by the schools.

Where: Teachers Center, SAIER

When: Tuesday 11th 4-5.30 pm

**YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE LAUNCH CEREMONY OF TWO NEW CAMPAIGNS FOR THE UNIFIED
AND HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF AUROVILLE**

Acres for Auroville Phase 2 - for the City area's 4 zones around Matrimandir
GreenAcres - a new campaign targeting urgently-needed plots in the Greenbelt

Background: One year ago, on 15 August 2014, **Acres for Auroville Phase 1** was launched as a collaboration of **Auroville International** with **Lands for Auroville Unified** - LFAU. The campaign has borne its fruit in the sense that 1) it reached the funding target thanks to contributions from many friends within and without Auroville and 2) it enabled the first purchase of a vital Matrimandir area plot. This success conveys a message: "Yes, the momentum must be maintained". Hence, this 15th August 2015, **A4A Phase 2** is being launched for missing plots in the City area as a whole.

At the same time, another campaign **GreenAcres** - an LFAU action led by Sigrid - is now ready to be launched after a year of preparation. As the name suggests, **GreenAcres** seeks to secure important pieces of land in Auroville's Greenbelt, with the participation of Auroville's Green Portal and a Greenbelter-LFAU team.

Together, these two campaigns encompass Auroville's total Masterplan area.

Programme Date: Sat 15th August - from 11 to 11:50 AM (approx.)

Place: ACUR Town Hall Meeting Room, 1st Floor

Chief Guests: Varadharajan (representing pioneering Aurovilians),

Kavitha Urvasie (representing youth of Auroville)

Programme:

- Welcome & campaign introduction and update by Aryadeep and Sigrid
 - Video of A4A and Power-point presentation
 - Ribbon Cutting - Varadharajan and Kavitha
- Brief talk by Varadharajan (about his work with the Mother) and Kavitha
 - Answers to questions & suggestions, if any, and open discussion
- Distribution of booklets containing people's reminiscences of meeting the Mother and Sri Aurobindo for the first time

We shall be glad to see you at the inaugural event! Welcome!

Aryadeep

Mandakini

Sigrid

GUIDED VISIT TO SACRED GROVES

On 14th August Friday at 5:15 pm the Sacred Groves housing project is organizing a guided visit to show the work we are doing. We are building three experimental prototype houses mainly made out of cob, to set new standards towards sustainable and affordable housing in Auroville.

We are very happy to invite Aurovilians, Newcomers, volunteers and guests of Auroville, who are interested in our approach and philosophy towards sustainable building and living. Please come to visit Sacred Groves and share with us this new experience.

Sacred Groves Team (Manu, Rene, Joseba and B.)

A SAVITRI STUDY CAMP

Will be led by Dr. Alok Pandey

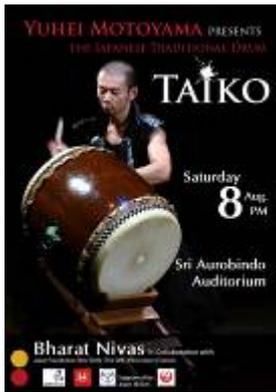
At the Sri Aurobindo Society Beach Office (No. 1, Rangapillai St., Pondicherry)

August 16 to 22, 2015 (Daily from 5.15 to 6.00pm and 6.15 to 7.00pm)

Book Six, The Book of Fate
Canto 2, The Way of Fate and the Problem of Pain

No fee or prior registration required

Submitted by Shraddhavan



TAIKO PERFORMANCE

At Sri Aurobindo Auditorium - Bharat Nivas
On Saturday 8th of August at 8 pm

Yuhei Motoyama started playing Taiko at the age of 12 in a Japanese Drum group "Hatoyama Koinnokai", based in the Saitama prefecture.

While playing in the group for 10 years, he trained himself not only in composing pieces but also by playing in many places in the world.

SCENES FROM SRI AUROBINDO'S SAVITRI

August 16th and 17th (Sunday and Monday) at 7 pm
Please be on time - The gate will be closed at 7pm

Many experiments in performing Savitri have taken place in Auroville through dance, recitation, music. Ours is one more, in the form of theatre.

