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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

In line with this idea of things "in their place," another question comes to me: with the descent of the Supermind, what exactly are the very first things that the supramental force will want to or is trying to dislodge?

The first things it will dislodge?

Yes, individually and cosmically, so that everything is in its place.

Will it dislodge anything?... If we accept Sri Aurobindo's idea, it will put each thing in its place, that's all.

One thing must inevitably cease: the Deformation, the veil of falsehood covering Truth, because all we see existing here is due to that. If the veil is removed, things will necessarily be completely different, completely: they will be as we experience them when we emerge individually from that deformed consciousness. When one comes out of that consciousness and enters the Truth-Consciousness, one is incredulous that such things as suffering, misery and death can exist; it's amazing, in the sense that (when one is truly on the other side)... one doesn't understand how all this can be happening. And, although this state of consciousness is habitually associated with the experience of the unreality of the world as we know it, Sri Aurobindo tells us that this perception of the world's unreality need not exist for the supramental consciousness: only Falsehood is unreal, not the world. And this is most interesting - the world has its own reality, independent of Falsehood. I suppose this will be the first effect of the Supermind - perhaps even its first effect in the individual, because it will begin in individuals first.

This state of consciousness⁴ probably has to become constant, but that would pose a problem: how could one then keep in contact with the world as it is in its deformation? Because I have noticed that when this state is very strong in me, very strong, so strong that it can withstand everything bombarding it from outside, people don't understand a thing I say, NOTHING! Therefore, it would seem to cut off a useful contact.

What would it be like, for instance, to have a small supramental creation as a nucleus of action and influence radiating upon earth (to limit it to the earth)? Is it possible? It's easy to conceive of a superhuman nucleus - a creation of supermen, that is, of men who by virtue of evolution and transformation (in the true sense of the word) have succeeded in manifesting the supramental forces; yet since their origin is human, there is inevitably a contact; even if everything is transformed, even if their organs are transformed into centers of force, a sort of human coloration still remains. These are the beings who, according to tradition, will discover the secret of direct, supramental creation, bypassing the process of ordinary Nature. Then through them the true supramental beings will be born, who will necessarily have to live in a supramental world. But how would contact be made between these beings and the ordinary world? How to conceive of a transformation of nature sufficient to enable this supramental creation to take place on earth? I don't know. Of course, we know that such a thing will require a considerable amount of time to be done, and it will probably go by stages, by degrees, with faculties appearing that at the moment we can't know or imagine, and which will change the conditions of the earth - this is looking ahead a few thousand years.

There is still this problem: is it possible to make use of the notion of space - I mean space on the planet earth?

Is it possible to find a place where the embryo or seed of the future supramental world might be created?

What I myself have seen... was a plan that came complete in all details, but that doesn't at all conform in spirit and consciousness with what is possible on earth now (although, in its most material manifestation, the plan was based on existing terrestrial conditions). It was the idea of an ideal city, the nucleus of a small ideal country, having only superficial and extremely limited contacts with the old world. One would already have to conceive (it's possible) of a Power sufficient to be at once a protection against aggression or bad will (this would not be the most difficult protection to provide) and a protection (which can just barely be imagined) against infiltration and admixture.... From the social or organizational standpoint, these problems are not difficult, nor from the standpoint of inner life; the problem is the relationship with what is not supramentalized - preventing infiltration or admixture, keeping the nucleus from falling back into an inferior creation during the transitional period.

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 18 July 1961

MOTHER

(Satprem reads several passages from the July 15th conversation where Mother says that Sri Aurobindo left before saying what he had been doing, and that it was a path through a virgin forest: "Eyes blindfolded, knowing nothing, one plods on....")

It's still true. When shall we see the end? In a hundred years?

(For an instant Mother remains pensive)

It came fleetingly: twenty years. I give it to you for whatever its worth!

MOTHER'S AGENDA, July 26, 1961

MOTHER

*When you want to make a progress,
the difficulty you wished to conquer increases tenfold
in importance and intensity in your consciousness.
You have only to persevere. That is all; it will pass away.*

*The
Ponder
Corner*

The Mother
ref. MCW, vol. 14, Words of the Mother - II, p.227

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

August 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 2 weeks.

Punctual attendees: Agnes & Gopal & Nevi, Amy (facilitator during the Way Forward meeting), Anupama, Cristo, David, Dominik & Angeli & Noe, Ezhumalai, Fabian (GG), Glenn, Kaja, LB representatives (Divya, Kanniappan, Suhasini and Sukrit), Matripasad, Rita, Rocio (UCJC), Sonali, Sonja, Surya and Yuval (HB).

I. TDC-RELATED TOPICS

A/ Site and Building Applications

Approximately 25 site and building applications were studied in August, whether for feedback, discussion, follow-up, etc.

B/ Housing Board (HB)

Over the past few months, the TDC has been trying to find someone who would like to represent the council on the HB, to no avail.

In August, Divya expressed her desire to give it a try, which was approved by all. However, when the activity is high at the TDC, her presence is required at the office.

The TDC wrote to the Housing Service and HB for their feedback, and they accepted Divya as the TDC representative.

II. FINANCIAL TOPICS - *nothing new this month*

III. HOUSING TOPICS

A/ Unauthorized building

Following the email of a concerned community member, the TDC has brought this topic to the attention of the FAMC.

B/ Low-cost housing & Line of Strength (LoS)

Anupama and Sonali contacted the TDC as they would like to work on the 2 following projects: low-cost/affordable housing and a proposal of Line of Strength*.

**It was highlighted that the French term used ("Force") is best translated as Strength, and not word-for-word.*

a) Low-cost housing

The current housing situation in Auroville underlines the need for low-cost housing, and they have been working on a proposal encompassing numerous characteristics: affordable, safe (thatch roofing avoided), aesthetic, ecological and rapid (set-up in 4 days).

Their low-cost houses have already been set up as disaster relief, are dismantlable (if need be), participate in village action and are adapted to low-density urban-style cities/areas. The technology of this project is part of a program of the UCJC (university in Madrid), which has a framework agreement for collaboration with the TDC.

The budget and timeline (for material preparation and pre-casting) depend on the quantity and location of the houses, i.e. for many houses it is cheaper but longer, for few houses it is faster but more expensive. The architects will provide all the data shortly (1 week) regarding the cost evolution for 1 unit, 20 units or 40 units.

To write up a proposal, it was requested to provide areas/plots and density details.

The TDC suggested contacting Eric regarding pre-casting.

b) Line of Strength (LoS)

A brief signed by Dr. Doshi will be sent to the architect as an official request (although she has already started working on this project), and a formal approval or agreement will come subsequently as the financial responsibility cannot be taken fully by the TDC as of yet and needs to be shared with donors.

The proposal was rapidly presented, describing buildings that go from low to high-tech, concentrating as a first step on 3 levels (sky (public, cafes, parks, etc.), community (private, residential) and plaza (public, shopping, etc.)). The goal is to finish this 3-level phase for Auroville's 50-year anniversary.

To do so, the work will be planned in 2 initial steps: 1. Prepare a preliminary model and documented information, and 2. Provide a detailed and complete set of documents (plans, estimates, etc.).

IV. LAND-RELATED TOPICS

A/ Auroville development on encroached sensitive plots

Since the beginning of August, the TDC has been working in collaboration with the Land Board (LB) and the Housing Service (HS). Several meetings have been organized with both groups to see together what actions can be undertaken depending on the status and location of the land.

B/Land allocation

The TDC has also met with the Farm Group and several emails have been exchanged regarding issues of land allocation.

C/ Un-utilized lands report

The TDC is preparing a report on un(der)-utilized lands in the city area. It is in principle approved by the Green Group and will be published for community perusal and feedback shortly.

D/ Land issues related to development

The LB met with the TDC to discuss land issues related to the city developments, such as the impact of infrastructure development like paved roads near private lands or developments on the latter. Certain types of city developments limit the range of action that can be undertaken by the LB regarding lands, price range, etc. These issues should serve as learning examples.

E/ Sub-group on land consolidation

The TDC was contacted by the FAMC to create a sub-group on land consolidation. A TDC representative will attend and share all information with the TDC.

V. ROADS

A/ Verite radial

A letter summarizing all feedback and responses was prepared by the TDC and published in the N&N and on Auronet.

VI. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A/ Village Heritage Centre

The TDC had received, several months back, a request to set up a heritage/cultural centre in the bioregion of Auroville. After receiving very detailed data on this project and discussing this with several working groups, this project has been agreed to in principle by the TDC and sent to the Green Group for feedback.

B/ Irumbai Village Development Committee

The Irumbai Village Development Committee has been registered beginning of August.

C/ Community Hall in Edayanchavadi

The TDC has purchased a lorry of bricks for the community hall in Edayanchavadi thanks to the donations received from Aurovilians. This project is still short of Rs 50,000 for completion - (Donations are welcome on account number 252167 - L'avenir Bioregion Help).

D/ Water for All

This project is proceeding satisfactorily. It consists in creating awareness on the serious situation the population is facing in

our region. A meeting was organized for the farmers from the Kalluvelli bio-region, to which were invited 22 water users associations. Many Aurovilians are participating in this program.

E/ Beach Beautification Project

In Bommayarpalayam, the committee has selected 20 people to be trained in basic disaster management. These young people will work on the beach as lifeguards when this project will be finished.

VII. GROUPS, ZONES, SERVICES

A/ Green Group (GG) mandate

Beginning of August, most of the working groups discussed the GG mandate proposal and gave their feedback so as to finalize it.

B/ Transparent Task Force

The TDC was contacted by the PCG (Project Coordination Group) and expressed support for this project from the RAS. It was decided that support letters will be sent for all TDC-related projects to the project holders.

C/ Service area

This area located between Reve and Certitude has already been studied by Dorle. The TDC is working in collaboration with a town planner to study the entire area from there until the Visitor's Centre as many requests are being received for this area.

D/ Land Resource Development (LRD)

One idea was to integrate the former LRD into TDC Regional Planning.

VIII. OTHER TOPICS

A/ Multipurpose building

The TDC was contacted regarding a multipurpose building. A GM on commercial activities in the city area will be held soon.

B/ Communication with Varuna

A letter was sent to Varuna regarding the path of the desalination plant pipeline, requesting that all documents and information be shared with the TDC as the pipeline crosses the Master Plan area.

A meeting will be organized with Varuna executives and Michael Bonke in September.

C/ Asbestos

In collaboration with the Resource Mobilization Service, the TDC will help to set up a technical sheet regarding asbestos and take care of the site allocation.

D/ Post-retreat/Way Forward 2018

A meeting was held to discuss the post-retreat actions that should be undertaken to implement the goals regarding Land and Town Planning. To go forward with this, it was necessary (and agreed upon with the GG representatives) to meet all the stewards of green spaces that are located in the city area.

Several documents will be used (mostly the Master Plan, mobility plan, Galaxy, sensitivity analysis, surface water management) to prepare an overlay of key features of the Galaxy in relation to green areas in the city.

The next step would be to divide said green areas into 3 specific zones: TDF (tropical dry forests), mixed forest use and forests for crop and wood harvest. The sharing of information and conducting of surveys will allow for the informed updating of these maps.

