

News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Message for Durqa puja

Durga is the Mother's power of protection.

Those who are not straightforward cannot profit by the Mother's help, for they themselves turn it away. Unless they change, they cannot hope for the descent of the supramental Light and Truth into the lower vital and physical nature; they remain stuck in their own self-created mud and cannot progress. Sri Aurobindo

You have brought me a very strange experience. The first time you read your manuscript, I called Sri Aurobindo to hear it. He was in the subtle physical and he listened. Yesterday when I sat down to listen, I thought, "It would be much better if he entered my brain because that way..." In fact, I called him; he entered my brain. It took some time; all through the beginning of the reading we were still two; then he came in more and more, more and more, more and more.... My head - my physical head - seemed to be swelling up! There was no longer space for anyone but him. It was the light... that dark blue light of mental power (but true mental power) in the physical - the tantrics use it, you always see it with X's action, but I've never seen it this way before! My head was full, you know - full, full, not an atom of space to spare - I could feel it swelling up! And this light was absolutely immobile - vibrationless, totally compact and coherent. When I see X's light, for example, there are always vibrations in it; it vibrates, vibrates, things are shifting about; out with this, not a single vibration, not one movement: a MASS that seemed eternally immobile but which was (how to put it?) attentive, listening. It was a volume with the form of the head, as if "that" had wholly taken over the head. It was full, so full, yet with no feeling of tension or of anything resisting, none at all; there was only a kind of immobile eternity - and COMPACT, compact, absolutely coherent, no vibrations. And it increased, increased more and more, it became heavy, but with a very particular heaviness - not a weight, the feeling of a mass.

And within all this, I no longer existed. I seemed to vanish into a kind of trance, yet I was conscious - not "I": the consciousness was conscious of what Sri Aurobindo was conscious of. And he was following the reading. But I couldn't remember anything; at the time, it was impossible to observe. I can only describe it all to you now because the experience remained for at least an hour and a half afterwards; when I left here, I began to objectify it, to see what it was - aside from that, it was merely a STATE I found myself in. But in this state there was an awareness of what he was hearing, and at two or three places in your reading he seemed to be saying (I can't be exact, I can only give the impression), Not necessary. In fact, that's what made me call this passage "too philosophical" (although when you first asked my opinion I was in a peculiar condition, nothing was active in me). With him, it was very clear, it was almost as if there were a certain number of words about which he said, That, not necessary. That, not necessary. Not many, not often, but once in a while. Especially at the end (he was still there inside my head while you were talking), when you were saying that it's necessary "to explain" to people; there he very clearly said, No, not necessary. But I was incapable of remembering or of registering anything - the only head present there was his. It's the first time this has happened to me.

Receiving his thought (thinking his thought, for instance) happens all the time, all the time, but this was different; it was a PRESENCE - A presence in the skull. And my skull seemed to gradually grow bigger and heavier, heavy with an unaccustomed power. And this stayed with me; oh, it stayed for a long, long time! Never before have I had this physically, never this kind of power, a material power of thought-force - material thought-force in the brain.

One sees glimpses of it. I told you I've often seen it with X. I also saw it with another tantric who came here (someone said to be greatly renowned in the North) - this sort of very well organized mental power, a mental-physical power. But it was always vibrating or intermittent or partial, passing flashes or fluctuating formations. Here it wasn't that; it was a feeling of eternity.

Normally one would have said that my body was in trance; yet it could move, it could speak - since I did speak to you; but nevertheless, it was a peculiar feeling (which I still have somewhat), like having a head too large for my body. It's not painful or disagreeable, but I'm not used to it.

After our meeting yesterday, as soon as I saw clearly and could objectify it, I immediately "sent" all this to you (I didn't write because I had no time, but I "told" it all to you), for I felt that, not knowing what had happened, you might have thought I wasn't listening, or I don't know what!

(To be continued)

MOTHER'S AGENDA, October 15, 1961

MOTHER

*The
Ponder
Corner*

The object of Yoga is a change of consciousness, and opening into spiritual knowledge and experience and union with the Divine.

*Sri Aurobindo
ref. Letters on Himself and the Ashram, p.541*

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Report of the Working Committee

Main topics dealt with in September 2015

1. **Governing Board and International Advisory Council Meeting:** The various meetings were productive and went on smoothly. Details will be published in our next report. We take this opportunity to thank everyone involved.
2. **Eco Service:** The Working Committee and FAMC jointly audited the accounts of the Eco Service and some mismanagement was found. A joint announcement is being published in the same issue of the News and Notes.
3. **50th anniversary Celebration:** The process is ongoing and has constituted a relevant part of our discussion with the Envisioning Committee during the Board meeting. An update announcement in the News and Notes and Auronet will follow shortly.
4. **Way Forward 2018:** A significant discussion took place with the members of the Vision Task Force (VTF) and the various Action Groups. This was followed by a community presentation on 2nd October. The VTF has published an announcement to the community in the same issue of the News and Notes and on Auronet. Please inform yourselves.
5. **Solid Waste Management Project:** The TDC has approached the Working Committee asking for support for the Solid Waste Management Project (tied up with Tamil Nadu Government); after a deep study and clarification the support has been extended.
6. **Meeting with the District Collector:** The Working Committee together with TDC paid a visit to the new Collector, Smt. Lakshmi. The purpose of the meeting was to follow up on the NTDA status. We await her reply.
7. **Non-Aurovilians Occupying Auroville assets:** The FAMC has presented us with two cases of Non-Aurovilians occupying Auroville assets (in Felicity and in Fraternity). Both issues have been brought to the knowledge of the Auroville Foundation and the Governing Board. A "Show Cause Notice" has been sent to the occupant in Felicity by the Auroville Foundation and a notice was pasted on the Fraternity asset. Legal proceedings will follow shortly.
8. **Self-assessment sessions and the Participatory Process for Selection:** The Study Group and the RAS invited us along with AvC to participate in reflection sessions where the selection process was reviewed in light of the experience of the current members. The feedback was noted by the Study Group.
9. **TDC restructuring:** The process of restructuring TDC is going on, and has constituted a relevant part of our discussion with the Governing Board. A detailed report will follow.
10. **Centralising mobility for Auroville:** An Action Group is at work for studying, envisaging, proposing environment-friendly solutions to the increasing motorized traffic inside Auroville. Solutions like appropriate external parking, encouraging use of bicycles, utilization of electric or conventional shuttle bus for community transport, car-pooling and others, are being studied and will be soon proposed to the Community.
11. **Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act - constitution of Internal Complaints Committee (ICC):** Following the constitution of the Internal Complaints Committee its members have submitted a standing order. We have incorporated our inputs and soon it will be published for community feedback.
12. **Auroville Post office shifting:** After BSNL recently decided against our proposal for locating the post office inside the BSNL building at the junction of the Edaiyanchavadi road and the dirt road to Certitude, a new location has been identified in the Service Area along with the new Electrical Service campus. It is expected that the project execution will commence at the earliest.

13. **Kottakarai conflict:** A proposal for a solution of the long standing conflict at Kottakarai has been worked out together with the FAMC. The proposal implies the lease of a few plots of Auroville land in Kottakarai so that these plots can be used and developed by Kottakarai villagers as a sports ground. The present road blocks will then be lifted, charges against Satprem be dropped and the development of the Mangalam area by Auroville will then be able to proceed. The response of the village is awaited.

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

- AV Child Development
- Police Outpost
- Car Stickers
- Appeal Process against decisions of Working Groups
- Windarra conflict
- Security

The Working Committee [Angela, Carel, Elisa, Eric, Mandakini, Manohar, Ranjithkumar]

Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)

September 2015 Report

Regular members: Anandi (Auroville Board of Services), Chali (Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Educational Research), David (Forest group), Jeff (Farm group), Mandakini (Working Committee), Matriprasad (Auroville Council), Michael (Auroville Unity Fund), Rathinam (Budget Coordination Committee), Sauro (L'avenir d'Auroville), Sonja (Housing Service), Ulli (Auroville Board of Commerce), and Mr. Srinivasmurthy (Finance & Administrative Officer, Auroville Foundation; currently Secretary-in-Charge).

TRUST & UNIT TOPICS

The Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC) recommended, and FAMC approved, creation of the commercial unit Deepam Candles with executives P. Murugan and Tlaloc, under Discovery Trust. The stated activities are 'carving candles and incense'. It was noted that this was an outside business for 15 years already. The FAMC inquired about the land and building of the existing company, and its employees, which were all answered in a timely manner.

The ABC recommended, and the FAMC approved, the creation of a new commercial unit, La Maison, with executives Sundar Rajamani and Balaji Sundervinayagam, under Artisana Trust. The stated activities are: 'Auroville products retail shop and cafe'. The location is at: 36 SV Patel Salai, Pondicherry. This is an existing activity under Auroville Activities changing into a unit.

The FAMC approved the long time in-the-works change of Trust for the commercial unit Aqua Dyn, from Aurore Trust to Auroville Exports Trust.

The ABC submitted a proposal "how to expel a unit from a Trust". This was approved. The ABC and Auroville Board of Services (ABS) are expected to inform units/Trusts accordingly.

The ABC submitted a proposed "ABC Maintenance Guidelines" document for the FAMC members' review and feedback. The members made several points that were shared with the ABC. The ABC will be asked to flush out some details in collaboration with the Budget Coordination Committee (BCC). It was felt that this is a moment to bring much needed clarity to commercial unit maintenances, to what expenses are acceptable, and to bring the ABC maintenance into closer harmony with the City Service maintenance. Also, BCC has been asked to consider adding as an 'in-kind' part of the maintenance the visa expenses (RRO charges). The ABC have

responded in detail to the FAMC comments. *The review continues in October.*

The ABC wrote to the FAMC: “[...] we are of the opinion that the Guest Houses are income-generating units/activities and should not fall any longer under the Auroville Board of Services but should rather fall under the ABC (though the GFCG may continue to exist)”. The FAMC decided to write to the ABC, ABS, and Guest Facilities Coordination Group (GFCG) and ask ABC and ABS if they can come to an agreement, and to welcome GFCG to the dialogue. *This is ongoing.*

The Aqua Dyn executive team was invited to discuss the future plans to make a joint venture with a French national who has advanced Rs. 50 lakhs for the unit to cover unpaid salaries and other recurring expenditure. Need to understand how to make a joint venture where the Auroville Foundation is taking part with no fixed assets but intellectual property in the form of a patent is involved. An FAMC subgroup was formed to follow the process with all the stakeholders, including Aqua Dyn lawyers. *Meetings, contracts/agreements, are in the works and FAMC are apprised of all developments.*

FAMC reviewed internal audit note number 4, specifically a question concerning maintenances. FAMC requested details from the named Trusts. Some Trusts responded with the details over the course of the month. Later it was determined that FAMC will make the following statement to the auditor: 'Aurovilian maintenances are not a salary and therefore are not subject to TDS. However Income Tax remains payable in case total income received exceeds income tax limits'.