We have tried to create an atmosphere that would evoke ancient times and spaces — at that time when and where to perform was to touch the sacred. We considered the Unity Garden of the Matrimandir as the most appropriate setting to help us in our search. Sri Aurobindo's Savitri is a sacred revelation that we try again and again to penetrate and grow close to.

In this experiment, we have explored four moments of the poem:

- *Ashwapathi's invocation to the Divine Mother*
- *Meeting of the two, Savitri and Satyavan*
- *Meeting with Narad*
- *Dialogue with Death*

And we have adapted a story to weave the scenes together.

Participants: Anandamayi, Angad, Charu, Elke, Emanuele, Otto, Srimoyi

Voices: Joy, Mita, Nishta

Music: Aurelio, Holger

Lights: Jean

Sound engineering: Ruben

Costumes: Angela, Carla

Support for language and more: Pala

Chanting: Aravind, Bridget, Carla, Hemant, Isha, Jasmine, Manoj, Meera, Shakti.

Heartfelt thanks to the Matrimandir executives and workshop team, and Ane, Dominique, Dorothee, Eric, Jyothi K, SAIER, Shraddhavan, Surya.

General direction: Aryamani



INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

12th of AUGUST 2015 TO BHARAT NIVAS

Youth Art, Youth Products, Food, Live Music, Live Performances, Bonfire, Dance, Drumming, An Exhibition, Live Presentations, A Youth Link Open House... so much happening !

You don't want to miss this :)

See you all there, 14:00- 21:00 pm at Bharat Nivas, Auroville





TAIKO WORKSHOP

At SAWCHU, Bharat Nivas from 9 am to 12
 Basics: Wednesday 5th to 7th Aug
 Advance - Monday 0th to 12th Aug
 For information, contact Jyoti at 9489887192.

INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

11th August (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 Divine Mother'

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

PRESENCING

Theory U proposes that the quality of the results that we create in any kind of social system is a function of the quality of awareness, attention, or consciousness that the participants in the system operate from. In alignment to these principles you are welcome to join our "U Lab" sessions that meet on a weekly basis at Unlimited (opposite Aurelec) on **Wednesdays at 6 pm** to practice how to get the fuzzy boundary between inner work and outer work to blur and so to no longer have our source of energy limited to our limited self.

When we develop the capacity to come near to that source, we experience the future as if it were "wanting to be born" — an experience called "presencing." That experience often carries with it ideas for meeting challenges and for bringing into being an otherwise impossible future. Theory U shows how that capacity for presencing can be developed.

Call Gijs at Unlimited under: 7094648819, should you have any questions.

SYMPLEXITY (29th of August till the 31st of August)

The 3 day holistic leadership workshop taking place at Base Camp will provide for an exhilarating journey of discovery. We have planned it as a co-creative event, meaning that all will be engaged in taking on some tasks in the orchestration of the event that are to be seen as a learning by doing exercise on how different groups will need to be led through a process/task.

The workshop offers new ideas and tools to help develop leaders in the new world of *Social Enterprise* as well as an *integral functioning* within the daily business procedures. Seeing leadership as an art of guiding a group and the science of discovering ways in which to develop oneself to emerge as the obvious candidate.

A menial contribution of Rs750 is needed to cover the cost for the food and sustenance during the event - payable to our AV Account under: SEA:251152 with reference: Symplexity. To register please call Naveen: 9965977056 or our team at Unlimited: 7094648819 before the 25th.

AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY

A two-day introductory workshop with Amir Sat 29th & Sun 30th Aug, ATB hall Transition school: 9 to 5 daily.

ATB1 is an introductory workshop to a rich program, born and developed in Auroville, through more than 20 years of work, inspired by an integral approach. ATB aims to assist individuals in developing the capacity for attention, concentration and relaxation, cultivating the ability to notice what one is experiencing. It is a space to cultivate introspection so that we may become aware of the different planes that form our being, enhancing the possibility to enter in contact with our wider sense of self. The exercises and games are creative and often fun.

For more information visit the ATB websites: awaressthroughthebody.com / atbwithamir.com
 To sign up, mail Amir at: atbwithamir@gmail.com or feel free to contact Amir or Tamar at 9751257709 / 96.