Then, with this information, it will be possible to discuss sensitive spots with the concerned stewards. The aim of this collaboration is to establish ground realities and work together to find optimal solutions regarding vegetation, land and city features.

The participatory aspect of this project was highlighted several times by all present (TDC members, green space stewards, GG representatives).

Furthermore, the timeline of this work extends over the next few weeks, months, and even years, as some of these

developments are only planned to happen during the next generation.

The TDC requested the stewards to send information, studies and documents related to land and vegetation in the city area and allow the surveying of lands once this has been done so as to enable the full integration and consolidation of all the data. This will subsequently facilitate the analysis on the current stand of lands and future developments.

After having collected the data, the TDC and the stewards will meet in individual groups.

Subsequently, another meeting will be organized with the core group of stewards present to share and update.

E/ Detailed Development Plan (DDP)

The TDC is studying the possibility to establish a sub-team for collaboration with Aurovilian architects.

F/ Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI)

The TDC provided input on the draft legal documents of the SLI project.

The Working Committee on TDC restructuring

To: The Auroville community

Sub: TDC restructuring

A few responses have been received on our proposal for the restructuring of Town Development Council also known as L'Avenir d'Auroville, which was published in the News & Notes and on Auronet.

On the basis of the responses received, we have revised our proposal as below. We invite the community to send its feedback on this revised proposal. Thereafter, the proposal and considered feedback will be submitted to the Governing Board for a decision in its meeting in October.

Proposal for a restructuring of the TDC (revised)

1. The present system of TDC coordinators of various work areas is discontinued.
2. A Town Development Service (TDS) is created, consisting of 5 or more individuals, as decided by the Residents' Assembly, working full-time, who prepare and execute the decisions of the TDC. The TDS is the technical office of the TDC.
3. A full-time senior Urban Planner is employed to supervise the work of the TDS and deal systematically with the many different aspects of planning the City. Mr. Doshi may be requested to assist in finding a suitable person. The senior planner will be member of the TDS.
4. The TDC is re-constituted as a working group which takes all decisions regarding the work of the TDC, as prepared by the TDS and otherwise, and to which the TDS reports.
5. The TDC will consist of (maximum) 9 Aurovilians, the 5 TDS members, the senior urban planner, and the Chairman.
6. The TDC will be chaired by Mr. B.V. Doshi or his appointed representative.
7. The TDC meets as and when required, but at least once every two weeks.
8. The name *L'avenir d'Auroville* will be retained, with the name *Town Development Council* to be mainly used in external contacts.
9. The TDS will have a staff as considered necessary by the TDC. The TDC may decide that the TDS employ non planning professionals / technical experts who are not Aurovilians.
10. The TDC will take decisions preferably by consensus. In cases where no consensus can be reached, decisions

will be taken by majority vote. In case of equality of votes, the Chairman will have a casting vote.

11. The TDC may outsource planning and development works to qualified and experienced professionals within or outside Auroville. The criteria for outsourcing work will have to be defined and documented first.

The role of the new TDC will be:

1. To be the 'client body' on behalf of Auroville for all planning, development and infrastructural work to be done.
2. To obtain community feedback on draft plans, and ensure that such feedback is integrated into final draft plans.
3. To ensure that final draft plans obtain approval of the Residents' Assembly before being declared 'final plans'.
4. To ensure the planning/forecast of Auroville demographics and economy and, in consultation with other working groups, the planning for jobs, schools, restaurants, leisure, guesthouses, sports facilities etc.
5. To organise fundraising for the development of the town.
6. To finalize budgets for submission to the Auroville Foundation for inclusion in the GOI Grant and for separate fundraising and ensure that utilisation certificates are submitted in time.
7. To lay down regulations (bylaws) for the approval of site and building applications for all developments, infrastructure developments included, for approval by the Residents' Assembly.
8. Based on the approved regulations (bylaws), to give site and building permissions to the project holders.
9. To supervise tendering of works to be done under the supervision of the TDS.
10. To ensure that projects are being executed as approved.
11. To take all necessary steps to prevent, stop and rollback developments for which no approval has been given.
12. To report monthly to the community in the News and Notes and, where required in general meetings.

Starting the new groups - a one day coming together:

1. The lack of overall agreement in the community about what we actually want with our city is disabling our development. It is proposed that the Working Committee, together with the Town Planning Action Group setup after the Retreat in March, and guided by Mr. B.V. Doshi, organise a one-day coming together (which can be continued if necessary) to reach agreement on what can be done within the next three to five years so that the development of Auroville can go on as agreed upon without continued blocking and haggling about the same.
2. During this reflection day the community should also define:
 - a. the Terms of Reference (TOR) outlining the principles of planning and development;
 - b. a realistic population growth pattern for the next 3-5 years or longer;
 - c. the work areas and deliverables of each area in terms of content and time. This should also include the detailed development plans and master plans for infrastructure segments (mobility, water supply, communication, waste water) by what date(s).
 - d. the individual functions and qualifications needed for the members of both TDC and TDS to be able to do the work agreed upon;

e. who could be the members for the TDS and TDC to do the work agreed upon.

3. The outcome of the reflection day will be submitted to the community for its approval. The final selection of the TDS and TDC members could happen according to the participatory process in use for the Auroville Council and Working Committee.

Constitution, accountability, decision making and term of office

In this proposal, the Auroville members of the TDC will be accountable to the Residents' Assembly.

The Residents' Assembly, at any time, will have the right to remove any of the Auroville members of the TDS and TDC and replace them with other persons as members if a member is out of station for longer than three months or when it considers that this is in the larger interest of the community of Auroville.

The TDC shall attempt to take decisions by consensus. In case this is not possible, decisions shall be taken by a simple majority vote. In case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

The Auroville members of the TDS and TDC shall hold office for a period of four years. After the first two years of functioning, two members of the TDS and four members of the TDC shall retire and new members shall be appointed in their place. After four years, the other members of the TDS and TDC shall retire. Outgoing members are eligible for re-appointment.

Any vacancy of Auroville members arising either by way of resignation, expiry of term of office, or otherwise, shall be filled up by the Residents' Assembly.

The Standing Order and Office Order issued by the Governing Board regarding the present TDC will be terminated. Also the TDC Advisory Group will be dissolved.

Additional observations from the Working Committee

1. There are only a limited number of people in Auroville who have the required qualifications and who are willing to be part of the TDS or TDC. Most of these people have been serving in town planning working groups in the past, and some have left as their views were incompatible with the views of others. For this reason we believe the one-day reflection day is necessary to determine what can be done in the next 3-5 years and who would be willing to do the work.
2. We received the observation of one member of the community that "*the role of the residents as an assembly had been fulfilled when the Master Plan was prepared by it for the Governing Board and that there is no requirement of the Residents' Assembly approving plans other than proposal to the Governing Board for amendments to the Master Plan. Involving the Residents' Assembly in development plan approval makes the whole process dysfunctional and unpractical. ... The [Working Committee] proposal of the TDS and TDC being made accountable to the Residents' Assembly will make the whole set-up dysfunctional.*" The Working Committee disagrees with this viewpoint.
3. We have been discussing how to 'unblock' situations where one or more members of the community disagree(s) with and block a decision of the TDC. We propose that appeals are sent to Mr. B. V. Doshi who is the final deciding authority - (*please note that we do not know if Mr. Doshi would be willing to take up this task*).

The Working Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invitation to join the Active Residents Assembly (ARA)

The Governance Action Group asked the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) to publish this call for action.

The ARA is a new initiative designed to encourage concerned and committed residents to participate in the process whereby the community arrives at and implements decisions made by the RA.

The ARA needs you! Contact your RAS team to sign up.

How to sign up:

- In the Auronet announcement you will find a link. Just click on it and sign up!
- Write an email to RAS: raservice@auroville.org.in
- Pass by the RAS room in the Town hall to give your name, in the mornings between 9 am and 12 pm
- You can find our RAS team every Saturday from 4.30 pm on La terrace

The Governance Action Group has been meeting for many months following the Retreat to explore proposals to strengthen the Residents Assembly and has come to a proposal which involves the creation of an Active Residents Assembly. After receiving feedback from the community and also meeting with members of the working groups, who have given generally positive support for making a trial of this proposal, we would like to invite everyone in the community to join the ARA and commit to participating in a more harmonious exploration of making decisions together.

The Governance Action Group has already started to explore this concept of an ARA by taking up one of the community's many issues and have found that there is good potential for growth and experimentation within this ARA model as it is flexible and open to evolution as we work together. For the ARA to truly work we need all Aurovilians to re-focus their intentions and commit to creating solutions that go beyond our individual preferences and which embrace the spirit of living in a collective together.

Please join with us in this experiment in civic consciousness by contacting the RAS to add your name and make the commitment that Auroville needs to move forward. In a short while we will hold an introductory ARA meeting where we can explore together which issues we want to take up, and how.

ARA Summary

Vision Statement:

As committed members of the ARA, Aurovilians offer their participation towards renewing and enhancing the capacity and effectiveness, as well as the Spirit, of the Residents Assembly, with an aim for building Human Unity and Peace in the community. Members agree to be actively engaged in seeking solutions that integrate and reconcile all sides of an issue or problem, while seeking an increased role for Intuition as the true guide for the discovery of integral solutions. Members should participate with openness to learning and growing in a spirit of Sincere Service, Collaboration and Goodwill, where the evolution of a Learning Society becomes central to the collective development.

The intention of the ARA is to increase the quality of participation in the RA by members of the community who will commit to attend all monthly meetings (as well as RA decision-making meetings) to build agreements and solutions for the community's various problems and challenges. The role of the members of the ARA will be to study all the information and community feedback shared about the issues before the monthly meeting in order to have the relevant knowledge to discuss and seek out solutions. The ARA will be open to all Aurovilians to join. The major elements of the ARA are the following:

- The ARA is NOT a selected representative body, but is open to all Aurovilians and Newcomers over the age of 16 to join if they wish.
- The ARA members would commit to one day-long Meeting Event/Retreat per month, and to study all preparatory informational material. This Event would be open to all Aurovilians and not only the ARA members.
- The members of the major Working Groups, including the Working Committee, the Auroville Council, TDC, FAMC, etc. will be expected to join the ARA as part of their responsibilities.
- The ARA will also be part of a process to seek out ways to implement decisions made by the RA. The way we make decisions can hopefully change so that our decisions are inclusive and integral, and thus implementation becomes more harmonious.

Note: The ARA is only one part of several proposed changes to be made, which ultimately will include the expansion of the role and capacity of the Residents Assembly Service (currently underway), as well as changes in the Residents Assembly Meetings and Decision-making Processes to reflect a more consensus-building approach, where traditional 'voting' will be accepted only as a very last option.

Call for participation!

Become a member of the Working Committee and AVCouncil!

Dear Aurovilians!

According to our participatory process the term for 2 members of the Working Committee (WCom) and 3 (+ ?) members of the AVCouncil (AVC) will be over and new members need to be appointed to join the team. You are invited to find and select these new members by participating in the 3 days selection process.