FINANCE TOPICS

FAMC met the BCC mid-month to review the proposed 2015-16 budget. On 18/9 FAMC stated, in the presence of the BCC, that it is unacceptable to receive this kind of material (detailed and important information, and topic) at the last moment (10:00 am 18/9), and it will be included in the meeting minutes. The FAMC does not want to simply be a rubber stamp for this process and therefore needs to have the time to review and digest the information prior to a discussion. There was a long discussion and sharing and two primary intended outcomes were identified: a. to approve the increase in adult and child maintenances as proposed; b. to discuss and request in principal approval for the new budget line #31, maintenance in kind new budget. *The BCC were informed.*

LAND TOPICS

The Land Board proposed a city area land purchase for a total of 5.17 acres just off the Auroville Main Road, near Reve Community. This purchase was approved.

L'avenir d'Auroville have submitted a 'proposed plan for safe keeping of under-utilized land in the Auroville Township'. A study group will be created to look deeply into the proposal, and will also be requested to consider the Land Board (LB) report on Auroville lands at risk. *The invitation to form a study group is being drafted and an invitation will be distributed soon.*

The FAMC was asked by the LB, and confirmed, the temporary caretakership to Priya, steward of Buddha Garden, of the plot directly adjacent. The Farm group is in discussion concerning stewardship. This led to a wider discussion about the difficulties within the Farm group regarding allocation and stewardship of land and how to improve the situation. It was felt that a change in the current policy is needed. Three action items were identified and agreed upon: a. FAMC will review the current draft for appointing stewards, particularly for the Green Belt; b. Farm and Forest Groups will be asked for existing processes followed, in a simple flow chart format; c. Farm and Forest Groups, with the Green Group, will be asked to make proposals to address the challenges. After a review of 'a' and 'b', then 'c' will be executed. *FAMC await a response from the Farm group on 'b' above.*

HOUSING TOPICS - *nothing new this month*

OTHER TOPICS

The FAMC and WCom met and discussed: 1. a conclusion to the situation at Eco Service; 2. an irregular asset transfer in New Creation Community; 3. Sustainable Livelihood Institute legal documents and; 4. WCom proposed Centralized Auroville Accounting Service.

Housing Service requested FAMC approval to demolish the Auroville asset known as Big Boys Boarding located in Fraternity Community. It is, and has been for several years, in a bad state of disrepair, and is not suitable for occupancy. Once cleared, the place will be used to build two Aurovilian family housing assets. The request was approved and on 26 September 2015 the FAMC issued a written notice to two non-Aurovilian persons occupying the Auroville asset without permission, providing them until 9 October 2015 to vacate before demolition. *At the end of this reporting period, this action was ongoing.*

FAMC discussed succession planning: how to transfer executive responsibility, and the need to develop plans for succession of current executives. It was agreed the FAMC will create a study group to explore and research succession plans, to include how to get new, fresh energy into a unit/service, and how to collectively support an Aurovilian moving away from a long-held position. Specifically ABC, ABS, farms and forests, BCC, and residents at large will be invited to participate, based on some knowledge of the wider topic. The study group, composed of no more than 9 people, will be requested to make a concrete and implementable proposal. *The invitation to participate is being drafted and will be distributed and published soon.*

FOLLOWING UP FROM PREVIOUS REPORTS

Earlier here it was reported that the Guest Facilities Coordination Group (GFCG) submitted their 'Conditions for Auroville Home Stays' document for input from the FAMC. In September, after a meeting with the GFCG members, the document was finalized and approved.

FAMC reported in June and July concerning rejuvenation of a Water Supervisory Board. At the beginning of September the FAMC met with Christian T., Kireet, Giulio, Luca, Markus, Tency, Toby, and Tom to review the 2011 paper outlining the Board. Participants' comments were noted by the secretariat and were distributed for reference to all participants. FAMC have agreed not to pursue further, at this time, a Water Supervisory Board, and to give time to see what comes from the newly TDC-formed Water group comprised of Christian T., Tency, Toby, and Tom.

The continuing conversation with project holders Auroville Health Services (AVHS) concerning an Assisted Living Home FAMC has requested more details concerning financing, and also how a flat will be transferred in the future (i.e. through Housing Service). Promised donations will be confirmed. Ultimately FAMC need to know that 40% of the total estimated cost is secured before construction begins, as is usual for such large projects. All of this was communicated to the project holders. *At the end of this reporting period, the FAMC awaited a reply.*

FAMC continues to be in contact with the GFCG, and Ramchandra concerning the Home Stay and his outstanding debt due to Auroville. GFCG reported to the FAMC that Ramachandra is known to have people staying in the Home Stay but no money is being channelled through the financial services account; this was confirmed. He still has an outstanding debt to Auroville in the amounts of: Rs. 23,515 (Solar Kitchen); and Rs. 36,631 (Information Centre at Visitors Centre). It is remembered that in June the FAMC demanded Ramachandra to pay Rs. 10,000 per month through year-end to pay off the total due. He agreed to this demand. He however did not make payments in either June or July. FAMC immediately wrote to Ramachandra: a. asking why income from the Home Stay is not being channelled through the Home Stay account when it is known a family has been at the Home Stay; b. he needs to

make up the missed payments in June & July; c. remind him of the interest he's due to pay. In response Ramachandra made a Rs. 10,000 payment at the end of September, however he did not respond about channelling Home Stay income through Financial Service. The FAMC wrote to him again to please answer this question. *The FAMC await his response.*

Update: Martuvam Healing Forest (MHF) is moving from being under the Auroville Village Action Trust to Auroville Projects in the consolidated balance sheet. The MHF financial services account has been re-opened. This is in response to an MHF request; it is a step forward in ongoing interactions, but that does not mean the FAMC questions have been answered. There is more to talk about with the executives. In response to another MHF request, FAMC confirmed with Savi that MHF is a recognized unit for purposes of registering volunteers, however accommodation on site is not permissible at this time.

Monthly report for the Farm Group for August 2015

- 1) FOODLINK/FOODLINK FARM: it was decided that:
 - a. FoodLink farm would run on solar and a TNEB electricity connection will be obtained for the FoodLink building to run the rest of the FoodLink activities. This means that electricity for the farm can be set up very quickly although the question of how to make the panels secure from theft and damage will need to be sorted out. Estimates for the non-solar electricity connections are being sought.
 - b. The roles and responsibilities of the people involved with the new Foodlink building are under discussion and will be clarified.
- 2) LOANS; a request was made for rebuilding a cow house and there were discussions about eligibility for crop loans.
- 3) FENCING NEEDS: it was agreed that in principle farmers are responsible for their fencing although there were some situations (new farms, land protection, fence being broken) where farmers could not be expected to manage financially on their own. The Farm group is collecting fencing requests which will be sent to the BCC.
- 4) MOONLIGHT FARM: to resolve the situation of the same land having been allocated for both a village solid waste project and Moonlight farm, the TDC suggests 50 cents of Moonlight farm land be given up for the village solid waste project. The Farm group has many reservations about this which they have expressed to the TDC. An acre of unallocated land adjacent to Moonlight has been identified and the Farm group will see if this can be given in exchange for the land used for the waste project.
- 5) SUSTAINABLE LIVING INSTITUTE: various concerns were expressed in the Farm group about this project. It was agreed to wait until the MOU arrives, after which everyone can look at the agreement and make any needed changes to deal with concerns raised.
- 6) MATRIMANDIR COMPOST PROJECT MOVING TO SIDDHARTHA FARM: the Farm Group has agreed in principle to the Matrimandir compost project moving to Siddhartha farm. During the last month Matrimandir requested to start work on securing the land but this was refused by the Farm group until issues regarding land access and development money for Siddhartha lake farm were agreed. Subsequently the steward of Siddhartha farm has requested that the agreement be abandoned so that his children can take over the farm. Matrimandir compost has been informed and will discuss this with the Farm group next month.
- 7) Green group representation: Iyengar and Gowri requested to be Farm group representatives on the Green group

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

Monthly report of the Green Group for September 2015

1. Recent fires in the green belt: there have been two recent fires in the green belt to which there have been inadequate responses. The group thought that it very important that a better response is made in the future. The steward should make a full report to the Land Board and WC who should then make a FIR with the police. It was agreed that a letter will be sent to the Farm and Forest groups, Land Board and WC outlining the procedure and asking everyone to adhere to it.
2. Land Encroachment at Hermitage: as this is criminal action the Green Group thought it necessary for the Land Board and WC to become involved to muster and create a strategy for the necessary police and legal action. Within such a strategy the Green Group is very willing to organise any practical action needed. A letter has been sent to the Land Board and WC explaining the Green group's position, pointing out that taking initiatives to protect the land is part of the Land Board's mandate. It is important that individuals do not get involved in official correspondence about such situations as this could affect their visa.
3. Land for village projects: there are several village projects for which land has been requested or given by Auroville. The Green Group questions this when there are so many problems with securing land for Auroville. Two specific projects were discussed:
 - a) Moonlight farm: unfortunately this land had to be allocated to a village waste project because of a mix up about plot numbers. There are various issues with this project that have to be sorted out. TDC have requested that they are given two months to try and sort out everything that needs to be resolved.
 - b) Mohanam project: the problem is that the Farm group thinks this land should be used for farming and have already allocated this land to a farmer. In the beginning when the project moved to the land the usual land allocation process was by-passed. Since then questions have been asked about whether the project is fulfilling its original aims. Since there was insufficient information about all the projects it was agreed that a sub group should be set up with all the stakeholders. The group would look at all the proposed projects in more detail and explore the possibility for sharing the land. A final decision will be taken in collaboration with TDC. It is hoped that in the light of this experience a general consultation process could be developed for deciding about similar projects in the green belt.
4. Forest stewardship in Aurodam: the Green group supports David as steward of Aurodam and sees no reason why someone else needs to take on this role.