QUIET HEALING CENTER

Art of Living - Experience the Happiness Program! With Krishna Raja

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 August 2015 (4 days): 9.00 AM - 6.00 PM (24 hours)

Bookings: Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

This unique program offers meditation, yoga, introspection and practical tools to unlock your fullest potential. Sudarshan Kriya, a powerful breathing technique which relaxes and refreshes the subtle systems in the body, lies at the core of this program.

You will learn:

- * releasing stress and anxiety
- * handling negative emotions skillfully
- * thinking with more clarity and better decision-making abilities
- * living with higher energy levels and a renewed enthusiasm and inner joy

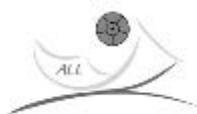
You will go home as a healthier, happier and more knowledgeable person with easy-to-use tools to maintain these benefits for life. The Happiness Program has been taught in more than 152 countries and has benefited millions of people.

Secrets of Breathing with Krishna Raja

Monday 10 August 2015 at 5 PM

Venue: Center Guest House

This one-hour introduction to the Art of Living Happiness Program offers detailed info and an experiential preview of the 4-day workshop held at the Quiet Healing Center from 13th till 16th August. No previous booking is required for this free of cost intro. All are welcome!



NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB

NEW SCHEDULE OF CLASSES -3rd of AUGUST 2015

There are some new English classes starting for the month of August. Please look at the schedule.

LANGUAGE	CLASS/LEVEL	TIMING	DAY
ENGLISH	Beginners Group 1	4.00 - 5.30	Tuesday Thursday
	Intermediate Group 1	4.00 - 5.30	Wednesday Friday
	Beginners Group 2	6.00 - 7.00	Monday Wednesday Friday
	Intermediate Group 2	5.00 - 6.00	Tuesday Thursday
	Advanced	6.00 - 7.00	Tuesday Thursday
	Writing Class	4.00 - 5.00	Tuesday Thursday
HINDI SANSKRIT	Beginners, Intermediate	By Appointment (Open)	Tuesday Friday
ITALIAN	Beginners	3.00 - 4.00 4.00 - 5.00	Monday Wednesday Thursday
	All Levels		Monday Friday
TAMIL	Beginners Conversation Class	2.00 - 3.00	Tuesday Thursday

The Language Lab is open Monday - Friday 9:00am - 6:00pm
 Location: Shakti Community, next to the Pyramids, on Last School Campus
 Phone: 2623 661, 9585207962 Email all@auroville.org.in

We are looking for a French Teacher.

We are also looking for a volunteer with experience in filmmaking who can document some of the wonderful cases of transformation using the Tomatis Method. This will involve shooting interviews with Aurovilian and other parents of children who have benefitted from the program and bringing them out in the form of film shorts.

We would also like to document some of the unique features of our new building under construction in the International Zone... Particularly its system of cooling without ACs, electro-magnetic compatibility, probiotic use etc. Actually we already have quite a bit of footage which needs to be edited and put together. So we are looking for voluntary filmmakers.

For the EMC, we would also like to make a booklet with diagrams and photos, so that the knowledge we have gained can be shared; it would be useful to other schools as well as homes. Anybody who writes well, with an interest in sustainability, who would like to learn more in the process of documenting all this, is most welcome.

Please contact *Mita* on 9443631861, or send an email to "all@auroville.org.in".



Please see last week's News and Notes or events section of auronet for our full August schedule, here are some additions:
Classes:

Forgiveness Process and other tools of holoenergetics: Thurs 18.00 - 19.30pm, starts Aug 6th
 With Marie-claire in the tradition of Dr. Laskow.

Forgiving without condoning has nothing to do with forgetting or accepting what happened, it is for giving yourself Love and Freedom, releasing attachment to the past and the resistance to being who you truly are. To discover that, in the deepest sense, there is no other to forgive, oppose or love. There is only One. This class is a guided process that can be taken as a once off for a particular issue or on a continuous basis for deeper clearing. Trained participants in holoenergetics can also come and practice "Tracing" process

Adult Classical Ballet Class with Grace Gitadelila, Mon 16.00 - 17:30pm, starts August 10th. 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.