Step 1 Nominate yourself and/or other Aurovilians

Please choose one of these three options:

1. You can self-nominate yourself to become a fulltime member of WCom or AVC
2. You can nominate up to 5 Aurovilians whom you feel are suitable
3. You can nominate yourself to participate in the 3-day selection process to experience collective decision making

How to nominate:

Please read the mandates and job descriptions published in the Auronet in order to reflect on your skills or nominee's skills matching the needs of the groups. Please reflect if you have enough time to offer a fulltime service!

- In the Auronet announcement you will find a link. Just click on it and sign up!
- Write an email to RAS: raservice@auroville.org.in
- Pass by the RAS room in the Town hall to give your name in the mornings between 9 am and 12 pm
- You can find our RAS team every Saturday from 4.30 pm in La terrace

To support the process a **General Meeting** will be held on:

When: Tuesday 22nd September at 4pm

Where: in the Unity Pavilion

WCom and AVC will update the community on the work done during the past year and questions on the ongoing selection process will be answered. The deadline for this nomination is **Saturday 26th September 2015**

Step 2 Feedback Process

To enhance the energy flow in the Save Space created during the three days selection process, we would like to offer everybody the opportunity to change the initial choice of nomination at any time during the process.

To allow this free flow, the names of all persons proposed as per the three options will be published in the N&N on Saturday 3rd October 2015 to the community for 2 weeks feedback. The deadline for the feedback is **Saturday 17th October 2015**

A Temporary Feedback Review Committee, which is an independent temporary body created from the Auroville Council, will study the received feedback and will publish the final list of participants for the three-day selection process on **Saturday 21st November 2015**

Step 3 The three-day Selection Process

The selection process will be from **Friday 27th till Sunday 29th November, 2015** and the new members will join the existing team afterwards.

Love, *Residents' Assembly Service in coordination with AVCouncil, WCom and Study Group*

Loud Parties

Dear all,
Last Saturday the 5th of September, it has come to our notice that there was a costume party in one of our communities that lasted till the early hours of the morning. Policemen in layman clothes went to the spot following a complaint received from an Aurovilian, who did not go through the Security Service. They have expressed their concern to the Security Service and have left with a warning.
We would like to request that any future parties in public places should be wrapped up before midnight. Please pay attention to the level of noise which may cause nuisance to the neighbors.

We would also like to address the Aurovilian who called the police. We would like to remind everyone that as per the Guidelines we agreed to and signed when we joined Auroville, going to the police instead of the Security Service is not an ideal behavior.
Let's respect our community guidelines keeping aside our personal opinions and discomforts.

Sincerely, *Auroville Council*

To all residents of Auroville

You must have noticed that another restaurant has opened between the Solar Kitchen and Certitude. These restaurants are run by non-Aurovilian entrepreneurs on private land.
We call upon all residents and volunteers and guests to refrain from patronising these establishments as doing so will attract more unwanted development and visitors. More info and updates to follow shortly.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.
The Working Committee, Auroville Council, TDC, Land Board, FAMC.

L'avenir d'Auroville: 12th Sep 2015

The following Site and Building Applications (SA and BA) are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks. The announcement is made for feedback only and does not mean that the project has final approval.

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

clear the site unless, for practical reasons, there is a special permission of the TDC.

Collective Project

Site Application:

1. **Site application feedback for Mohanam -The Village Cultural Heritage Center on plot no AI 66/1 in Alankuppam**

Project writes up given by the project holder

Project Title: Centre for culture &Heritage
Proposed Site Location: plot Not 66/1 near Isaiambalam School at Alankuppam Revenue
Project Holder: Mr.yuval, Mr.Balasundaram
Architect: Sindhuja Jagadesh
Contact Persons: Mr.Balasundaram
Description: Plot No:66/1, Total Area of the project:2.2 acres **Build up Area:**25%

Target Group: Village Artisans, SHG, youth, children's from Auroville and surrounding villages, Auroville and village community.

Background:

For its cultural, craft and educational activities, preserving and reviving the heritage and increasing local livelihood, Mohanam needs a proper multi-functional centre for its present and future activities and its ongoing growth. We often have to improvise with space for our activities, which limits our possibilities and the quality of our work. With a proper centre we will also be less vulnerable to weather influences.

Mohanam is very grateful for the offer of the PTD and Ille-et-Vilaine to support, sponsor and help to realize a multi-functional cultural heritage centre. We consider their support as recognition of all the work we have done since 2001. We also see this support as a sign of trust for our future activities and collaboration. It brings a great opportunity for the growth of our activities and more collaboration with the villages in the area.

Sustainability:

The maintenance of the heritage centre will be part of the total income and expenses of Mohanam's consolidated budget for its activities. The sustainability and commitment of Mohanam, with a track record since 2001, is the best guarantee for the success of this project. For more detailed information of our historic and future budgets see separate attachment. No: 2

Mohanam's Request:

To realize this integral plan for the Culture and Heritage Centre, Mohanam requests the land opposite Isaiambalam School **survey No (66/1)**. We specifically ask for this plot because of its strategic position in the vicinity of the Pondicherry villages with whom we want to increase the collaboration. For the design and integrated layout and 3D details, see attachment: No: 1

Building Permission

1. **Helmut, Grace, Grace Phase 5**

Project description given by the Project Holder.

Project Title: Grace 5
Proposed Site Location: Integrated into master plan of existing Grace Community
Project Holder: Helmut
Architect: Helmut/Supriti of Ovoid Atelier
Contact Persons: helmut@auroville.org.in, 2622149
Description:

4 two-storied row houses with about 100 sqm built up area each, consisting of Kitchen/Dining, Living room, Courtyard, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, WC, Storeroom, Porch and Garden.
2 two-storied row houses with about 130 sqm built up area each, consisting of Kitchen/Dining, Living room, Courtyard,

3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, WC, Storeroom, Porch and Garden.

Target Group: Couples, families with children,

Background: Due to its central location (walking distance to Matrimandir, Town Hall, Arka, Sante/AIHH, Library, Solar Kitchen) Grace Community is a popular and sought-for place to live in Auroville

Triggers: Repeated requests from people seeking housing in Grace and general housing shortage in Auroville

Goals/Objectives: To provide additional houses in Grace in a simple form, using existing infrastructure, aiming at a reasonable cost structure and a speedy realization.

TDC asks for feedback from the residents of Auroville within two weeks from the date of publication. If anyone wishes to have detailed information, feel free to contact TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville office: 2622-170 / 262-3568 or come personally to the Building Application section.

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N NO- 614 dated 12.09.2015

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

AUROVILIANS:

Felix Martin JANSSON (Sweden) - Living at Victory, working as a gardener at Botanical Garden.

NEWCOMERS:

Agust Leo AXELSSON (Iceland) - Staying at Kailash, working as a teacher at Future school.

N.B. The announcements done in the News and Notes are FOR FEEDBACK ONLY and sometimes, after announcement, there can be either an extension of status or a decision to stop the process. We have added Confirmation Section below:

CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER STATUS:

Angelo SALERNO (USA)

Alain PRUVOT (French)

Catherine PRUVOT (French)

Margaux LABORDE (French)

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

Gerld MYLOG (Sweden)

Nadine FABRET (French)

Thierry LECONTE (French)

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

PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT AUROVILLE ON THEIR OWN:

Zelma RODIN (Coco) - South African

In case the above person(s) wishes to come back to live and work in Auroville, (s)he will need to restart his/her newcomer process.

PROCESS DISCONTINUED

Anandan RAMACHANDRAN - (Indian from Chennai) & Pramod ANANDAN & Niranjan ANANDAN

Bhanu Chandra TEMBRU - (Indian from Andhra Pradesh)

Evgenia KULIEVA - (Uzbekistan) & Ludvig GALUSTYAN &

Margorita GALUSTYAN & Artem GALUSTYAN

Sergey GALUSTYAN - (Armenian)

Sergey YAROSHINSKIY (Rangam) - (Russian)

Gerald Von Brandenstein (German)

PROCESS UNCONFIRMED AND DISCONTINUED

Marie FOUQUET (French)

Didier Charles Nelson (French) & Margot Charles NELSON

Premalatha ANANDAN (Indian from Chennai)

Dear Newcomers,

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

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

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

The Entry Service team (*Aurore, B, Chitra, Eva, Ishita, Matilde, Neeti*)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

To all ABC Units,

I have forwarded to all ABC units on our e-mail list, on 04.09.2015, an important message from Otto regarding TDS Refunds. If you have not received it contact me at: abcoffice@auroville.org.in

For ABC Ananda - Coordinator



AVI / AUM = By all accounts the recently held joint AVI/AUM meeting in Woodstock this last August has been a success and undoubtedly a detailed report will follow. Julian & Wendy Lines and their small team were warmly thanked for the excellent preparation of an outstanding meeting. Friederike, AVI's current Chairperson writes: *"I am sure that every participant will get home with a bag full of new information and a heart full of joy in the light of the experience of love, friendship and being together among the Auroville/Integral Yoga family. Everybody has contributed to make it a marvelous experience!"* (See the 'Notes' section of this issue for Friederike's personal impressions on her visit to USA).

A meeting report is being worked out, containing the various programmes & presentations as well as policies & resolutions drafted by members of the AVI Board during their board meeting on site. It will be posted soon.

FRANCE = On Saturday 19 September, once more a 'Café Auroville' will take place in Paris. This time the usually well attended gathering focuses on Matrimandir: Dominique Darr will present her recently published *'Matrimandir. Hymn to the Builders of the Future'* photo book; and Claude Lachaud, mathematician and president of the Pavillon de France' association, will enlighten the public with his talk on *'Matrimandir, symbol for the future'* during which he will go into the symbolism of the unique structure. The soiree will conclude with an undoubtedly animated buffet, a la Française!

For all AVI matters, contact Vani via vani@auroville.org.in
This column is maintained by mauna@auroville.org.in

COLAAP scales up for Campaigns

After a successful first year of the Acres for Auroville campaign, we are scaling up our activities by launching the GreenAcres campaign and Acres for Auroville Phase 2 (with AVI as for Phase 1). Now, all of the Master Plan area is

covered: A4A for the entire City area and GreenAcres for the Greenbelt.

A major help and support for these actions is the website: www.colaap.org - COLAAP is an abbreviation for Collaboration for Auroville Area Protection. This is the official site of 'Lands for Auroville Unified - LFAU' and it aims at raising financial and other resources for securing and protecting a consolidated physical base for Auroville. This unified base is essential if Auroville is to develop her full potential!!

We are pleased to announce that the COLAAP website has recently been highly upgraded and enriched with fresh material, beautiful pictures and increased functionality. The site is easy to navigate and provides much information and many links, as well as "direct donate" buttons.

COLAAP also hosts the A4A and GreenAcres campaigns, providing a login for donors with confidential access to their Donor Pages and donation history, as well as each campaign's Success Barometer.

We take this opportunity to remind everyone that consolidation of the remaining land in the Master Plan area should be our highest priority. We only have to look at the private incongruous developments coming up around and INSIDE the planned township area of Auroville. These developments are growing everywhere and fast. Their goals are monetary in nature and not in line with Auroville's aim, nor with land regeneration and sustainable living. Depletion of water reserves, increased pollution, and traffic are associated factors that affect all of us in the bioregion.

The time has come for each one sympathetic to Auroville to ask herself or himself what she or he can do.