Please send questions or feedback to Priya at the Green Group: greengroup@auroville.org.in

Forest Group meeting report, 2 October 2015

Present: David Aurodam, Fabian, Cristo, Bernd, Jan, Dhanajeyan, Rita, Satyajit, Edzart, Adhi, Yuval, Erumalai, Mani, Biggie, Matripasad, Shivaraj, Diego, Balu, Agnes Darkali

The Green Group asked us to issue a statement that the Forest Group continues to support David as the present steward of Aurodam. Everyone approved without question.

Some members feel it is important the forest group looks into the "stewardship responsibility" and forest group membership. A special meeting(s) will be devoted to this topic. Cristo will organise.

The Forest Group would like to be updated and be kept aware of the projects happening on Michael Bonke's land in the greenbelt.

There have been 2 forest fires in the last months, one in Brihaspati and one in Freedom. The stewards took care of it. It is requested that in future the working committee should be informed as well as the Forest Group at large.

Cristo informed that the TDC is ready to work with the Forest Group stewards in the city area.

Dhanajeyan reported he wants our approval to remove a capsule constructed illegally by the previous steward on the land he now stewards.

Bernd from Hermitage continues to face very serious problems with land encroachment by a neighbour. He feels extremely frustrated with the whole situation. A few weeks ago more than 30 Aurovilians went to the land in question and helped to reclaim it by removing the fence and casuarina seedlings. The Police was present as well as the Land Board and Working Committee.

A second time, a few weeks later, more land was reclaimed, banana plants were removed.

In the meantime the neighbour has again occupied the land. It is a very frustrating situation. We feel there should be an action from the Foundation office. Legally we are very helpless in a situation like this.

Bernd needs more people out there willing to work and settle on the land.

A detailed proposal of how to proceed has been sent to the Land Board.

Message from the Vision Task Force

Implementation of Goals and Milestones from the Retreat

On October 2nd, during the recent visit of GB and IAC members, the Vision Task Force (VTF) met with the post-Retreat Action Groups of the 7 themes at the Unity Pavilion. The Action Groups reported on the work done so far (please refer to <http://wayforward.auroville.org.in/> for more details). They also highlighted some of the key milestones that are emerging as critical for the realisation of the vision of Auroville:

1. Making Auroville a Learning Society - Education
2. Restructuring and strengthening the Residents' Assembly Formation of ARA - Governance
3. Promoting the culture of Karma Yoga and in-kind economy - Economy
4. Permeation / Permanence - Youth
5. Interventions - Youth Village Help - Community Linkages - Youth

The Action Groups also expressed the need for a coordination team that coordinates and integrates actions across all themes.

The VTF has appointed the Auroville Campus Initiative (ACI), which has led the organisation of the Retreat, to create and lead such a coordination team. This team will be called *VAct*. The VTF has also asked two members of the ACI team to join the VTF to ensure better integration between VTF and VAct.

VAct will carry out the following tasks:

- Interaction with the Post Retreat Action Groups to fine-tune, format and evaluate the action plans they come up with
- Coordination across various Post Retreat Action Groups
- Coordination between Post Retreat Action Groups and Auroville Working Groups
- Coordination between Post Retreat Action Groups and the Community

- Overall communication of Post Retreat activities with various stakeholders

- Assist Post Retreat Action Groups in coming up with overarching Integrated priorities. Create synthesis of these priorities for Auroville as a whole when appropriate for the consideration of VTF

- Report to VTF with updates and actions taken by organising regular update calls

- Explore the possibility of organising a mini Retreat between the Working groups and the post Retreat Action Groups to expedite implementation of goals and milestones

The VAct team will decide on the modalities for carrying out the above tasks, including:

- The creation of templates for recording milestones, goals and actions

- The creation of (new) meeting and facilitation formats

- The induction of additional VAct members

The VTF will:

- Provide sufficient freedom to create a competent and committed team

- Provide sufficient freedom to coordinate the VAct activities and report them to the VTF

- Help prioritise the goals and milestones

- Take the responsibility of unblocking any obstacles in the way of achieving the goals and milestones that emerged from the Retreat and the action plans related thereto and will take final and binding decisions in this regard.

The VTF requests the post-Retreat Action Groups, all Working Groups and all Auroville residents to be of support to the VAct team where needed in order to move ahead collectively and efficiently towards the goals we have set during the Retreat.

Vision Task Force

Ms Ameeta Mehra and Dr Aster Patel - Governing Board; Dr Vishakha Desai and Dr Kabir Shaikh - International Advisory Council; Mr Srinivasmurthy - Auroville Foundation; Carel and Mandakini - Working Committee; Inge - Residents Assembly Service; Kavitha - Youth Link; Alain B, Hemant L, Sanjeev, Mike, Toine.

Auroville Connected to Pan-India National Knowledge Network

Educational and research institutions are equipped with a campus-wide network to economically share information and enable effective collaboration within the campus. Government of India (GoI) has started implementation of a National Knowledge Network (NKN) in 2012 and already connected the campus networks of 1438 educational and research institutions across India. NKN is a state-of-the-art, multi-gigabit, pan-India network provisioned by GoI to enable scientists, researchers and students from different backgrounds and diverse geographies to work closely for advancing human development in critical and emerging areas.

Auroville is listed amongst the Institutes of Higher Education of Ministry of Human Resource Development, GoI. However, we have lagged behind in setting up a campus network and were left out of NKN, which is a network of campus networks. In August 2014, an initiative was launched to begin work on campus network. The part of this initiative is to set up a network centre and connect the Educational, and Research units of Auroville and interconnect with NKN. In this process an Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) backbone would also be implemented for Auroville-wide campus network from which all other units and residences would be connected in subsequent steps.

On behalf of Auroville, Auroville Foundation requested GoI for connectivity to NKN in order to enable the community to

partake in the researches envisaged under NKN and catalyze wider collaboration within India and abroad. GoI approved a 100 Mbps connection to NKN on a trial basis for 2 years.

Since August 2014, Aurinoco Systems (a proposed unit under SAIER) is engaged in setting up the network center and implementing the Educational and Research Network (ERN). NKN laid OFC from the Secretariat Building in Puducherry to the Network Center in the Auroville Foundation Bhavan and activated the link in September 2015. AV Foundation, SAIER, ACI, CSR, Future School, Transition School, Last School and Deha Shakti are already connected to the Network Center. These entities will be shifted, in a phased manner, to NKN. Connectivity to BlueLight and the Town Hall complex has been tested to be ready for connection to NKN. As on end September 2015, AV Foundation, SAIER, BlueLight, Town Hall, CSR, Future School, Transition School, Last School and Deha Shakti have been connected to the network center with a backbone spanning 75% of the crown road. NKN laid a OFC from the Secretariat Building in Puducherry and activated the link in September. After initial testing of the link, Auroville Foundation has been connected to NKN.

NKN provides reliable, higher speed internet with unlimited data volume and access to NKN services and applications such as

- Nationwide class room
- .edu /.ernet email
- File server and VPN
- Video and Audio conferencing
- Virtual (digital) library
- Collaborative research applications and services
- Collaborative diagnosis and tele-medicine

For details, click on: <http://nkn.in/services.php>

On 3rd October 2015, Dr. Karan Singh, Chairman of the Governing Board cyber-inaugurated the link by directly sending the following message to all Aurovilians and Working Groups with cc to AVI.

"I am happy to herewith inaugurate the Educational and Research Network of Auroville, connected to the National Knowledge Network of India. This facility enables Aurovilians to collaborate with people from different backgrounds and diverse geographies in the pursuit of 'Unending Education. I wish you all the very best in making full use of this facility in manifesting The Dream."

Work is in progress to connect Lila Loka, Cripa, Kala Bhumi, Sente, Arka, Auroville Water Service, Auroville Libray, Deepanam School, Solar Kitchen, Bharat Nivas and especially the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium. Also, Savitri Bhavan, Unity Pavilion, Tibetan Pavilion, US Pavilion, Auroville Language Lab, will be hooked up in a phased manner. This work is expected to be completed by December 2015.

In the Industrial Zone, the OFC will be brought to the Auroville Earth Institute, Auroville Energy Products, Verite Learning Center, SaraCon Campus, Svaram, KOFFPU etc. This OFC backbone rollout will span 75% of the crown road.

Presentations covering the goals, work done so far, potential benefits and future plans were made to the community on 27th September 2015 and to the Governing board and IAC on 3rd October 2015. If you missed the community presentation and would like to catch up, click on <http://www.aurovilleradio.org/auroville-community-network>

JV on behalf of Network Team - Anand Prasad, Chandresh, Dyuman, JV (Remote Participation), Manu and Ramakrishna

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Unity Fund executives

Dear Community,

Following our call for nomination of the Unity Fund executives, we have received several proposals of candidates. The Auroville Council and the Working Committee have decided to include two new names with the present executives to make the process more harmonious and without affecting the current functioning.

These are the names that we have received:

Torkil, Nicole, Nico, Guy, Daniel, Mike, Toine, Nisha, Satyakam, Toine, Ashoke.C, Sanjeev.B, Danny, John, Krishanmayer.

And after confirmation, the remaining names are as follows: Vivek(), Kumar.K (Aspiration), Saravanan (CGH) Prabhshri (Promess), Paul Vincent and Torkil (less than 5 years as Aurovillian).

Kindly send your feedback to: avcoffice@auroville.org.in by 28th of October.

The AVCouncil

FAMC invitation to explore and make a proposal for 'succession planning'

Dear community,

We are faced with the fact that we progressively are in need of a deep reflection and a concrete proposal concerning what is commonly referred to as 'succession planning'. What this means is that we need to look at situations such as:

- How to transfer executive responsibility
- Plan for succession of current executives of units, services, schools, activities, etc.
- How to attract new, fresh energy into a unit, service, school, activity, etc.