Yoga for Pregnancy with Appie Thurs at 9.30 am-11 am, all pregnant mothers are welcome.

Iyengar Yoga - classes have resumed with Tatiana and Angela will restart on Mon August 17th

Films

Evolution Fast-forward Video and Exploration: Thurs Aug 13th at 19.00 -21.00

Evolution Fast-forward is a 3D motion graphics video on the vision and work of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.

It presents the evolutionary crisis, the two negations and the synthesis of Consciousness and Force. After the video there will be interaction with the director, Manoj Pavitran, to explore the theme more in detail. To be followed by Integral Yoga: screening and exploration with director Aug 18th at 7pm

Exhibitions: *TerradelSud, Memories of the South* - a photographic exhibition by Aloe - *Glimpses of 8 months traveling around South America with my family and a backpack, Saturday August 1st - August 16th* and *"Unconditional Love"* - sketches made with fire ash by Ellena , August 22nd to Sept 5th

Closed August 15th Sri Aurobindo's Birthday and Independence Day
Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, (0413) 262 2403 - pitanga@auroville.org.in

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C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

Reminder: Friday 7 August - House of Strangers de Joseph L. Mankiewicz

FRIDAY 14 AUGUST - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7:45 sharp)

QUAI D'ORSAY / THE FRENCH MINISTER

Directed by Bertrand TAVERNIER - France, 2013

With: Thierry Lhermitte, Niels Arestrup, Julie Gayet, Raphaël Personnaz, Bruno Raffaelli

Synopsis: Arthur Vlamincq, a new speechwriter must navigate the rough waters of internal politics while trying to compose an important address for his boss, the minister of foreign affairs, a powerful man with great panache...

After "Life and Nothing but" (1989) and Princess of "Montpensier" (2010), we present a third film by one of the best of today's French film directors, Bertrand Tavernier. The film was shot in the ministry of Foreign Affairs at Quai d'Orsay, Paris and is based on Volume 1 of the strip cartoon of the same title.

Duration: 1h.54' - Screening in collaboration with the Embassy of France, New Delhi.



The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, August 14, Friday at

7pm

NO IMPACT MAN: THE DOCUMENTARY

2009, 93 minutes, Directed by Laura Gabbert and Justin Schein Follow the Manhattan-based Beavan family as they abandon their high consumption 5th Avenue lifestyle and try to live a year while making no net environmental impact.

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

"SRI AUROBINDO - A LIFE DIVINE"

The film brings close to us Sri Aurobindo's educational time in England from his early age of seven, his educational and revolutionary work and the revolutionary movements in India, his spiritual experiences and his time in jail, his release in 1909, after which Sri Aurobindo took refuge in Pondicherry in 1910. There was a task to be done which Sri Aurobindo put in 'Savitri' in these words:

"Escape cannot uplift the abandoned race / Or bring to it victory and the reign of God. / A greater power must come, a larger light." (Savitri, p.448).

With the coming of Mira Alfassa, The Mother, the Ashram was founded and their spiritual task and work enhanced. About The Mother Sri Aurobindo said: "All my realisations have remained theoretical... it is the Mother who showed the way to a practical form. Without her no organised manifestation would have been possible."

The film from 1993 was done with the honour, aspiration and technique from this time. Duration: 22min.

Monday, 10th August 2015, at 6:30 pm

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

Dear Viewers,

The movie shows at the Visitor Center has resumed after a long summer break. The days of the show are the same, Thursday and Friday and the time 8 pm.

Regards, Suresh

13th Thursday August 8 pm

FURIOUS SEVEN (2015)

Genre: Action/Adventure / Dur: 2:13 hrs / Rated: PG 13

Dir: [James Wan](#) / Cast: [Vin Diesel](#), [Paul Walker](#), [Dwayne Johnson](#)

Storyline: Deckard Shaw seeks revenge against Dominic Toretto and his family for his comatose brother.

14th Friday August 8pm

CHAPPIE (2015)

Genre: Sci-Fi/Drama - Dur: 2hrs - Rated: R (For Language)

Dir: [Neill Blomkamp](#) / Cast: [Sharlto Copley](#), [Dev Patel](#), [Hugh Jackman](#)

Storyline: In the near future, crime is patrolled by a mechanized police force. When one police droid, Chappie, is stolen and given new programming, he becomes the first robot with the ability to think and feel for himself.