Securing and safeguarding the maximum possible land in Auroville's Masterplan area is our common goal and it is in the common interest of all. At the same time, it is a huge task that has become urgent! A major large-scale effort for raising resources for land purchase is needed to support the Land

Board in their vital work. To do this, we need to expand and contact a much larger group of potential donors and call on EVERYONE to collaborate.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

You can support and collaborate by:

sharing and posting a link to: www.colaap.org on your websites, also connecting to COLAAP on Facebook, and taking it further on your social networks

sending our two fliers and our consolidated announcement to your mailing list, your newsletter, your friends and to all those who might collaborate - available in the "Fliers and Letters" section of each campaign on: www.colaap.org

subscribing to our updates and "Stay in touch" through www.colaap.org.

contributing your ideas and work for LFAU! You are most welcome to contact us at: lfau@auroville.org.in, 0413 2622 657, and at the LFAU desk at Town Hall at the usual office timings. LFAU's secretary Jothi will direct you to the right person.

making a donation via www.colaap.org and obtain a donor login, or by a transfer from your Financial Service account to Account 0100 either as an unspecified donation for land or by specifying one of these 3 choices:

General Land Fund (the land Board can use it as they see fit) - Acres for Auroville: A4A (the City area) - GreenAcres (the Greenbelt)

All contributions - small or big - are welcome and appreciated!

Your participation helps to create a synergetic field of action and intent, adding points of light and force for a harmonious and beautiful Auroville.

Aryadeep, Mandakini LB, and Sigrid for A4A and GreenAcres

POSTINGS

Trip to Tiruvanamalai

I am planning to go to Tiruvanamalai on 14th Sep for 3 days. If somebody is interested to join or share a taxi please contact me at 96 55 662645 or euuuu@mail.ru - Elena

Rectification from Housing Board

Ambu has no longer been part of the housing board team as representative of L'Avenir for 8 months, but Divya is. Thank you, *Sonja*

Clarification about the Himalaya Salt

For more than 10 years now we have got the Himalaya Salt from the same supplier. This time we received a salt which contains less iron and comes from another area in Pakistan. Therefore the colour is not so pinkish. If you would like to compare the analysis reports from last and from this year, please contact us by mail and we will send it to you. Mail: nqift11@gmail.com - We are sorry, that we cannot serve you better.

Sharing house and looking for people who love nature

I just come from experiencing communities in Europe which I found very inspiring and would like to find people interested in a small community experiment and liking to live simply. I have seen Nilatangham as an ever evolving platform for experimentation in living together. I have a separate room in my house which I would like to share with a Newcomer, long-term guest or volunteer. There are also 2 small guest houses

which could be used and a solar house. The place is 5 minutes from Kulilapalayam and 10 minutes from MM, roads to it are not worse than any other place in AV. and the security issues are the same than anywhere else in AV. not for short-time guests. Nilatangham can welcome a family in the summertime only.

Love and light, *Ambre, Nilatangham (Moon gold)* - Please contact by e mail: ambre@auroville.org.in

Dearest Goupi,

For the second time I have an enormous feeling of "This is not possible in Auroville"!

The first time (and not less sad) was when we did put out of Auroville a group of young people because they were *smoking*. And both found me out of Av - And looking at the World today I have to tell you: Please Aurovilians, could we take a moment of deep and sincere reflection together and look at ourselves and the aims of the City the Earth Needs. In Her Love and Certitude, *Anandi (Realization)*

Africa House, Pavilion of African Culture in the International Zone is in need of YOUR HANDS!

Common Space - community hall of temporary structures is nearly completed - we are in the phase to put the top layer of the roof structure, and since that needs to be done in one go, we need help. We need you to commit for at least a full day, starting from 9 am to 4.30 pm, with lunch provided.

We will be working on that task on Thursday the 10th, Friday the 11th and Saturday the 12th.

You can find us in the International Zone, opposite the entrance to Bharat Nivas, Pavilion of India.

Everyone is heartily welcomed - *Africa House Team*

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AVAILABLE

Appliances and furniture

We are fundraising for a solar installation and some appliances have become obsolete. Here an introduction, please inquire by e-mail for more information. Most of it bought in 2012: - Fridge Electrolux 183 RDA 3 stars (2012) / UPS and battery / Rechargeable fan (runs an additional 4 hours during power cut) (new) / Double cane bed and mattress / Single cane bed and mattress.

To view and pick up at Nilathangam before September 18th or at Discipline thereafter. Contact Petra Mo: petramo@auroville.org.in, 8098958679, 04132623019

Wood single beds

2 Kalimardhu wood single beds with mattresses. The first one is 90 x 2 cm and the second is 90 x 92 cm with wheels to put it under the first one. Contact person Victoria/Arati I/ ph 2622913/mb 9488818074

Macintosh professional specialist in Auroville. (25 years of experience)

If you have any request for your Macintosh (I'm NOT an Ipad and iPhone specialist) you can contact me. I do full control/cleaning/updates/repair/installations/monitor color calibration, etc...Contribution is on a free donation basis to Baraka community for Aurovilians/Newcomers/long term volunteers. For Guests, it is according to what has to be done. Please contact me by mail - Eric Chacra: echacra@free.fr

Space available in Aurelec

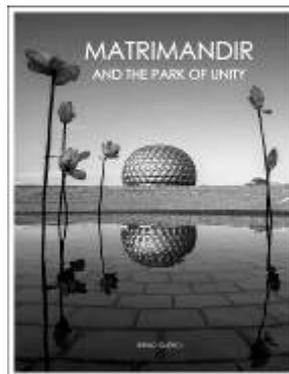
26.11 sqm. Air-conditioned office space with full infrastructure inside ADPS compound is available for rent. Interested people may contact Mr. Siva at Aurelec in person, or by phone: 262-2293 or 2294 / or e-mail: adps@auroville.org - Thanks and regards, Siva for ADPS Trust

Apartments in Sanjana Housing Project

The work is going on in Sanjana Housing Project between Arati and Sukhavati communities. There are still a few apartments of different sizes available - 2 bedrooms, 1 bedroom... You are

welcome to have a look and choose between different flats. The construction is expected to be completed beginning of 2016 for 3 blocks and a bit later for the 4th block. For details please contact Gundolf at: sanjana@auroville.org.in.

Book on the Matrimandir and the Park of Unity now available!



The book is available in the outlets in and around Auroville.

Matrimandir and the Park of Unity is the result of a photographic project which has lasted over 30 years. The book consists of a series of images taken by Ireneo Guerci, which are divided into 3 sections: "The Place, The Work, and The People". This book is a selection of the many unique images that were taken in and around the Matrimandir area. The photographic work opens with a

foreword written by Paolo Tommasi, followed by an introduction from Alan Herbert.

The images presented here not only act as a testament to the true beauty that is the Matrimandir, but also perform a more functional, archival duty. That is to say, the images very poetically capture the graceful nature of the place, but also bear witness to the years of work and time which were invested in its creation.

Whoever picks up a copy of this photographic book, is offered a vivid depiction of the collective ethos of this intriguing place, the people who built it, and those who cherish it.

Through Ireneo's images of the magical surroundings, the elaborate architecture, and the joyous festivities, this book pronounces not just one, but the many faces of the Matrimandir.

Ireneo

LOOKING FOR ...

For wire/weld mesh

Dear community, I am looking for wire/weld mesh (whatever length, preferably 1.65 meters high) that you might have lying around or not using. It's for a project that I'm doing in Base Camp, TLC. If you have some, please contact me at: matilde@auroville.org.in = It would be awesome :). Thanks a lot, Edén

in the category of films made about Auroville. These films came to us through Outreach Media, and do not have English subtitles. We have the transcript of the Austrian film, but nothing for the Spanish film.

We are looking for people who would be willing to do a simultaneous translation for these two films during the screening. Please contact us at <aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in>

Unity Pavilion - Volunteers Needed

International Peace Day Celebrations - September 21
Unity Pavilion is organizing a few programs on 21 September 2015 on the occasion of the International Peace Day. Some interactive events involving children (both young and old) are



Translators needed!

This year the Auroville Film Festival would like to screen an Austrian film and a Spanish film

being planned for the day. We will need around 5-6 volunteers for the evening (from 3 pm) and at least a couple of volunteers for the full day.

If you are interested in organizing events and interacting with children kindly come forward.

Please contact Unity Pavilion - Ph: 0413 2623576; e-mail: unitypavilion@auroville.org.in

Second hand cupboard, a table, drawers

Youth Link is looking for a second hand cupboard, a table, drawers... anything with a lock and key and some shelves to order our paperwork and materials. We would be very grateful. Thank you! Contact: youth@auroville.org.in, 9751944989

Second-hand scooter

I am looking for a second-hand scooter in good condition. Please contact Anamika. Email: anamika@auroville.org.in / ph: 9843697700 - Thanks, *Anamika*

5,000 pieces of CDs

Ok is going to make a waterfall from CDs. It needs more than 5000 piece of CDs. If you have some, please let me use them. If you want to join for this art installation, you are welcome to make it together. Call me 9344002972 or okjeonglee@gmail.com - *Ok jeonglee*

LOST & FOUND



Key...(Found): Did you lose your key? This key was found on Friday 4 September on the dirt road

(with the big trench being dug in) between the Crown Road and Town Hall, closer to the Crown. If it's yours email me at amy@auroville.org.in. Warmly, *Amy*

Furniture

Hi, we are some of the new Weltwaerts volunteers, who will stay in AV for one year. We have found a place but no furniture! So if you have some chairs, a trunk, a table or shelves or a cupboard which you would like to give away or sell, please contact us:- darius97@gmx.de or 7639318319. Thank you :) - Warm regards, *Darius and Kaya*

Second-hand bike and single beds

Hello everyone, we are looking for a second-hand bike, and also for single beds (or a sofa which can fit a single bed); you can contact us at: 9487919841 or 2622536. Thank you! *Matthieu and Shanti*

Acoustic Guitar

Does anyone have an acoustic guitar at home which is waiting for someone to play it? I would like to buy or borrow one, without having high claims on the Instrument. Please let me know if you have any or any idea...Thank you! *Carla* 9585550273 or carotenthoff@gmail.com

Black Wallet (lost): Rs 1,700 cash, photo ID, Driving licence. *Ankit Dogira* staying at Isai Ambalaban

THANK YOU

From Noel

I would like to thank those who came to my book launch for my poetry book "Transcendent Sky" We read some poems from the book and had a lovely short mime performance by Drupad. I would also like to thank everyone who continues to support my children's book, Yaroslava's Flowers. Both books are now available at the Visitor's Center Bookstore, Freeland Bookstore, Auroville.com and from me in person. Feel free to contact me at: earthyogaunity@gmail.com or 2622816. Thank you again and best Wishes! *Noel Parent*

Amazing Teslor

I'd like to share my experience about the Teslor - it's a chip which offers a protection against the magnetic waves from mobile phones and computers.

I work in a computer room and got tired by the e-magnetic field then tested the Teslor and I was so surprised to see the effect of this Teslor. I felt very less fatigue - So thanks to Hans for his invention.