- How to identify new people with the required skills and genuine interest to move an unit/service/school or activity into the future

- How to collectively support an Aurovillian moving away from a long-held position.

We are writing to all residents, as well as working groups such as the Auroville Board of Services, Auroville Board of Commerce, Auroville School Board, Budget Coordination Committee, Farm and Forest groups, with a request for knowledgeable and capable individuals to come forward and join a study group. You will be asked to deeply explore this topic and produce a proposal for our review. The tentative time line is to begin mid-to-end November and have a proposal ready in mid-to-end January 2016.

Please contact us before 28 October at: adminfamc@auroville.org.in if you want to participate in the study group. We will limit the group to 9 members, and selection will be based on an individual's knowledge of the wider topic, for example: Auroville executive responsibilities, community financial overview, recruitment / human resources background.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important community topic.

Sincerely, *FAMC*

Please check the expiry dates of your Visa and Passport!

The Working Committee is dealing with a few cases of expiry of visa and passports. This has created some serious problems. It appears that the computer programme of the Residents' Service needs to be upgraded to be able to issue advance warnings. This work is in progress. In the meantime all residents are advised to check the expiry dates of their passport and visa to prevent any unpleasantness - *The Working Committee*

Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) and Working Committee (WCom) announcement regarding Eco Service

For several months the FAMC, in close collaboration with the WCom, have been reviewing the situation at Eco Service. Separately and together both the FAMC and WCom heard from the executives Auralice, Suryan, Gillian and Jayamoorthy.

A financial investigation and review of service performance revealed an unacceptable and inadequate level of performance and concluded that Eco Service has not been managed transparently and beyond personal interest. As a result, the best interests of the service, and therefore of our community, have not been served.

Taking into consideration that the four executives were no longer working as a cohesive team with the consequent impact this has had on the effective running of Eco Service, and that they bear responsibility for the proper functioning of the service, the FAMC and WCom have concluded that the entire current team will be replaced.

The FAMC has requested the Auroville Board of Services to recommend a new team that will be efficient and dynamic, moving this critical Auroville Service into the future.

FAMC and Working Committee

Improvement of the "Solar Kitchen crossing"

(Crossing point between the Certitude-Kindergarten road and the Crown Road)

The Certitude-Kindergarten road is the busiest road in Auroville. It serves as one of the main access roads into Auroville and experiences a lot of through-traffic from the villages north and north-west of Auroville. While the check-post at Certitude does a good job to guide visitors around Auroville via the Visitors Centre, the local traffic chooses the shorter route through Auroville.

The present Solar Kitchen crossing is not safe. Over the last years, there have been accidents, incidents and near-accidents. The traffic goes too fast and, unfortunately, a sort of bully behavior has set in.

Our first proposals for the crossing were published in 2013. They consisted of two different types of roundabout and a "dissolved crossing". Since then, further studies have been conducted and we would like to present this proposal to the community consisting in a semi-drive-over roundabout.

The roundabout has a small central island and is designed with a radius that allows small cars and 2-wheelers to easily navigate. Bigger vehicles (buses, trucks, etc.) with a larger turning radius can also navigate the roundabout, but will use the outer part of the island, which is sloped. The inner central island is raised further from the road and could be planted or hold a sculpture (Auroville artists are called upon for ideas!).

A roundabout is a solution for multiple road crossings to provide a smooth traffic flow without the aid of traffic lights or other regulating body (police). In order to function smoothly, the roundabout is designed one-way and should be navigated in a clockwise direction.

In Auroville, this will probably present a bit of a challenge because of the low traffic discipline of Non-Aurovilians and Aurovilians alike. We expect that it will take some time before people will accept and comply with this design feature.

Speed humps with raised cycle path crossings will be built on each leg of the crossing to ensure vehicles enter the crossing at a reduced speed and sign boards will explain the right-of-way. The school bus parking will improve.

Detailed drawings will be displayed at L'avenir d'Auroville offices (2nd floor of the Town Hall) for two weeks from Monday 19th October onwards.

Any feedback and comments are appreciated, please send by mail to: avenir@auroville.org.in or come and discuss them in person.

L'Avenir

L'avenir d'Auroville: 17th Oct 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. Housing Service - Moveable/temporary structures on various plots

Proposed site locations:

- a) IR 207/4, 5, 6, 7 (near Aurovelo)
- b) IR 242/1 (near Edayanchavadi burial ground)

Project holders: Housing Service

Target group: 6-10 people per plot approx.

Description: Clusters of moveable structures for housing purposes on encroachment-sensitive lands with agreement to move when future developments take place.

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.

Houses available for transfer

Auromodele- Ex-Petra's house (Housing-2622658) - Sqm - 159.35- RCC framed structure residential building with bedroom, living room and toilet. Suitable for couple or family.

Luminosity- Michael's house (Housing-2622658) - Sqm - 78.36 - On the second floor with living room, bedroom, kitchen & toilet. Suitable for single only.

Luminosity- Alain's house (Housing-2622658) - Sqm- 78.36 - On the second floor with living room, bedroom, kitchen & toilet. Suitable for single only.

Luminosity- Nadja's house (Housing-2622658) - Sqm - 78.36 - On the second floor with living room, bedroom, kitchen & toilet. Suitable for single only.

Luminosity- Ursula's house (Housing-2622658) - Sqm - 78.36 - On the second floor with living room, bedroom, kitchen & toilet. Suitable for single only.

Luminosity- Michael's office (Housing-2622658) - Sqm - 39.16 On the ground floor with shared kitchen and toilet.

Luminosity- Alain's office (Housing-2622658) - Sqm - 39.16 On the ground floor with shared kitchen and toilet.

Luminosity- Nadja's office (Housing-2622658) - Sqm - 39.16 On the ground floor with shared kitchen and toilet.

Luminosity- David's office (Housing-2622658) - Sqm - 39.16 On the ground floor with shared kitchen and toilet.

For all the Luminosity apartments and offices you can also contact Inge - 9488672029.

The Auroville Housing Service

Feedback 2015 Selection process WCom and AVC

Dear Community Members

As we are all aware, representing Auroville and its community is a very important and responsible role.

We invite you to give feedback on any of the names that have been proposed for nomination for the Working Committee and the Auroville Council or for participation in the 3-day Selection Process in a conscious and respectful way. (List attached below).

Please give your feedback with sincerity and deep introspection. If you had a positive experience in any field with any of the Nominees, your feedback is most welcome to support the 3-day Selection Process!

If it is negative, it should focus upon the needs of the Auroville community and give the individual an opportunity for growth and reflection. Please focus on facts and concerns, rather than stories and interpretations. Wherever possible evidence should be provided to substantiate any statements made. However, it is acknowledged that deeply-held intuitions free of judgment, is a considerable feedback.

Feedback containing valid/ factual reservations or objections against any nominee will be communicated to the concerned. If the nominee fails to provide valid clarifications to dissolve

such reservations/ objections, he/she will be considered ineligible.

All feedback received by the Temporary Feedback Review Committee must be signed. It will not automatically be confidential. However if there is a strong valid concern combined with fear for repercussions, this feedback should be brought, in writing, to a member of the Temporary Feedback Review committee and the committee will adhere to confidentiality. The names of the Temporary Feedback Review Committee members will be published next week by the Auroville Council.

How to submit your feedback

1. by email: Please send your feedback ONLY to: tfrcom@auroville.org.in

or

2. Written on paper: Drop your letter in the box at the desk of AVCouncil office, 1st floor Town Hall.

Please make sure that you mention your name and please sign the letter

Time line for feedback is Saturday 31st October, 2015 till 5 pm

From Residents Assembly Service in collaboration with Study Group

Final List for 2 weeks feedback

14th October, 2015

Nominations for the selection process for new member for Wcom and Auroville Council

Free flow option to step forward to become a member during the 3days Selection Process

Please send your feedback only to: tfrcom@auroville.org.in

From Saturday 17th October, 2015 till Saturday 31st October, 2015

3 days selection process: Friday 4th December - Sunday 6th December, 2015

Working Committee

Willing to be a new member (2 to be selected)

1	Juergen Aurobrindhavan	palmyra@auroville.org.in
2	Marc Madhuca	coffeeideas@auroville.org.in
3	Mario B. Sangha	mario@auroville.org.in
4	Ross	ross@auroville.org.in
5	Selvaraj	selva@auroville.org.in
6	Victoria	victoria@auroville.org.in

Ongoing team

- 1 Angela
- 2 Carel
- 3 Elisa
- 4 Mandakini
- 5 Ranjitkumar

Stepping back members

- 1 Eric
- 2 Manohar

Auroville Council

Willing to be a new member (4 to be selected)

1	Bertrand	bertrand@auroville.org.in
2	Boobalan	boobalan@auroville.org.in
3	Boomi Aspiration	bhoomi@auroville.org.in
4	Padmanabhan	padmanabhan@auroville.org.in
5	Sundar	sunderav@auroville.org.in

Ongoing team

- 1 Daniel
- 2 Guy
- 3 Matripasad

- 4 Renuka
- 5 Sindhuja

Stepping back members

- 1 Auroananda
- 2 Veronique

3 days selection process

1 Amir Evergreen	tamaramir@auroville.org.in
2 Amy	amy@auroville.org.in
3 Anand Shakti	rvanand@auroville.org.in
4 Anbu Celebration	aravind@auroville.org.in
5 Anbu Windarra	anbooav@gmail.com
6 Ann	dolma@auroville.org.in
7 Arun	arun@auroville.org.in
8 Biggie	biggie@auroville.org.in
9 Buvana Sundari Certitude	buvanasundari@gmail.com,
10 Davaselvam left AVC team	davaselvam@auroville.org.in
11 Divya AML	lieserdivya@auroville.org.in
12 Elvira Klein	elvira@auroville.org.in
13 Fif	fif@auroville.org.in
14 Glenn Anusuya	carbonneutral@auroville.org.in
15 Hemant	hemant@auroville.org.in
16 Inge	ingevanalphen@gmail.com
17 Isabel Invocation	isixdes@yahoo.es
18 Kavitha Youth Link	kavitha.urvasie@auroville.org.in
19 L'aura Center Field	laurajoy@auroville.org.in
20 Matilde	matilde@auroville.org.in
21 Mita Courage	mitadg@gmail.com
22 Rajavelu	rajavel@auroville.org.in
23 Rama Narayana Courage	auroram12@yahoo.co.in
24 Renu	renu.auroville@auroville.org.in
25 Rita Center Field left AVC team	rita.centerfield@gmail.com
26 Roy Aurodam	roy@auroville.org.in
27 Sandyra	sandyra@auroville.org.in
28 Sergio	s.garcia.fer@gmail.com
29 Shakti	shakti@auroville.org.in
30 Shanti	shanti@auroville.org.in
31 Sonja Aurodam	sonjaumberto@auroville.org.in
32 Tomas	tomas@auroville.org.in
33 Umberto	umberto@auroville.org.in
34 Viacheslav	slava@auroville.org.in
35 Yuval Quiet	yuvalcw@auroville.org.in

Submitted by Inge from Residents Assembly Service

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Security Advice

Dear friends,

This is to inform you that during the month of September, 2015, 1 theft (Humility), 2 attempt harassment incidents, 2 fire incidents, 1 accident case occurred in different areas of Auroville.