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 10 August 2015 to 16 August 2015

Indian - Monday 10 August, 8:00 pm:

- **FANDRY (Pig)**

India, 2013, Writer-Dir. Nagraj Manjule w/ Somnath Awghade, Sanjay Chaudri, Chhaya Kadam, and others, Drama, 101mins, Marathi w/ English subtitles, Rated: U/A (PG-13)

Jabya, a young lad in a village in Maharashtra, who happens to be from a lower-caste, falls in love with his classmate who belongs to a higher caste. While Jabya's parents are working hard to arrange money for their daughter's wedding, Jabya is trying to impress the girl. It is a wonderfully told, touching story of Jabya's aspirations, quest, sorrows, anguish and frustrations and most importantly of love amidst the caste system and related struggle. It is a *very special, much acclaimed and award winning film that you should not miss!*

Italian - Tuesday 11 August, 8:00 pm:

- **IL LADRO DI BAMBINI (The Stolen Children)**

Italy, 1992, Dir. Gianni Amelio, w/ Enrico Lo Verso, Valentina Scalici, Giuseppe Ieracitano, Drama, 114 mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

It is the beautiful story of two children 8 and 11 who are placed out of the home when their mother is arrested for selling her daughter as a whore. The children team up with a goodhearted policeman who must guide them and bring them to a good orphanage. The relationship between the young carabineer and the two children he's escorting, the growing tenderness among the three young people evolves quietly and naturally and is the essence of the movie. This is the story of friendship trust and faith and human compassion. Heart-warming and unforgettable.

Cultural - Wednesday 12 August, 8:00 pm:

- **MONAJAT YULTCHIEVA: The Imploring Beauty**

Uzbekistan, 2010, Dir. M. Bissot & D. Maertens, Music-Documentary, 55mins, Uzbek w/English subtitles, Rated G

While listening to the extraordinary voice of Monaját Yultchieva, this film takes you to the beautiful world heritage city of Samarkand, which is a crossroad of cultures. The film depicts the turquoise domes of Samarkand's mosques and the sparkling mosaics of its mausoleums accompanied by the music of the region. There is an interview with Monaját Yultshieva at In Tashkent, the capital city. Her warm and solemn voice, that reflects her inner, sincere and emotional personality, sings the Maqqom in a prayer where music speaks the unspeakable.

Nordic - Thursday 13 August, 8:00 pm:

- **TOMTEN ÄR FAR TILL ALLA BARNEN (In bed with Santa)**

Sweden, 1999, Dir. Kjell Sundvall w/ Katarina Ewerlöf, Peter Haber, Jessica Zandén, and others, Comedy, 95mins, Swedish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

In what has to be one of the worst ideas in Christmas party planning history, Swedish house wife Sara decides to celebrate the yuletide season with her three ex-husbands and their families.

International - Saturday 15 August, 8:00 pm:

- **TO BE ANNOUNCED**

We have a few good options. Final announcement will be included in the N&N next week.

Children's Film - Sunday 16 August, 4:30 pm:

- **JURASSIC PARK**

USA, 1993, Dir Steven Spielberg w/ Michael Crichton, Sam Neill and others, 127 mins, Adventure-SciFi, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

During a preview tour, a theme park suffers a major power breakdown that allows its cloned dinosaur exhibits to run amok.

KUBRICK IN BLACK & WHITE Film Festival @ CINECLUB

Ciné-Club - Sunday 16 August, 8:00 pm:

- **THE KILLING**

USA, 1955, Dir. Stanley Kubrick w/Sterling Hayden, Coleen Grey, and others, Thriller-Crime, 85mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG.

After getting out of prison, Johnny Clay masterminds a complex race-track heist, but his scheme is complicated by the intervention of the wife of a teller in on the scheme, the boyfriend of the wife, airport regulations, and a small dog. Kubrick's first classic, and still one of the greatest crime thrillers ever made. A brilliant film that still packs a punch after almost fifty years...

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.

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

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

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