Sunja

Art Break Day 2015: Vulnerability & Play

Vulnerability is the birthplace of innovation, creativity and change. —Brené Brown

For the third year in Auroville, Sankalpa hosted Art Break Day, a global community art event including 40+ sites in US, Mexico,

Canada, France, Australia and India.

Many school children returned a year later, a little taller, less shy and eager to sit down and start painting on the theme "I am". The combination of staying for an hour or longer and working together outdoors seemed conducive to tactile and spontaneous play with materials, including paper folding, paint prints, finger-painting and even inclusion of leaves. Many young Indian men challenged a gender-related taboo of making art and thanked me for the encouragement and permission to be creative. The fact that these opportunities were simultaneous is the intersection of humanity we are so lucky to experience in Auroville.

There was a moment in the late afternoon when a quiet concentration entered the public space. I looked around with a hand on my heart, amazed and so touched to see such a range of participants, families, volunteers, workers on their tea break, old and new friends, each immersed in their creative process. The artwork hung on strings all around the space were lightly moving in the breeze, dappled sunlight streaming in through the trees, and I was deeply inspired to see the true sense of human unity in these moments. I felt Auroville alive in its dream to bring people together this way, with art as a vehicle for this vision.

A surprising number of individuals are afraid to sit down and create, either scarred by an overly critical art teacher in their childhood, or simply giving up creative pursuits in adolescence. A safe, open and non-judgmental atmosphere establishes trust and encourages vulnerability, helping many to return to that pure and playful space within and begin to share it with others.

As an introduction to the potential of art therapy, community art offers a less intimidating, interactive and positive path to self-awareness. To express oneself takes genuine openness, and when masks and barriers are let down, there is a palpable shift in energy. To witness and facilitate this open, original self-expression both publicly and collectively is remarkable.

Thank you to Lauren and Lisa of Art is Moving for bringing together artists around the world for another global event; to an incredible crew of volunteers including Sarah, Marie-Claire, Pragya, Kate, Lark, Paloma & Gaurav; for the tireless support of Iyyappan in making all Sankalpa dreams possible; for the

fresh perspectives and enthusiasm of young local photographers Vinay, Hari & Gobi; to Marc & Dreamer's Café team & Nicole of Visitor's Center for the openness to provide this event for the third year in Auroville; to PCG & Stichting de Zaaier for helping us to feature the Art Cart, and especially to the 200+ brave artists of all ages expressing themselves all day.

Krupa for Sankalpa (a subunit of Thamarai)
Photos/updates: [facebook.com/sankalpajourneys](https://www.facebook.com/sankalpajourneys) -
www.sankalpajourneys.com, www.artbreakday.com

A P P E A L



AVFF Appeal

A big thank you to those of you who have donated to the Auroville Film Festival 2015! We are just over 20 days away from the Grand Opening on 2nd of October and still need your help.

Please donate to 251551 to help us make this another fantastic event.

Thank you, *Tom*

Giving from Oneness - Appeal from Unity Pavilion

Dear Auroville community, Auroville friends and well-wishers,

Unity Pavilion has become a frequently used location for all kind of collective meetings and events.

It is much appreciated for its warm and welcoming atmosphere. We, the Unity Pavilion team, are happy to get such positive response for the facilities we have built up with much dedication, love and perseverance.

Today we want to share with you our struggle and the challenges we face to maintain it, to pay each month for the wages, office expenditure, repairs and all that the upkeep of such facilities demand. This does not include purchase of equipment or improvement of facilities.

Unity Pavilion facility receives (for Unity Pavilion Hall and Hall of Peace) a modest contribution from City Service. Auroville International Centers and some Pavilion groups contribute regularly. Savi with its important work is able to contribute a minimal rent. Koodam was contributing for the space they used, but has found a more suitable, home in Kailash (where the Health clinic used to be) and is just about to move.

Most Auroville groups have limited or no budgets and therefore the contributions coming forward for the use of the space are quite minimal, many groups/ individuals can not contribute and we still want to support the good work they are doing for the community by letting them use the Hall.

Our main income is generated through renting out the UP main hall for workshops for students, guests and people from outside (NGOs, Government organizations and the like).

Despite having many activities happening the income does not cover the expenditures. We have an average monthly deficit of over Rs 10, 000. Fortunately Unity Pavilion has some friends who understand the problem and who have so far accepted

that we use funds, which were meant for improvement of facility, temporarily to cover running expenses. But it cannot continue this way.

Next to other efforts to increase our income base we appeal now to all of you, Aurovillians, friends and well-wishers, who appreciate the Unity Pavilion facilities to support this work if you can with monthly contributions. Also a onetime gift is welcome.

Contributions can be made via FS account 251739 (Unity Pavilion collection) or through Auroville Unity fund, specified for Unity Pavilion maintenance. Thank you!

It is our wish to serve the community in the spirit of ONENESS, offer in JOY from Oneness and receive with GRATITUDE from Oneness.

Who has a "Magic Tree" ?

Dear Community Members,

I am working on an exhibition about the tree spirits in Auroville, which will be shown in the Citadyn Centre d'Art in February 2016.

As I cannot continue the work which I started on the trees in Samriddhi, I am looking for another place to work.

I need a special tree (which is accessible) and a shed or small room to dry my fresh prints overnight. It needs to be big enough to set up a rope line to hang them and protect them against the wind and rain.

If you have a tree which is very special to you and a place to host my work for a couple of days, please call me. I will happily come and check on your tree.

The procedure is absolutely ecological and does not harm the tree at all. Only a bit of black oil colour remains on the rough part of its bark. I like the changed looks, because it points out the beautiful structures of the bark and the tree looks like in a festive dress.

I have had quite a few residencies and invitations to do this art work in botanical gardens in different countries in the world.

This is a link to the pdf document about my bark prints in Samriddhi:

<http://www.birgittavolz.de/Barkprint%20explanation.pdf>

If you would like to get more information, please look at that link: www.birgittavolz.de into the section bark prints.

I hope to get many invitations, please call me: 9442300574

Love, Birgitta

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

House sitting 1

Hi everybody, I'm an Aurovillian waiting for her apartment to be finished and in the meantime I'm looking for a place to stay from October until next summer. I will be happy to take care of your plants and animals, if needed. Please contact me at: francesca@auroville.org.in - *Francesca*

TAXI SHARING

September 16th: From Chennai International Airport to Auroville. Arrival Date: 16 September, Time: 03.30 am - Looking for one person to share the taxi. Contact: Vani@auroville.org.in - Vani

September 16th: To Chennai airport, leaving 16th Sept., 10 or 11 pm, Emirates Flight - Sharing both ways possible. Contact Sigrid: sigrid@auroville.org.in / 0413 2623888

September 17th: I am going to Chennai Airport on the 17th of September to pick up my family who arrive at 3 am on the

18th. The taxi can accommodate two passengers apart from me while leaving to Chennai but shall be full while returning. I am flexible with the timings of departure. Either call me on +91 9626561256 or email me on drupadg@gmail.com - Thanks, Drupad

September 17th: I'm going to Chennai airport on September, 17th, at 6 am. If you are interested to join, please let me know. Mobile: 8760815783 or sunja.fr@gmail.com - Sunja

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Someone to model

Creativity Atelier is looking for someone to model every Tues. from 5-7. It would be a bonus if you had some experience but it is not a must. You can learn on the job. You can be old young/male female/small large. Please call Audrey 262-2641 and leave a message on my tape if I am not in. Looking forward to our new adventure.

HEALTH

Beauty & health for your well-being.

Therapeutic Face Pack with Home Recipes. Ayurveda Acupressure Body Massage. Balinese Body Massage. Contact Person Victoria Perez. Phone: 2622913. Mobile: 9488818074

Integral Health

Classical homeopathy - hypnotherapy - midwifery - child care - coaching

Sigrid and Peter are leaving on September 16th for 2 months. The clinic service continues with Malar - Sigrid will be available by email and skype. We welcome Hilal, a young German volunteer for her 1 year internship at Integral Health. Malar and Hilal will **update the listing of AV therapists**: malar@auroville.org.in

Thanks to a PCG grant *Malar certified in homeopathy in Tamil*. We start off with Homeopathic First Aid, PC remedies and Bachflowers as drop ins, in Tamil.

PC remedies for Diabetes, high blood pressure and Trauma have shown very effective. We have 84 PC remedies and provide information and training regarding their application: www.arhf.nl

We had an *info session* with members of women's group, Deepam, LEC, AVAG and Thamarai on the use of PC remedies and homeopathic First Aid - more service in our outreach will follow.

"Harmony and Samata" are homeopathic remedies carrying the energies of Mother and Sri Aurobindo. The remedies can be obtained free of cost in different potencies, and can be picked up in C 200 and 1M potency any time in the remedy box of Integral Health.

The First Aid Kits, with 32 remedies and a manual (English, German or French) are available.

Sigrid and Ingo are certified German healing practitioners - Peter, Ingo and Sigrid are offering treatment in **classical homeopathy**: www.sigridlindemann.com - Sigrid is certified in transpersonal regression therapy: www.tassointernational.com

Consultations are generally held in English, French and German, with Sigrid and Malar in *Tamil* as well. Malar is managing the office, mailing of remedies, the First Aid Kits and PC remedies (Mon, Wed, Fri) and works with AVAG (Thu) and Thamarai (Tue).

You are welcome to contact us at: integralhealth@auroville.org.in to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue. Please make an appointment beforehand via Integral Health, Prayatna: 2623669

Sigrid sigrid@auroville.org.in, Peter peterh@auroville.org.in - mobile 9787698464, Ingo ingo@auroville.org.in 9489325085, Malar malar@auroville.org.in 9585012007

More information is available on our website http://www.auroville.org/health/integral_health.htm

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Listeners,

We are currently a fairly stable team of five persons at the radio, however there is so much more that can and should be done. Aside from recording and producing programs we train people as well - For example work involving Software engineers to help manage new features for our website and programmers familiar with android and iPhones apps. Journalists and Photographers and even an Architect to help create a garden-pod like studio.

We are happy to say that Prem and Rema have found via Housing a temporary place to stay in and hope that a long term solution will follow as well for Miriam and kids. An old recording device is still missing, if you happen to have borrowed it pls let us know.

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.