We request all Aurovilians/Newcomers/Guests to be more conscious of their valuable belongings and use additional locks for their vehicles and houses to lower the risk of thefts. We recommend that women avoid travelling alone at night, and to store our security numbers in their phones to report any incidents as soon as possible.

Women of all ages and modest dress codes have reported harassment, so be on your guard at all times. Be wary of three

boys on a bike and do not stop for local men asking for directions. For post-incident support and counseling you may call the Women's help line (open in the morning) at 262-2425 or email AV health services: avhs@auroville.org.in. For escort (for people with bikes/cycles only), call Ramesh.V at: 9443090107 / 9443362691. Please note that the guards cannot leave their posts without prior permission from Security management.

To those who are leaving town: please inform your neighbours to keep watch over your houses/apartments. Kindly inform your watchman /gurkhas or house-sitters to contact us immediately when there are any people / incidents to be reported.

We recommend all residents and guests to travel in and around Auroville:

- With only Xerox copies of your documents. Leave the originals in your guest house safe.
- Not to carry large amounts of cash or valuables on your person unless absolutely necessary.
- To secure/ tie up your bags properly or to keep bags on your person instead of in cycle baskets.

AV Security Service (Day & Night Security: 9443090107, 9443362691)



ACRES FOR AUROVILLE - PHASE 2, UPDATE N° 1

"A harmonious collective aspiration can change the course of circumstances" - The Mother

If there is one reliable guide for us in our lives, it is the Mother's words. And we see this truth shown again in the fruits of the Acres for Auroville land campaign. Together, we have broken through an impasse, and with A4A donations, Auroville has bought a vital Matrimandir area plot. Since its purchase in June, this land has been cleared and is now being readied for its unifying role in the inner ring of the City Area. L'Avenir (Auroville's Town Development Council) has written its thanks:

"Auroville is very grateful for the donations which made it possible to acquire this specific piece of land. It is quite near the Matrimandir and is situated in an important area where Auroville development needs to take place. A large range of services (Library, Health Center, Home for the Elderly, Schools, etc.) are being developed in its direct vicinity. This acquisition makes it possible to develop a pathway from Surrender-Grace-Invocation directly to the Matrimandir. Auroville will develop part of it as a green area (Mahalaxmi Park), and another part will give space to Deepanam School and its children. This piece of land is the missing piece which unifies the whole area again."

A4A PHASE 2 NEWS: After the success of A4A PHASE 1, and in accordance with the Land Board's priority request, A4A PHASE 2 widens the campaign's focus to the four zones of the City Area. Acquiring land in these 4 zones - which encircle and protect the Matrimandir - will enable unifying and building

the vibrant urban hub which The Mother envisaged for the Township. This year's Launch Ceremony again honored AV's pioneering and youth generations with special guests Varadharajan and Kavitha. A4A's successful action was presented in a PowerPoint, and "Landing Auroville", Rakhal's soon-to-be-released land fundraising film was previewed. Then, both PowerPoint and film were presented to an enthusiastic reception at the joint AVI International meeting & AUM Conference held at Woodstock, USA. On October 3rd, the A4A action was part of the Land Board's very well-received presentation to Auroville's Governing Board and International Advisory Council. And, the COLAAP website hosting A4A's Donor Pages and Success Barometer is now much enriched!

MORE GOOD NEWS: We are happy to welcome Jasmin Maheshwari as a new member of LFAU, and the A4A team. Jasmin comes with a long history of involvement with Auroville International, Auroville, and the Sri Aurobindo Ashram. We warmly welcome her skills, enthusiasm, and energy!

Friends of Auroville everywhere: we are very gratified to see that the collective solidarity for Auroville's urgent land needs has continued into the first months of A4A Phase 2. On that note, here are the final words that L'Avenir wrote in thanks for our circumstance-changing collective aspiration:

"It is difficult to acquire lands, especially in the City Area. Every acquired piece counts. Every piece is crucial and important for the development of Auroville. We are very, very grateful for the help and support we get from A4A. Without this help, acquisition would go slower, and in some cases, not at all."

Support Acres for Auroville! United, let's keep up the momentum for Auroville's land!

In solidarity for the City of Dawn, Mandakini, Aryadeep, Jasmin, & Jothi

DONATIONS: Please specify ACRES FOR AUROVILLE via the Auroville Unity Fund (checks/bank transfers) or via the dedicated button at www.auroville.com/donations/ For more A4A information, see COLAAP: www.colaap.org or the Auroville International center of your country: www.auroville-international.org

POSTINGS

La Terrace opening times extended in the evening

Now orders for food and hot drinks are taken until 7.30 pm and from 7.30 to 8 pm cool-drinks, juices, cakes and ice-creams are available. *La Terrace Team*

Tibetan Dinner

As requested by friends we are going to do the Tibetan Dinner on Friday. We request you to register @ 8489067332/ 9943388873/ 0413 2622401 - For take-away you are requested to come with your boxes. Dinner is served at 6.45 pm. *Namgyal and Kalsang*

AVAILABLE

Apartments in Sanjana Housing Project

The work is going on in Sanjana Housing Project between Arati and Sukhavati communities. There are still apartments available in the range from a small studio to a three-bedroom apartment. Most welcome to have a look and choose between different sizes. The construction is expected to be completed beginning of 2016 for 3 blocks and a bit later for the 4th block. For appointment and details please contact Gundolf at: sanjana@auroville.org.

Honda Unicorn 2004

Why rent when you can buy? Refurbished engine, automatic start, Pandy plates. For more info contact Jorge at: jorge@auroville.org.in

A carpenter

Carpenter Murti is looking for work. He repaired my roof this spring and I was very happy with the work he did. The work was well executed, in a timely way and stayed within the budget. He was trained at Decauram and can do house work as well as furniture. You can reach him directly on mobile: 9750537711 - Submitted by *Jaya*

A single bed

One new bamboo single bed -1,90x0,90 - No mattress. Call *Florence*: 7639322654

Furniture

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. 1 dining table with 6 teak chairs - *Victoria Perez* - ph. 2622913 / mb. 9488818074

Stove

Stove Butterfly 2 burners - Ace (with regulator). It is in very good condition. If you are interested please get in touch. *Adriana* - adi@auroville.org.in

LOOKING FOR ...

Jobs

Hello, I am Kuppu a very nice Indian woman who is looking for some little jobs. I am available from 5 pm to 11 pm during the week/ eventually the week-end - for house-cleaning, gardening or also for babysitting. I speak English or Tamil. If interested, please contact me by email at: alicemaringhini@gmail.com or at my mobile number +9180 98 916115. Submitted by *Alice Maringhini (Volunteer)*

School aid assistant

We are looking for an English speaking school aid assistant for our 11 years old daughter - about 2 hours a day 5 days a week. We are ready to contribute. Speaking French is a plus. Kindly

Ink Drawing

For those who were at the retreat with Pardo recently in Bodhi Zendo I offer an abstract ink drawing that I did through the process there. I did nine and you are welcome to any one of them. They are hanging in the Creativity Studio. Call me or come by to see if we are open. Love, *Audrey*

contact us at: 9787 843982 / vero.mpapillon@gmail.com - *Veronique Papillon*

Tennis Racket

I am *Hilal*, a German volunteer and I am looking for a Tennis Racket, because I am really interested in learning to play tennis. If you have a remaining or unused Tennis Racket, just get in touch with me. I would be really happy. Thank you! Contact: 7639318179 or hilal_durmaz@hotmail.de

Green bamboo

Svaram is looking for green bamboo for our instruments. Larger diameters are preferred, 10 cm upward. We will provide the labour to do the cutting and cleaning. Contact *Svaram*: 2622220 or svaram@auroville.org.in

LOST & FOUND

Cellphone (Lost): Hello everyone, I lost my phone on the 7th of October at the film festival near the pizza stall. It is a black Nokia 105 series. If anybody found it, I would be more than happy to come and pick it up from you. I work in Auroville bamboo centre. BIG thanks. *Suraj Dwivedi* (Auroville Bamboo Centre suraj@aurovillebamboocentre.org)

A wallet (Lost): Hello, I wanted to inform you that I lost my wallet near *Kuilapalayam*. It's an old black Hidesign wallet, which had Rs 2000+ one ICICI bank debit card, one UCO bank debit card, my driver's licence (issued in New Delhi) and some

business cards. Name: *Keshav Viswanath* - Contact information: +91 9819748582 - Working at the Auroville Bamboo Centre.

Mountain bike (Found): Small white Mountain Bike found locked to a thin Eucalyptus tree in Certitude. It is now in the certitude Community store room. The owner can pick it up from there or give me a call - *Mirao*: 9486363425

A jacket (Found): Found on 13/10 on the road between MM and Ganesh Bakery one turquoise cotton knitted jacket. Call 9943312755.