Owiny Sigoma Band (Music 06/09/2015)

In this musical edition we are featuring Owiny Sigoma Band with some new releases, and some old tracks. -[English, 62 Minutes]

Postcard from Auroville (Radio Drama 06/09/2015)

Greetings from Auroville- from noise polluted coastal road, ocean waves to intertwined sounds of nature with community - [Sound, 4 Minutes]

Top of 2015: Rock and Metal Pt.1 (Music 05/09/2015)

Today at Auroville Radio we have Sic Sixx with a playlist of the best releases in 2015 in the world of rock and metal -[English, 44 Minutes]

Welcoming the Peace Bell (The Path 05/09/2015)

The Peace Bell has found its temporary home at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture - IZ, with warm welcome yesterday -[English, 62 Minutes]

Off the Cuff-42 (Performing Arts 04/09/2015)

Observations, joys and apprehensions on preparing for 50th year: policies, architects and economy and more -[English, 17 Minutes]

Selections par Gangalakshmi-53 (The Path 04/09/2015)

Cette semaine extrait de; La Tragedie de la Terre - de Sophocle À Sri Aurobindo par Satprem, 1995 -[French, 24 Minutes]

Privilege to volunteer (Volunteers 04/09/2015)

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

Dominique from SAVI - a service to help volunteers - talks on new visa policy with volunteers -[English, 26 Minutes]

Nritya Samarpan (News from Auroville 03/09/2015)

Yaroslava invites to dance offering of Odissi and Bharatnatyam on Saturday at 7.30pm at Bharat Nivas, -[English, 15 Minutes]

Tour De Force - Pan African Dance (Music 02/09/2015)

Groovy mix of some old and new tracks of Boddhi Satva while world highly anticipated Transition -[English, 64 Minutes]

Collective Aspiration for Peace (Research 02/09/2015)

Vera invites us to welcoming of the Peace Bell on Friday 4th at 5.15pm at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, IZ. -[English, 33 Minutes]

Botanical Garden Celebrates 15! (Performing Arts 02/09/2015)

Renu, Wazo, Paul & Jesse celebrating the 15th anniversary of Auroville Botanical gardens -[English, 21 Minutes]

Savitri-Book 7, Canto 4, 1st part (Sri Aurobindo 02/09/2015)

Book 7 canto 5 first part, where Savitri journeys to the mystic cavern and feels herself made one with all she sees. -[English, 17 Minutes]

Water, Art Break Day (News from Auroville 31/08/2015)

Today at 4.30 pm at SAIER Joy of Learning- AV Water Challenge, tomorrow at UP meeting with Varuna team - [English, 11 Minutes]

T R A V E L

Latest News from the Travel Shop - located at Inside India in Auroshilpam.

For ticketing - International and Domestic Flights, Trains, Buses, Tours, Hotels and Travel Insurance.

We are open from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 13:30 to 17:00

New Airline Offers:

Emirates announced special return fare for travel to selected European and US destinations.

Oman Airways has one month promotional offers to Europe.

Qatar airways has announced promotional offers to Europe and USA.

Srilankan airline has special offers to Europe.

Fly Dubai, Air Asia, Scoot airlines, Easy jet and Euro wings airlines tickets can be issued here.

If a friend or family member or you, would like to pay with a credit card (only international cards) please feel free to contact us for details. We are now able to issue flight tickets for travel originating from Europe to India and back on promotional fares (only) with International Credit Cards.

Hotels: International and Domestic Hotel bookings can be done at competitive rates through us.

E A T I N G O U T

Naturellement and Garden Café closed

Please note that Naturellement and Garden Cafe will be closed for Ganesh Chaturthi, on 17th September, Thursday. Regards, *Naturellement & Garden Cafe team*

Morgan Café closed for Ganesh Pooja

The Morgan Café Will be closed on Thursday 17th of September for Ganesh Pooja.



According to the reminder on the Guest contribution

"Guests who stay with Aurovilians are NO exception, and it is the responsibility of the Aurovilian to make sure that their guests are registered, AND pay the Rs 150/day Guest Contribution at the Financial Service. This contribution is not linked to the AuroCard, guests who do not need an AuroCard are equally required to pay the Guest Contribution. "

Guest Facilities Coordination Group

I have a few questions:

1. I thought the GFCG was in charge of defining rules for the guests in the guest-houses and that the Guest-Service was in charge of guests in a general way. I am confused... Could you clarify your field of actions? Since when is the GFCG able to define rules for guests who do not stay in a guest house?
2. How will you make sure that all the people who are visiting and staying in Auroville, even only for a short time, will pay this contribution?
3. If I am not able to convince my guest, friend or relative who stays at my place to pay this contribution, how can I force them? What do you expect me to do?
4. I probably missed the posting and meeting related to this policy. Could you please be so kind and send me all the details that were decided on in the past.
5. I would be interested to know what you tell the arriving guests who come to pay this contribution. If they are not in need of a guest card, what are they paying for exactly?
6. Could you introduce the GFCG group in: <https://www.auroville.org.in/groups>

Thanks to reply...<https://www.auroville.org.in/article/52945>

Damien

GFCG reply to Damien

Dear Damien - In response to your questions:

1. The GFCG did not create or define the policies regarding guest contributions, and we can't even tell you who did, as they have been in place for so many years (since the early days of Auroville and even at the ashram, there has always been an expectation that all guests make a financial contribution). However, our staff who take care of the guest registration service have reported that several Aurovilians were not aware of this policy. Therefore we decided to post a reminder in the News and Notes. If you have any further questions regarding these policies, we would refer you to the FAMC or BCC.

2. We cannot guarantee full compliance, but we do believe that once people understand the vision and aims of Auroville, most are very happy to contribute. We do our best by educating/reminding people about it, and asking all Aurovilians and Newcomers to explain it to their family and friends. We also encourage everyone who visits or lives here to read what the Mother wrote about being in and contributing to Auroville. She was very clear that all people coming to Auroville should contribute either with work, in kind, or financially.

3. You can inform them about this (and the reasons for it) before they come, or sponsor them yourself.

4. and 5. Please see previous answers

6. Thank you for the suggestion; we will discuss this at our next GFCG meeting.

Sincerely,

Afsaneh, Giovanni, Kumar, Lieve, Srimoyi, Susan, Tineke [Guest Facilities Coordination Group]

Sludge feedback

From my limited knowledge of septic tank design, so long as the tank volume is at least 50 times the maximum daily input and the tank is well-ventilated, the effluent is theoretically drinkable, or at least acceptable to a simple brick-lined soak pit or garden. As long as no extraneous devices are flushed down the toilet, the bulk of any sedimentary sludge would be whatever sand or granite dust the contributors manage to ingest. From my experience of septic tanks in Australia, they hardly ever need to be dislugged.

The problem arises when "grey" water from sink & shower which should normally be channelled into a soak pit or treatment pond is also drained into the septic tank, which is designed specifically only for sewerage [(Even so, if as by l'Avenir's calculation, the cumulative sludge is less than 1 litre per individual per day, then individual community disposal is at least feasible, especially considering that it is at least 75% water)].

The major disadvantage of a centralised treatment plant is that especially if the sludge removal is free, there is no incentive to be responsible for either the efficiency of the individual tanks or the disposal of non- biodegradable materials down the toilet. Even more critical in the city the earth needs is the fact that we are combining sewerage and water in the first place. Compost from a dry composting toilet is 10 times more nitrifying to the soil than unwanted sludge.

Johnny Fertile

Impressions of my visit to the USA

I am finally settled back home again and would like to express once more my deep feelings of gratitude towards Wendy and Julian for all their great work in making the AVI/AUM meeting such an exceptional experience for all of us and for opening their own and their friends' homes for us to stay during our AVI Board meeting days. So good to hear that they enjoyed their richly deserved couples massage in the Menla Spa!

Subsequent to our meeting some of us AVI people hailing from Europe and India had the chance to visit the breath-taking Niagara Falls and also the Madison area in Wisconsin, following an invitation to their home by our dear Fanou and Bryan who live very close to Taliesin, Frank Lloyd Wright's home and summer estate. We found out that Bryan is an expert guide for Taliesin! We also enjoyed a tour to the place where the Wisconsin River and the Mississippi meet and to the Effigy Mounds Monument in Iowa, just on the other side of the Mississippi.

I have to say that I never experienced the sanctity of nature as strongly as I did during this stay. First the beautiful Catskill Mountains, their clean air, the deers grazing peacefully two meters next to you at Menla, the amazing idea to have bears living in the surrounding woods - Vani even met one on the road next to Wendy's and Julian's home - and then the Niagara Falls. We followed Nadaka's advice and went to the Canadian side, absolutely stunning! I could not resist imagining how the native people must have felt, before the age of tourism. And finally the absolute peacefulness and grandiosity of the Mississippi-Wisconsin confluence, embedded in a densely wooded area. Our picnic at an elevated viewpoint overlooking the vast panorama is unforgettable! And to crown it all, when taking a long walk in the Effigy Mounds National Park, following the steps of the ancient Indian Mound builders, we spotted seven Bald Eagles taking a rest at a little island shore in the Mississippi, with an occasional show of majestic gliding.

To meet a whole flock of this national bird, after having experienced the grandiosity of nature and the generosity of our lovingly caring host during our whole stay, filled me with deep love and sympathy for this wonderful country. And it made me send out a prayer that it may soon let its soul qualities prevail and shape its fate. This, of course, applies to all our nations...

Friederike [Chairperson of Auroville International]

About the residential zone plan and the sludge

Dear L'avenir d'Auroville,

After having seen your latest proposals for the Residential Zone Sectors 1 and 2, as well as the proposed sludge processing facility, we, residents of Madhuca, Sukhavati, Victory, Sangha, Arati, and Sanjana (future residents) have a request.

Please, stop spending large amounts of money and time making elaborate plans with neither real knowledge of the ground realities nor any meaningful discussion with the people who are and will be most directly affected.

Under these circumstances we do not agree to the plans as they have been proposed, and until the above mentioned points have been rectified we will also not participate in any General Meeting on these 2 topics nor allow development in this way.

We trust we will be hearing from you soon to initiate collaborative discussions with a representative group of residents from this area.

"If you learn from them (the people), you deliver the right solutions" - John Thompson - Videos on Community Planning

Sincerely,

Madhuca - Chali, Lisbeth, Dorle, John Z, Anandamayi, Marc, Matilde, Surya, Nele

Sukhavati - Fabienne, Gerard, Aurrima, Emanuele, Yvelise, Sandrine, Sumit, Henri, Shilpa, Kavita, Claire, Herve, Costantino, Estee.

Sangha - Aloka, Kratu, Mario, Meha, Ireneo, Patrizia, Aurodeva,

Sanjana - Helene, Gundolf (Architect of Sanjana), Angelika, Barbara, Veronica

Arati - Doris -Virya

Victory - Miriam

Steps Forward

Aikiyam School Support Group would like to respond to André concerning his recent letter in News and Notes.

Aikiyam School (previously called New Creation School), welcomes and shares André's ambitions for the children of the area, and is trying hard to fulfil many of them. The present school serves around 250 children from the surrounding area from pre-kindergarten to 8th grade. We have worked hard to gain CBSE accreditation, enabling us to give a quality education to the children based as closely as possible on the principles of integral education as defined by the Mother and Sri Aurobindo, whilst providing a recognized school transfer certificate after the eighth grade.

The school provides a quality bilingual education in Tamil and English, covering all of the standard academic subjects, physical education, and a wide variety of vocational options, including art, woodwork, tailoring, clay-work and computer skills. The school has been located in its present position since the early 1980's, and we owe a lot to André and later Roy for its early development.

However, over the last 10 years since the Support Group (the school management team) started to function, Aikiyam has made huge advances, both in terms of the education standards offered to the children, and also in terms of facilities. Anyone passing by will see the construction presently taking place of four new classrooms, which follows a new kitchen and dining area, new library and science labs and many other improvements to existing buildings. Another building, providing additional classrooms will start soon. This work has been funded from various grants and private donations, in recognition of the work of the school.

André's wishes for Aikiyam to move to the Last School campus are not shared by the management of the school. The school is now firmly established in its present location and there are no plans to move anywhere, either in the short or long term.

We always welcome constructive dialogue with anyone interested in the work of the school and the education and welfare of the children, and are always prepared to work together with André or anyone else who shares our aspirations.

Aikiyam School Support Group

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

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

We are restarting Savitri, from Book I.

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

Reminder to all: The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such. We request everyone: please do not to use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc.
Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos there.
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm
Please be seated by 5.55 pm, no late entry. Thank you.

Amphitheatre Team

INVITATIONS



The Teachers Center

invites teachers and parents to the next
Conversation on Integral Education

This week the topic will be some of the different educational experiments happening in India.

We will show three short films:
Riverside school

A freedom to learn in Rishi Valley
and Sugata Mitra's new experiments in self teaching.

There will be time for sharing after the films.

Venue: Teachers Centre, SAIER
Tuesday the 15th September at 4 - 5.30 pm

The Joy of Learning team is happy to invite you to:

The Auroville Water Challenge - Part Two -
On September 15th, at 4.30 pm at SAIER

In the first part of the Water Challenge, we were introduced to the big picture and heard about some of the challenges and possibilities involved in managing our water resources.

In the second part of this series, we focus down and look at some of the ways in which Auroville is responding to the challenge. We will hear about the valuable land and canyon work done over the years to harvest water; about the importance and feasibility of recycling waste water; and about an interesting experiment in rainwater catchment in an apartment building.

When? Tuesday, September 15th, 4.30 to 6.30 pm
Where? SAIER Conference Hall

And our presenters are:

Kireet - '18 Years of Rain Water Harvesting and Erosion Control'

Jan - 'Approach to Sustainable Water Management in Auroville'

David - 'H2O - Hydrological Challenge to Conscious Opportunity'

Please join us for two hours of learning, discovery, and inspiration on and around a topic that we all know demands our attention:
Water.

Your Joy of Learning team

Ganesh Chaturthy

This year Ganesh Chaturthy occurs on Thursday the 17th of September from 4 pm to 5 pm

Sri Ganesh has his own abode in Auroville (at the entrance from the Highway).

In fact Sri Ganesh has probably been the first resident of Auroville, as two years before the Auroville inauguration he was already one, a fact which is fitting, since before starting any adventure, enterprise or journey one seeks Sri Ganesh's blessings.

Everyone is welcome to his shrine, in the afternoon of the 17th of September, 4 pm to 5 pm.

The Aarti will be sung at 5 pm.

Adventure at Aranya

Children (Ages 7 - 11 only) from Auroville schools are welcome.

Come and enjoy a day at Aranya Forest.

Walk on the Rope bridge, zoom on the zip line, walk in the forest and canyons, learn about snakes.

Program on Saturday, September 19, 2015. 9.00 am to 3 pm. Lunch will be provided.

Pick up from Solar Kitchen by bus sharp at 8.30 am and drop back 3.45 pm.

Please register with us at the earliest.

For more details call Saravanan 9443958559 / Kundhavi 9360043538. Email: aranya@auroville.org.in. Website: www.aranya-auroville.org

CULTURAL EVENTS

BHARAT NIVAS

Presents

An evening of Hindustani Flute Recital by Chandra

A student of Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia

accompanied by Bryce from Sri Aurobindo Ashram,

A flute player and teacher of Hindustani music.

Date: Saturday, 12 September 2015

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: India Space, Bharat Nivas

All music lovers are welcome.

Introduction on Chandra:

Chandra, after her studies in Auroville, has further lived and worked in India and abroad for higher education. She has been learning flute from her Guru-ji, Pandit Chaurasia and has performed with him on special occasions while being at his Gurukul.

Chandra is now planning to study in the UK. She has got an admission in the prestigious King's College, Cambridge. On this occasion, before her departure, she is happy to share a musical evening with Aurovilians and friends. Her first recorded flute CD would be available and music lovers can get a copy with a contribution which will go to support her higher educational journey.

For more information: Shilpa - 9486535605. Tapas: 9442121315. Office: 0413.2622253. Chandra: 7639781711



Maybe by now the rumor has reached you that we are preparing a new musical production, which is called Millidacious...Well we are.

We will be performing on the 25th, 26th and 27th of September in the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium at Bharat Nivas,

For safety reasons we have been asked to limit the size of the audience to 550 people each night. Therefore we are planning to issue tickets for each performance. These

tickets will be available from the 18th of September at our online website: <http://booking.wattmon.in/>

You can also get a paper ticket at the Solar Kitchen or at the Town Hall front desk.

You will only be allowed into the performance if you have a valid ticket, so to avoid disappointment please do get your ticket on or after the 18th.

The 25th and 26th night performances will begin at 8.00 pm. On Sunday the 27th, we will have a special performance for younger children and their parents, which will start at 5:30 pm. So we encourage people with young children to plan for this evening.

As there probably will be a big demand for tickets we would ask that people only plan to come for one performance.

Hope to see you there

METROPOL | MASTERS | MIMES

A 15 mins Mime Performance at SAWCHU, Bharat Nivas by MAUNAM - Physical Poetry (Mime Troupe of Auroville) on the 16th of September, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

This performance is dedicated to The Masters of Mime and the Spirit behind the world Metropols.

The performance shall be followed by a discussion about the upcoming International Mime Festival "MIMING FOR THE MASTERS" to be held in Auroville in the month of November this year. All those Artists, Performers, Art Lovers, Writers and Creative Geniuses of Auroville who wish to be a part of this effort are welcome to attend the Mime Act and the meeting thereafter. If you are not able to come but still wish to be a part of the festival please write to: mime@auroville.org.in

With Love and Light,

For Mooladhvani Institute of Movement & Expression (www.mime.org.in)

Drupad

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

QUIET HEALING CENTER

Anahata. Yoga & Mindfulness with Nuthan Manohar

Friday 18 - Sunday 20 September 2015 (3 days)

Timings: 8.30 AM - 6.30 PM (32 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 0413 2622329 / 9488084966)

Yoga & Mindfulness from the Heart to Heal Body and Mind

We were created with unlimited potential. Unfortunately the hurdles we face and the pain we suffer in our lives seem to contradict this. By reconnecting with our heart centre - Anahata - we gain the ability to change, create our destiny, or the grace to endure.

This workshop is an invitation to look within your heart and reconnect with the source of all healing and all manifestations in life. It includes mantra chanting, meditations, asanas, pranayama, aromatherapy, and interactive discussions to cleanse and awaken the heart.

We will challenge both our limiting beliefs as well as physical edges that prevent us from deepening our joy. At the same time we will compassionately accept ourselves and thus accept others. You will learn to rethink life with a fresh perspective and let go of pain and limitations.

Nuthan has taught Yoga and Wellness at Pure Yoga, Hong Kong, and currently resides in Cochin where she runs her own yoga studio, Me Met Me. Her practices are based on Hatha and Tantra Yoga, as taught by Swami Sivananda. She has been featured in various TV Channels and National Newspapers across India.

Watsu Basic with Petra and Gianni

Tuesday 22 - Wednesday 23 September 2015 (2 days)

Timings: 9.00 AM - 6.30 PM (16 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 0413 2622329 / 9488084966)

Watsu, created by Harold Dull in the 1980s, is an aquatic bodywork modality given in a warm water pool (ideally 35°C). This unique therapy offers an opportunity for profound relaxation and letting go, building trust, being nurtured and held, expanding inner and outer boundaries, releasing emotions and traumas - ultimately, for freeing body and mind in a flow unique to each client and each session.

Watsu Basic introduces the body mechanics to work with someone on the surface in order to create a profound state of physical and mental relaxation. In this course, you will learn and practice basic techniques and qualities (grounding, presence, stillness, movement, attention) of being and moving another person in water. You will experience floating other people and being floated, while creating a space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit. No previous experience required!

Watsu Basic is recognized by WABA (Worldwide Aquatic Bodywork Association) as part of the Watsu training program and gives 16 hours of credit for registration with WABA and Watsu India.

EXPLORING RESTORATIVE CIRCLES (AND JUSTICE IN AUROVILLE)

Dates: Sept 12-13 (Sat, Sun)

Time: 9.30am-5pm at Joy Guest House

-What is Justice?

-Are we satisfied with the justice system(s) we have in Auroville? Does it work? How would we like it to be different?

Come and explore with us!

Love, L'aura, Janet and Shanti

See News & Notes # 612 or AVnet for previous announcement and more info...

To register, contact L'aura:9442788016,
joylivinglearning@gmail.com

SPECIAL ATB WORKSHOP FOR FORMER STUDENTS OVER 21

This workshop is specifically for people who attended ATB classes in Auroville schools and would like to refresh their connection with ATB. This will be an opportunity for us to be together again and enjoy this work.

The workshop will take place in the ATB Hall at Transition on Saturday 19th of September from 3 pm to 6 pm.

If you are interested it would help if you let me know through e-mail: alokamariona@gmail.com or sms to: 9843985445

AN ONGOING WORKSHOP.

Every Tues. from 2-4:30 in The Creative Atelier, there is an open interactive time for people who want to do landscape drawing or painting. All materials provided.

No experience needed. Instruction is available. It is free or with donation. Just come.

Information - 262-2641. Audrey

DANCE OFFERING

Listening - Allowing - Unfolding - Celebrating - Offering

With Dariya and friends

Thursdays 5 - 7 pm in Verite Hall

Sharing a unique space to be, to express, to connect, to communicate and offer our prayers with free dance and contact improvisation

Everyone is welcome! Thank you for coming on time to begin together!

CAPOEIRA

Dear Friends and fellow Capoeira enthusiasts!

We are excited to announce that our Capoeira classes have resumed after a little summer break. Join us for some good training and sharing of this rich cultural expression. We hope to see you soon!

Grupo Gingado Capoeira - New class schedule:

Monday 7-8:30pm @ New Creation dance studio

Wednesday 6-7:30pm @ Bamboo Farm (near Imagination)

Friday 6-7:30 @ New Creation dance studio

Saturday 4:30-5:30 Music Class @ Bamboo Farm (near Imagination)

Classes led by Instructor Camaleao (Jeremy) with over 20 years of Capoeira experience.

For more info visit: www.gingadocapoeira.in / info@gingadocapoeira.in

Axe!

TRAINING COURSE AT THE AUROVILLE EARTH INSTITUTE

The Auroville Earth Institute is conducting a course on the Arches, Vaults and Domes (AVD) from the 14th to 19th and 21st to 26th September.

To register, please contact us by mail: training@earth-auroville.com

Otherwise you can come to our office at Auroshilpam to register for the course.

Welcome to our courses,

Sincerely yours, Saravanan

A TWO-DAY WORKSHOP ON THE ELEMENTS OF LESSON DESIGN

The Teachers Centre Invites Teachers for this workshop
We are now planning a two-day workshop on "The Elements of Lesson Design". The workshop looks at an innovative way of the "lecture method" making it fun and interesting for the students.

The workshop is for teachers in the Auroville and outreach schools, working with children in the ages 7-18 years old. The workshop will be facilitated by Sheba and Leena, both with many years of experience in the field of education. We need to know how many teachers will be participating. To attend the workshop, please send an email to: teacherscenter@auroville.org.in with your name and the school you work at. Welcome!