THANK YOU

Singing Festival

Dear all,
We would like to thank all the people who helped organise the Singing Festival, as well as the participants and the members of the public who came to the performances, more specifically the musicians: Shakti, Rolf, Edo, Sagar, Chandresh, Ingo, Nadia, Seraphina, Auropremi, Rishi, Gerhard, Jivatman, the sound engineers: Matthias, the light engineer: Jean & Ashwin, Auroville Radio, filming from Manohar, the stage managers: Suresh & Bamboo, the decoration team: Ok, Marc, Surendra and Patricia from the Upcycling Studio, the Dance Group from Sathish, the volunteers from Youth Link, the Bharat Nivas management: Riju, Akash for ticketing on line, the masters of ceremony: Jeremy & Amara. (Sorry, if we have forgotten someone.)

Anyone who would like to send their feedback can do so at: avsingingfestival@auroville.org.in
For the organisers, No-eul and Ananda.

Much gratitude is flowing to the dedicated Auroville Security Service

Several weeks ago when coming from work and going home on my bicycle around 7:40 pm a young man on a new motorbike approached me from behind and came very close at my right side; I was screaming, shouting loudly and the man lifted the cover of my basket and took my bag and drove away. This happened in front of the water tower.

In the community we called the Auroville Security Service and thanks to Ramesh's skills, knowledge and intuition he approached the way the thief took and the thief threw the bag away. Even a little later he found my cell-phone.

When Ramesh brought the bag to me I felt The Mother's presence around and I knew that Ramesh's dedication to The Mother's Dream and work made it possible that I got back my bag - and so quickly.

I would like to express my love and gratitude to the dedicated Auroville Security Service - and I am grateful also for all 'willing servitors of Divine Consciousness' in Auroville. I know that we are growing in our dedication and services.

May The Mother's blessing and protection guide all of us.

And for the future I learned that I have to tie the bag and the cover of the basket.

With light, love and gratitude, *Margrit*

Thanks from TLC

The learning community would like to thank the Auroville community for your wonderful support during our cookie and waffle bake fundraiser last weekend. We would also specifically like to thank PTDC, SK, Town Hall and Visitors Center for being so welcoming and accommodating during the fundraising hours.

Don't forget that cookie/waffle collection will be on Monday 19th October 12:00-13:30 at ptdc or TLC base camp...

Please try to bring your slip. Much love, *TLC*

A P P E A L

Sponsor a child to gain an education: An appeal

Dear Friends,

New Era Secondary School (NESS), Aspiration, is an Auroville affiliated secondary school using the CBSE (Central Board of Secondary Education) curriculum. We have recently restructured the Trustee Board and Management team and the new school year has started well. There are now 104 students coming from the surrounding area, mainly Kulapalyam village, and from Auroville. Due to insufficient funds for running the school we are forced to raise the student fees, but half of our students will not be able to pay even a small increase.

We are looking for sponsors to help these students coming from under-privileged backgrounds. A regular donation of Rs 300-400 a month will support one student. A one-time donation for covering half or full year tuition fees will also be greatly appreciated.

Can you help? If so, please transfer funds in account number 0030. For donors needing to avail tax exemption, please channel the funds via the Auroville Unity Fund.

You can also send your donation via a cheque made payable to 'Auroville Unity Fund', Town Hall, Auroville, 605101 Tamil Nadu, INDIA indicating clearly that the donation is for New Era Secondary School Tuition Fund, or you can send it electronically by going to www.auroville.com/donations/ and following the instructions. Donations from abroad can also be made via the Auroville International Centre in your country - go to www.auroville-international.org.

For more details about students or if you would like to visit the school, please contact us at (ness@auroville.org.in, tel. 2622662).

With thanks,

Ness Trustees and Ness Management team

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

House-sitting.1

Hello Aurovilians! I am *Belén*, a Spanish woman who will go to Auroville around the 20th December for a month, possible do some volunteering there. I am looking for short-term volunteering. I did this before in different places so I know how to take care of a house. I don't smoke, I am clean and tidy, and I can take care of your garden and pets. One Spanish friend who wants to visit Auroville as well, might stay with me for

about two weeks during that period. Please, contact me at: belpa5@yahoo.es. Thank you!

House-sitting.2

We are *Hilal and Lukas*, two German volunteers and we are looking for a place to stay from January 29th till March 1st, because we cannot stay at our apartment for this period of time. We would be really happy to hear back from you. Thank you!

Contact: 7639318179 or lukas_schlapp@hotmail.de

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

Quiet Healing Center is in urgent need of 2 Aurovilians / Newcomers

1. Maintenance person to supervise our local staff and organise:

- * Repair and maintenance of buildings and garden
 - * Repair and maintenance of equipment
 - * Cleaning of therapy centre, accommodation facilities, reception
 - * Purchase of materials, cleaning agents, massage oils, etc.
 - * Any other task related to the upkeep of the centre
- Knowledge and experience in electrical and plumbing works are important.

2. Office person to work with the office team and take care of:

- * Email bookings and communications (English writing skills are essential!)
- * Online guest registrations
- * Reception shifts, whenever required
- * Whatever other tasks that pop up in the office/reception

We are looking for active Aurovilians /Newcomers, who are willing to commit themselves full-time and become part of our team. A flair for organisation and taking initiative, a willingness to work in a team, and a friendly disposition are very much appreciated. Maintenance and daily lunch are provided.

Applicants should write an email to: quiet@auroville.org.in with brief bio data (age, qualifications, work experience, skills, duration of Auroville/Newcomer status) and contact number. We will get back to you afterwards to set up an interview.

Looking for a manager in Woodscapes.

Woodscapes is a furniture making activity. I am looking for a smart manager to follow up on on-going works and some logistics.

Preferably someone who speaks Tamil and English - a Newcomer / Aurovillian.

Maintenance available for full-time.

Contact Tejaswini: 9442255007 / tejaswini@auroville.org.in

H E A L T H

Osteopathy with Stephanie

Practice for Osteopathy with Stephanie will be closed for consultations from October 15 to November 3. During this time Stephanie will not be reachable via phone or sms.

Visit of the Tibetan Doctor

This is to inform you that the Tibetan Doctor is visiting us on Saturday the 24th of October 2015. For your appointment call us at 0413 2622401 or 8489067332. The consultation will happen at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture in International Zone.

Submitted by Pavilion of Tibetan Culture Management

Apple-strudel at La Terrace

Every Tuesday we make fresh Austrian-style Apple-strudel, sweetened with jiggery and for lunch we newly offer Spinach-Quiche along with the usual choices. Bon appetite, *La Terrace Team*

La Terrace opening times extended in the evening

Now orders for food and hot drinks are taken until 7.30 pm and from 7.30 to 8 pm cool-drinks, juices, cakes and ice-creams are available. *La Terrace Team*

Korean Shushi home delivery restaurant 'Jolly Kimbap' re-opens

Dear friends of Jolly,
We are going to re-open from Monday 19th of October. Running time: Lunch(12 to 2 pm)/ Dinner(5 to 8 pm) / Running days: from Monday to Sunday(lunch only) - Parties/ celebrations/ events/gatherings

Our new menu 'bibimbap' (Korean mixed rice with vegetables or meat) is available.

Your Jolly Kimbap(ph: 97517 83912 / jollykimbap@auroville.org.in / <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jolly-Kimbap/1477043819277821>)

Pizza and Dosai nights at the Youth Center are on!

Vanakkam tous le monde!

We would like to invite everybody to the spectacular Saturday evening Pizza Phenomenon at the Youth Center, where we celebrate pizza eating, people meeting, peaceful queuing and non-stop chewing! From 7 to 9!

On Tuesdays, traditional top quality totally tasty Dosais are served with a range of flamboyant chutneys and sambar!

We serve from 7 onwards and help is always welcome beforehand to prepare the food.

See you soon!

YC team



It is a whole world

It is incredible, a path which does not turn into the right direction. In the world it looks normal. But in Auroville?!

There is a tremendous illusion that human beings still believe that what they do, what they think, what they make, can carry them to the right enlightenment for progress and transformation. Even this idea, that the world as it is, can progress towards a change into the Divine Truth. It is like a computer which got corrupted; it can still do something but in the wrong way. For the human beings it is the same, unless they quiet themselves and stay opened for a Higher Truth to come so that a change can occur. It does not mean stopping what we are doing; but to do it as a field - to do it differently - as an offering, detached from the result.

I am not trying to give you a lecture; it is not about reading or telling but to be...

If there was anybody in contact with the Force acting in him, opening his inner being to it, then all his thoughts would gear him to the right aspiration, towards removing all obstacles which hide the Light, the Truth. So the actions would tend only to remove the ego, for the harmony to come. As it is we just bathe into the past and try to make it better, cherishing our illusions.

As for what is happening, as a collective between each other, those are simply judgments, based most of the times on gossips.

I don't care whether I write or not, but you know... without putting a light in our heart enabling to connect each of us, to see, to believe that Unity is not a word... it should come from within with a strong feeling that all is One...

With love, *Andre T.*

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every Thursday at sunset
From 5.30 to 6.00 pm (weather permitting)

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 5.15 to 6.00 pm.

Please be seated by 5.25 pm

Amphitheatre Team



'White Peacock' clay club

invites all the friends
For the opening ceremony of our new classroom.

Please come inspired
On Sunday 18th of October at 10 am.
We are at the same place - Kindergarten compound, opposite Nandanam
(The event is meant for Aurovilians and their guests)



Pitchandikulam Forest - Herbal Team

Health Management in Rainy Season

With Ayurveda and the Use of Local Herbs

Saturday 17th October 2015
(10 to 12:30 and 14:30 to 16:00)

The body comes from a harsh season: summer, when the sun rays and heat have sucked the energy away, leaving the body weakened in its energy and immune system.

We will see what the body conditions are to look at during this rainy season.

What are the daily and seasonal recommendations to prevent any discomfort or diseases?

Which local plants and vegetables are of use during this season?

In the afternoon we will learn some homemade ayurvedic preparations (decoctions, oils, etc.)

The workshop is in English and takes place in the Ecodom in Pitchandikulam Forest.

The following week, on October 24th, a 2nd session will be given in French at the Cinema Paradiso at 5 pm.

For information and registration, please SMS Berengere (Bee) on 9489505691

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The Pavillon de France in collaboration with Pitchandikulam Forest - Herbal Team

"Health Management with Ayurveda and the Use of Local Herbs during the Rainy Season"

Presented by Dr. Bérengère, specialist in Ayurveda

The Talk and Workshop will be in French

Please register for the workshop at the time of the talk or send an SMS to Bérengère: 9489505691.

Talk: Saturday, 24 October 2015 at 5:00 pm, Cinema Paradiso

Workshop: Monday, 26 October 2015, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Pitchandikulam Forest

Residents Assembly Service (RAS) invites you to spend time together

Dear Community Members,

Residents Assembly Service (RAS) invites you to spend time together

Where: on the La Terrace space above the Solar Kitchen!

When: every Saturday afternoon from 4:30 pm - open end

- Time together just to spend time together
- Time together just for being together
- Time together for questions / answers
- Time together to give Space for Grace

No agenda!! No special reason!!

Just sharing the joy of living in Auroville

Welcome

Inge for Residents Assembly Service team



The Teachers Center invites teachers and parents to the next Conversation on Integral Education.

This week we will show two short films on different educational experiments.

Student run school - Kin School Russia. This is a film about a school where there is no division between teachers and students, all are teachers and learners. *Russian (English subtitles), 30 min.*

Brockwood Park School, founded by Jiddu Krishnamurti, shows a unique educational approach. *English, 12 min.*

There will be time for sharing after the films.
Welcome!

Venue: Teachers Center, SAIER
Tuesday 20th of October at 4-5.30 pm

EXHIBITIONS

EXHIBITION ON THE THEME OF PEACE



At Unity Pavilion

The Peace exhibition, organized in connection with International Peace Day (September 21), is on at Unity Pavilion till 20 October 2015.

The exhibition features art works by Auroville artists and school children. There are also activities like a poem collage and reflections on quotes on Peace extracted from various works by the Mother.

The exhibition is open from 9 am to 4:30 pm on all working days, except in case of meetings or special events.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Unity Pavilion: 0413 2623576; unitypavilion@auroville.org.in

CULTURAL EVENTS

Navaratri Celebration

13th - 21st October, 2015 daily at 6:00 pm
Brahmanaspati Kshetram, Edayanchavadi

13th Tuesday: Veena recital - Seraphina Aurumugam, Auroville

14th Wednesday: The Mother reading 'The Mother' by Sri Aurobindo (Maheswari aspect)

15th Thursday: Musical Offering to Mahakali - Svaram team, Auroville

16th Friday: The Mother reading about "Mahakali" from Sri Aurobindo's book

17th Saturday: Songs and Mantras and reading Savitri - Srimati Bhuvanasundari, Auroville

18th Sunday: The Mother reading about "Mahalakshmi" from Sri Aurobindo's book

19th Monday: The Mother reading about "Mahasaraswati" from Sri Aurobindo's book

20th Tuesday: Meditation and Concentration

21st Wednesday: Chanting the Thousand Names of the Divine Mother - Sri Saravanan, Palani, Auroville

22nd Thursday: Musical Offering to Mahalakshmi & Mahasaraswati - Svaram team, Auroville

Welcome to all
Kasthuri, Rajan and Sunrita

"Cosmic Art Sale"

www.hufreesh.com

From: 19 Oct to 24 Oct

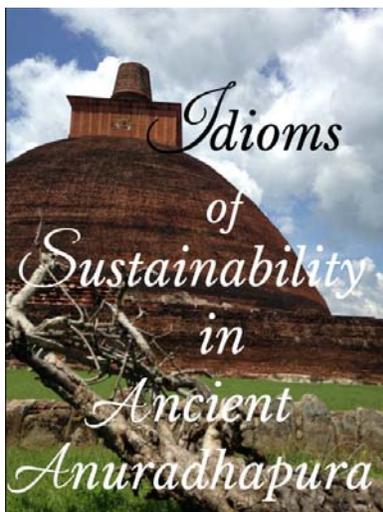
Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Place: Aurelec Prayogshala

Call: 7598880649

"Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known."

TALKS, SEMINARS



Presentation by Dr. Satyajit Ghosh Savitri Bhavan

Thursday October 22, 5.15-6.30
Buddhist Building Traditions
for sustainable living

In the ancient city of Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka.

Dr. Ghosh will be bringing with him a few copies of his recently published book.

This talk is dedicated to the memory of Nirodbaran,

who had Buddhist origins and mentored Dr. Ghosh's sadhana up to the end of his life

Dr. Satyajit Ghosh is currently Senior Professor at the School of Mechanical and Building Sciences, VIT University, India. He is also affiliated to the University of Leeds, U.K. He teaches and researches on the generic themes of "Atmospheric Processes and Climate Change" and "Energy in the built Environment" among others. His papers have been published by the Royal Society of Great Britain and other leading scientific journals across the world. CNN-International and the BBC have also covered stories on his research.

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

LEELA the game of the self-knowledge

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

Finally a game where everyone is a winner!

Every Sunday, 9.30 to 12, at Svedame, Butterfly Barn (please park outside of the community). Bring a small object that represents yourself and a notebook (book in English, Italian, German, Spanish, Russian and Français)
Contact Véronique j. for information: 948 85 12 678 (leelathegame.blogspot.in)

WELLPAPER Workshop 17/10 Saturday

Skills Handicraft Arts Recycle Education

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

Bowls Coiling introductory workshop

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you would like to join us please email us to: wellpaper@auroville.org.in / Or call: 0413-2622219.

With Love,

Wellpaper team

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

20th October (Tuesday)

- Overview with multimedia presentation
- Questions and Answers
- Practice in Daily Life
- Complimentary Concentration Exercises
- Creative Arts, Interactive Games
- Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
- Introduction to the Reference Books

Focus this week on: 'The Collective Yoga'

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

Place: Savitri Bhavan / Time: 9 am to 12 Noon (pl be present by 8.55 am)

Led by Ashesh Joshi - Contact: 9489147202, 2622922

No Registration required (except for groups) - Fees: Voluntary Contribution
All are welcome
For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops, please visit: www.integralyoga-auroville.com

Family Constellation by Moghan

Place: in Creativity's "Hall of Light"
Time: on Saturday 24th of October from 9 am till 6 pm
Registration: confirm your presence by SMS on cellphone: 9751110486, with your email



Dance.....Improvisation.....and Composition Workshop

Play Practice Research with Abhilash Ningappa
Tuesday and Wednesday, October 20 and 21, 2015
9-12 noon Tuesday and 7:30-10:00 pm

Wednesday @ CRIPA, Kalabhumi

The Workshop will focus on Improvisation, working on fundamentals like breath, speed and energy, involving the core structure of the body influenced by different methods of Kalari Payattu and other martial arts combined, focusing mainly on the dancer's relationship with the space and the people around.

For More Information see Auronet. For registration contact: Jill at 9486416173, (0413) 2622-840 or contact: www.playpractice.in

Abhilash Ningappa was born in India. He is a Performer, teacher and choreographer in India and Europe. He post-graduated in SEAD (Salzburg) and Post Masters in APASS (Advanced performance and scenography studies) (Belgium) on a movement research project called PLAY PRACTICE. A yoga practitioner and a martial art teacher, trained in kalari payattu and contemporary dance, started his training in India and later travelled in India and Europe working and practicing. He is currently working on developing an art practice called "Play Practice". Play practice is a movement research project developed since 2009 in different residencies in different countries. It started in DANSKIAS Vienna residency and later became material for a research-based program in APASS (Advanced performance and scenography studies) working with various artists in different residencies, mainly PARTS summer residency, PAF (performing arts forum) and Lopital (Antwerp).

Le Pavillon de France - French Creative Writing Classes - Cycle d'ateliers d'écriture creative

In Maitreye2 on Friday 23rd of October from 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm

Le prochain rendez-vous sera le Vendredi 23 octobre de 16h30 à 18h sur le toit de Maitreye2

Please contact Florence: 7639322654 / by mail: lesbaladantes@gmail.com for reservation

LEC Cooking Class: Cook with Locally Grown Vegetables

This is a reminder note for the cooking class on October 17 (Saturday) in Life Education Centre (LEC) at 10:30 am. LEC is located opposite Isaiambalam School in Kotakkarai. Please see last week's News and Notes for other details.
Life Education Centre Team

Connecting across differences...

The Nonviolent Communication way
Sun, Oct 18 - 9.30 am-4 pm - + potluck lunch
With L'aura Joy - CNVC Certified Trainer

We all long for the same values (love, honesty, respect, to name just a few) and yet we seem to forget this when disagreements arise...Why is this?

Can we learn the skills to stay open in dialogue, and to trust that there's a way to rebuild connection? To trust that we're actually designed to collaborate and live in harmony?

Yes! Come and explore!

For more info & to register, contact L'aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016

** intermediate level training, although beginners also welcome*

What's the YES behind a NO?

Do you lose connection when you hear someone saying "no" to you?

Do you sometimes avoid saying "no" yourself, because you fear the consequences?

So let's learn to hear the YES and stay connected, no matter what!

1-Day Deepening in Nonviolent Communication
Sun, Oct 25 - 9.30 am-4 pm + potluck lunch

With L'aura Joy - CNVC Certified Trainer

For more info & to register, contact L'aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016

** intermediate level training, although beginners also welcome*

SCHEDULES

VERITE

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

Workshops:

South Indian Organic Cooking with Rajaveni & Suba

Friday, 23 October - from 9 am to 12:30 pm (24 hour advanced registration required)

Participants will pick some fresh organic vegetables from the garden with a local team, then learn how to cook them with traditional recipes, and enjoy eating the results!

Rajaveni is an Aurovilian who has been coordinating the Vérité kitchen for 20 years, and SUBA has been working there for the last 10 years. Both are Tamil women from the neighboring villages, happy to share the local culture with all.

Fate or choice? (family) constellation workshop with Yuval

Saturday, 24 October - from 9 am to 4.45 pm

In our lives hidden dynamics can unconsciously create our fate. To become aware of them, we can bring back choice by applying (family) constellation techniques.

Yuval is a life & business coach.