Friday 18th September at 2-4.30 pm and Saturday 19th September at 9-4.30 pm
Venue: Teachers Centre SAIEER

BIODANZA

Starting Thursday 17th September, then every Thursday at New creation dance studio at 7 pm till 8.30 pm. With Isabelle, facilitator in supervision. You can practise this life dance. More joy in your life with beautiful music that increases your wellbeing and your health to connect yourself, the others and the environment. It has really some positive effects. The Biodanza is for everybody. You don't need to know how to dance.

SCHEDULES

Verite

Please contact Vérité to register for the following workshop: 0413 2622045 or programming@verite.in
Contributions requested from guests/volunteers (volunteer reduction by advance application only)

Workshop:

Integral health & healing with Dr. Geeta auropremi

Focus: Ayurvedic healthy living style & purification methods

Friday, 18 September 2015 - from 9 am to 12:30 pm (24 hour advanced registration required)

A holistic approach to understanding the self and maintaining health, including yoga, Ayurveda, diet, pranayama, meditation and naturopathy. Lifestyle guidance is also available for managing specific health issues.

Dr. Geeta Auropremi has 30 years of experience in Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy. She has an MD in Gynecology and Pediatrics, an YTTT certificate and diploma in Yoga, and Post-Graduate degrees in Yoga & Naturopathy.

FILMS



CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

Reminder: Friday 11 September - "SPRING, SUMMER, FALL, WINTER... and SPRING" by: Kim KI-DUK - KOREA, 2003

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7:45 sharp)

"THE LAST METRO" - "*Le Dernier Metro*" (original title)

Directed by: François TRUFFAUT - FRANCE, 1980

Cast: Catherine Deneuve, Gérard Depardieu, Jean Poiret, Heinz Bennent ...

Synopsis: Paris, September 1942. Lucas Steiner, director of the Theatre de Montmartre, had to flee because he is Jew. His wife Marion Steiner, actress, manages the theater and hires Bernard Granger, coming from Grand Guignol to act along with her in a play directed by Jean-Louis Cottins. Until the evening of the general rehearsal, the company undergoes threats of a virulent critic, Daxiat, whose ambition is to direct the Comédie-Française. Is it possible that, out of love for his wife, Lucas Steiner had pretended to flee France and had remained hidden in the basement of the theater throughout the war...? With *The Last Metro*, François Truffaut directed one of the few films that managed to accurately grasp what living in Paris under German occupation was.

Original French version - with English Subtitles - Duration: 2h.13'.



THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, September 18, Friday, at 7pm

HECHO EN MEXICO

2012, 98 minutes, Directed by Duncan Bridgeman
Spanish with English subtitles.

This documentary is powerful in its message delivered by Mexican contemporary and folkloric sounds. It portrays the Mexican psyche that was written by Octavio Paz's study of the Mexican in the book called "El Laberinto De La Soledad".

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 Film Club

18:30 Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films

20:00 Dinner is served

21:30 free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at 2677682 or 2677683 or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

"A NEW EXPERIMENT IN EDUCATION - SRI AUROBINDO INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF EDUCATION"

Monday, 14th of September 2015, at 6:30 pm.

Sri Aurobindo considered an Educational Centre in the environment of an all embracing laboratory of mankind where all life and work is yoga as one of the best means to prepare future humanity.

Script & Commentary by Kireet Joshi, a film by Aurofilms in 1993/2003. Duration: 20:15 min.

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

September 17th, Thursday, 8 pm

THE RUNNER (2015)

Genre: Drama. Dur: 90min. Language: English/Subtitle:

English. Rated: Above 18.

Dir: [Austin Stark](#). Cast: [Nicolas Cage](#), [Connie Nielsen](#), [Sarah Paulson](#)

Storyline: In the aftermath of the 2010 BP oil spill, an idealistic but flawed politician is forced to confront his dysfunctional life after his career is destroyed in scandal.

September 18th, Friday

NO SHOW

Cinema Paradiso

Film: The Matrimandir - Honouring Piero Ciconesi (First part: 1 hour)

Friday 11th September, 5 pm

This is the true story of Matrimandir, from the beginning till its completion.

Those of us who were there, know that the MM would never have been built without Piero and his quiet and unceasing efforts. Every morning, he would come with the drawings and the calculations he had made at night, without any computer or electronic device.

Yet credit was never properly given to him and this interview aims to correct that flaw and honours him as he should be.

In this interview, without ever pushing himself forward, he tells us how the Mother's vision was with him at every moment.

Please do come: those who were there and those who do not know the story.



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 14 September 2015 to 20 September 2015

Nature Series: We need little explanation about this genre - for we all are intrinsically connected to the natural world. The array of films we bring here lets you revel in the wondrous nature while thinking about the role of our own species in it. Come and experience the awe!

Nature Series - Monday 14 September, 8:00 pm:

- SATOYAMA - JAPAN'S SECRET WATER GARDEN : Part I & II

Japan, 2004, Dir. Masumi Mizunuma w/ David Attenborough (narrator), Documentary, 103mins (~50mins each), English with English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

With water being our lifeline that we are made of and that sustains us - plus with water being one of the key topics nowadays - how could we not initiate this series with a focus on water? This reflective film is about this village - Satoyama - where people live in harmony with nature. "Satoyama" is the word for a unique ecosystem wherein man and nature live in balance. *We had screened Part I before. Responding to the requests to rescreen, here we bring you both parts together.*

Nature Series - Tuesday 15 September, 8:00 pm:

- MONKEY KINGDOM

USA, 2015, Dir. Mark Linfield & Alastair Fothergill w/ Tina Fey (narrator), Documentary, 81mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

If you think that a class system where those who are high-born enjoy benefits simply by the virtue of their birth, and where the downtrodden suffer, struggle, and where maybe a few ingenious ones get to climb up the social ladder - describes us humans, think again! This amazing film follows a low-born macaque (monkey), named here as Maya, over time, to chronicle her life in a society as intensely hierarchical as our own. Maya will need to be wise and receive all the support she can get. *So, do not miss!*

Nature Series - Wednesday 16 September, 8:00 pm:

- LA CITADELLE ASSIÉGÉE (The Besieged Fortress)

France-Canada, 2006, Writer-Dir. Philippe Calderon w/ Benoît Allemane (narrator), Documentary, 82mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

All in Auroville, have some encounters with termites - occasional or regular. To most of us - they are pesky pests, though a few have found a harmonious way to work with them in a farm or garden. Whatever our reaction - we simply cannot ignore them and their architectural presence around us. Here is an opportunity to delve into their world which a few have

peeked in. The film follows a young termite king and queen who build a grand empire within a massive mound. When the mound suffers damage from rain, fire, and a falling branch, the scent from the colony triggers the swarming driver ant colony led by their "black queen" to attack! *Can you really miss this film? Absolutely not!*

Nature Series - Thursday 17 September, 8:00 pm:

- LIFE AFTER PEOPLE

USA, 2008, Writer-Dir. David de Vries w/ Struan Rodger (narrator), SciFi-Documentary, 108mins, Rated:NR (PG) Have you ever wondered - what if nature took over if we humans ceased to exist, or how long would it take? In this docu-fiction visit the ghostly villages surrounding Chernobyl abandoned by humans after the 1986 nuclear disaster, travel to remote islands off the coast of Maine to search for abandoned towns that have vanished from view in only a few decades, then head beneath the streets of New York to see how subway tunnels may become watery canals. This thought provoking adventure combines visual effects with insights from experts in the fields of engineering, botany, ecology, biology, geology, climatology, and archeology to demonstrate how the very landscape of our planet will change in our absence. *This was screened in 2008 - a (re)visit is a must!*

Nature Series - Saturday 19 September, 8:00 pm:

- THE SALT OF THE EARTH

France-Brazil-Italy, 2014, Dir. Juliano Ribeiro Salgado & Wim Wenders, Documentary-Biography, 110mins, French-Portuguese-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13 For the last 40 years, the photographer Sebastião Salgado has been travelling the continents, in the footsteps of an ever-changing humanity. He has witnessed some of the major events of our recent history; conflicts, starvation and exodus. He is now embarking on the discovery of pristine territories, of wild fauna and flora, and of grandiose landscapes as part of a huge photographic project which is a tribute to the planet's beauty.

Children's Film - Sunday 20 September, 4:30 pm:

NO FILM SCHEDULED

PEDRO ALMODÓVAR Film Festival @ CINECLUB

Ciné-Club - Sunday 20 September, 8:00 pm:

- TODO SOBRE MI MADRE (All About My Mother)

Spain, 1999, Dir. Pedro Almodóvar w/ Penélope Cruz, Marisa Paredes, and others, Drama, 101mins, Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

This is a stunning cinematic achievement from one of the world's most respected filmmakers, Pedro Almodovar. A poignant, absorbing and richly textured feminine drama that tackles some pretty serious themes, notably AIDS, transsexualism, celebrity and womanhood. It is beautifully performed by the entire cast, Almodovar's direction is assured and the score is an eclectic mix.

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

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

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

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

We appreciate your continued support. Please make a contribution to "Cinema Paradiso" account (#105106) at the Financial Service.

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

ACT NEW TIME TABLE

EARLY TRIP (daily except Tuesday)

This service is conditional to MM being open to visitors.

Usually not running on rainy days (enquiries: 2622235)

7:45 AM from Transport Service near Certitude Corner, opposite to Gas Service

12:00 Noon from Pondy rue St Louis (beach end of J.N. Street) opposite Ashram playground

SHOPPING TRIP

Tuesday and Saturday

8:50 AM from Vérité

12:00 Noon from Pondy Manakula Vinayagar Street (Ganesh Temple Street)

AFTERNOON TRIP

Monday

2:50 PM from Vérité

6:00 PM from Pondy Manakula Vinayagar Street (Ganesh Temple Street)

Wednesday and Friday

4:30 PM from Vérité

8:00 PM from Pondy Manakula Vinayagar Street (Ganesh Temple Street)

Please Note: In case the ACT bus is not available as per the time table please be on the lookout for a replacement by Auroville Jeep or Van, we will ensure that a small white and orange sign is visible on the replacement vehicle.

ACT continues to explore a voluntary contribution policy from its riders in alignment with Auroville's ideals and aims. At present it is your contributions that help the ACT team to offer continued services. We appreciate all support and feedback to keep our service progressing. You can choose to contribute as you like, as often you feel to -- with cash paid to the driver, through your Auroville Financial Service account or by punching your Travel pass. Travel passes are available from Financial Service (Town Hall & Aspiration) and Guest Service (above the Solar Kitchen). For more information contact ACT (0413) 2622962 or act@auroville.org.in

Important information about News & Notes

(Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Wednesday 11 am)

The contents of *News & Notes* are a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

How to submit material: Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the *N&N* email address (below).

NB: Messages with large attachments (more than 1 MB) will not reach our inbox.

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

The Wednesday deadline (11am) is absolute as the News is given to the printers by Wednesday 2 pm.

Any modifications of the submitted *News* items have to be sent to the editors before Wednesday.

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

Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words. All articles need to reach us by Tuesday noon.

Visiting hours: Mondays, Tuesdays 9am to 11.45am and 1pm to 3pm; **No visitors on Wednesday.** Please, no dictations over the phone unless it is an emergency or you have a medical problem.

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