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film program 19 October 2015 to 25 October 2015

Indian - Monday 19 October, 8:00 pm:

- USTAD HOTEL

India, 2012, Dir. Anwar Rasheed w/ Dulquer Salmaan, Thilakan, Siddique, and others, Drama, 151mins, Malayalam w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

In the same genre as movies like 'Swades' and 'My Name is Sid', in this film that is loosely based on the life of a real life chef, Faizy Abdul Razaq is a well-to-do young and dynamic guy who is coming of age. He is a youngster who loves to live a peppy life with his girlfriend Christine in UK or France as an executive Chef. Faizy splits up from his father Abdul Razaq who plans a Five Star Hotel business with his only son rather than allowing him to create his own recipes. He returns to Calicut to find his grandfather Kareemikka still making a living with his 'Ustad Hotel' on the beach of Calicut. In the course of time when his grandfather Faizy realizes what serving food is all about - that changes him not only as a chef but as a human being. *This is a highly acclaimed, heartwarming film that you should not miss!*

German - Tuesday 20 October, 8:00 pm:

- OH BOY (A Coffee in Berlin)

Germany 2014, Dir./Writer Jan Ole Gerster, w/ Tom Schilling, Katharina Schuettler, Justus von Dohnany, Drama, 83 mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.

In collaboration with Goethe Institute/Max Mueller Bhavan

This tragicomedy is a self-ironic portrait of a young man who drops out of university and ends up wandering the streets of the city he lives in: Berlin. The film deals with the desire to participate in life and the difficulty to find one's place.

Documentary - Wednesday 21 October, 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. *This film is being re-screened on popular demand. An ABSOLUTE MUST SEE!*

Korean - Thursday 22 October, 8:00 pm:

- BYEON-HO-IN (The Attorney)

Korea, 2013, Dir. Woo-seok Yang w/ Kang-ho Song, Si-wan Yim, Dal-su Oh, and others, Drama, 127 mins, Korean w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Woo-seok Song has no clients, connections, or even a college degree, but his eye for business and appetite for money turn him into one of the most successful lawyers in town. But right at the peak of his success, a friend's son is falsely accused of a crime, then beaten and tortured while waiting in jail. Shocked by these conditions, Song changes the course of his life, and takes on the case no one else will. This story is based on true events.

International - Saturday 24 October, 8:00 pm:

- INSIDE OUT

USA, 2015, Writer-Dir. Pete Docter & Ronnie Del Carmen w/ Amy Poehler, Bill Hader, Lewis Black, and others, Animation-Adventure, 94mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Growing up can be a bumpy road, and it's no exception for Riley, who is uprooted from her Midwest life when her father starts a new job in San Francisco. Like all of us, Riley is guided by her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness. The emotions live in Headquarters, the control center inside Riley's mind, where they help advise her through everyday life. As Riley and her emotions struggle to adjust to a new life in San Francisco, turmoil ensues in Headquarters. Although Joy, Riley's main and most important emotion, tries to keep things positive, the emotions conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house and school. *It is a fascinating film where we can visualize our own emotions in action. You cannot miss that! Can you?*

Children's Film - Sunday 25 October, 4:30 pm:

- FROZEN

USA, 2013, Dir Chris Buck & Jennifer Lee w/ Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel, Jonathan Groff, and others, Animation-Adventure, 102 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

When the newly crowned Queen Elsa accidentally uses her power to turn things into ice to curse her home in infinite winter, her sister, Anna, teams up with a mountain man, his playful reindeer, and a snowman to change the weather condition.

PEDRO ALMODÓVAR Film Festival @ CINECLUB

Ciné-Club - Sunday 18 October, 8:00 pm:

- LOS ABRAZOS ROTOS (Broken Embraces)

Spain, 2009, Dir. Pedro Almodóvar w/Penelope Cruz, Luis Homar, and others, Romance-Thriller, 127mins, Spanish w/English subtitles, Rated: R

The action of the movie unfolds in two periods: flashing back and forth between the present day and 1994. It is a measure of Almodóvar's absolute technical mastery, and that of his editor José Salced. Mateo, a former film director who lost his eyesight in a car crash. Now he writes screenplays under his pen name "Harry Caine", a pseudonymity which parallels Mateo's yearning to escape his ruined real self for the fantasy-refuge of the cinema. The film-within-a-film motif is head-spinning and sophisticated, though the theme of cinema itself within cinema is kept fresh and alive through Almodóvar's sheer energy.

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



C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER- 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7:45 sharp)

“CHILDREN OF PARADISE” - Les enfants du paradis (original title)

Second Part: “The Man on White”

Directed by: Marcel CARNÉ - Dialogues by Jacques Prévert - France, 1945

Cast: Arletty, Jean-Louis Barrault, Pierre Brasseur, Marcel Herrand, Maria Casarès ...

Synopsis: This is the second part of this great classic considered one of the 10 best films in the history of world Cinema. Years have passed. Baptiste who has become famous, is married to Nathalie. They have a little son. Every evening, Garance, who has married the Count, comes to admire Baptiste at the theatre where he performs. The Count believes she is in love with the actor Frederic Lemaitre but Nathalie knows Garance loves Baptiste. The two lovers will be together for a unique night but will be betrayed by the bandit Lacenaire. Even if Baptiste is married to Nathalie, the memory of Garance remains immortal...

Original French version with English Subtitles - Black & White - Duration: 1h.27’.



The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, October 23, Friday at 19:00

THE MAN WHO STOPPED THE DESERT

2010, 64 minutes, Directed by Mark Dodd

Yacouba Sawadogo, an illiterate farmer from Burkina Faso has transformed the lives of thousands of people across West Africa. Over cinematic reconstruction Sawadogo tells his incredible story of his battle with nature and man.

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.

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

19th Tuesday October 8 pm

DIL CHAHTA HAI (English: 'The Heart Desires')

A 2001 Indian [comedy-drama film](#) starring [Aamir Khan](#), [Saif Ali Khan](#), [Akshaye Khanna](#), [Preity Zinta](#), [Sonali Kulkarni](#), and [Dimple Kapadia](#). The first film written and directed by [Farhan Akhtar](#), it is set in modern-day urban Mumbai and [Sydney](#), and focuses on a major period of transition in the lives of three young friends. Hindi, subtitles English

22nd Thursday October 8 pm

THE MINIONS (2015)

Genre: Family/Comedy / Dur: 91mins / Language: English/Subtitle: English / Rated: U/A (Universal Audience)

Dir: [Kyle Balda](#), [Pierre Coffin](#) / Cast: [Sandra Bullock](#), [Jon Hamm](#), [Michael Keaton](#)

Storyline: Minions Stuart, Kevin and Bob are recruited by Scarlett Overkill, a super-villain who, alongside her inventor husband Herb, hatches a plot to take over the world.

23rd Friday October 8 pm

MR.HOLMES (2015)

Genre: Crime/Drama/Mystery / Dur: 104mins / Language: English/Subtitle: English / Rated: PG

Dir: [Bill Condon](#) / Cast: [Ian McKellen](#), [Laura Linney](#), [Hiroyuki Sanada](#)

Storyline: The story is set in 1947, following a long-retired Holmes living in a Sussex village with his housekeeper and rising detective son. But then he finds himself haunted by an unsolved 30-year old case. Holmes memory isn't what it used to be, so he only remembers fragments of the case...

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

SRI AUROBINDO'S "THE MOTHER" - Part 2+3

On Monday, 19th of October 2015, at 6:30 pm

The book "THE MOTHER" by Sri Aurobindo is known to express the knowledge and sadhana of the Integral Yoga. It is regarded as the Bible or Gita of the Age of Sri Aurobindo.

Sri Aurobindo: *"Four great Aspects of the Mother, four of her leading Powers and Personalities have stood in front in her guidance of this Universe and in her dealings with the terrestrial play. ... Maheswari lays down the large lines of the world-forces, Mahakali drives their energy and impetus, Mahalakshmi discovers their rhythms and measures, but Mahasaraswati presides over their detail of organization and execution, relation of parts and effective combination of forces and unfailing exactitude of result and fulfilment. The science and craft and technique of things are Mahasaraswati's province..."*

Part 2+3 of the film "THE MOTHER" about Chapter 6 is newly edited and it presents the Four Great Aspects of The Divine Mother as Maheswari, Mahakali, Mahalakshmi and Mahasaraswati. The Mother is reading the texts, and pictures of The Mother, of Flowers and Nature and paintings are illustrating them. Duration: 52:00min.

Millidacious – The Movie

The movie by Doris and Francis of the musical performance of Millidacious is now ready and we will be showing it this weekend. If you would like to see it on the Big screen this is your chance - no tickets required.

On Saturday 17th at 8 pm we will screen it at Bharat Nivas

On Sunday 18th at 4 pm we will screen at Cinema Paradiso

After the 18th we will leave a copy at the video library for you to download if you would like to have your own copy.

We have also posted the selected photos that Shiraz took of the performance, if you would like to see them then this is the link (Please open them in the viewer, as the thumbnails have been cropped):

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B2oR-RfsTYbVMGdzZmN5bmJSUUI>

Enjoy!

Le Pavillon de France presents

« LA RÉVÉLATION DES PYRAMIDES »

Directors: Jacques Grimault & Patrice Pooyard

Saturday 17 October 2015 - 5:00 PM - CINEMA PARADISO

For centuries, the Great Pyramids have fascinated Mankind. Patrice Pooyard's film reveals what lies behind the greatest of archaeological mysteries: a message of paramount importance

for humanity. From China to Peru, from Egypt to Mexico, through the world's most enigmatic and most beautiful sites, the director has spent 6 years meeting eminent scientific specialists and verifying his discoveries. The result will shake the teaching of history to its very core, and revolutionize Egyptology entirely. A great odyssey along a breathtaking route climaxes in a revelation as unexpected as it is staggering.
French documentary without English subtitles; duration 1 h 48'

SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Some Auroville Acronyms: ABC Auroville Board of Commerce; ABS Auroville Board of Services; AVC Auroville Council; BCC Budget Coordination Committee; FAMC Funds and Assets Management Committee; FS Financial Service; GB Governing Board; HRT Human Resource Team; LMTF Land Management Task Force; NTDA New Development Township Development; PTDC Pour Tous Distribution Centre; PTPS Pour Tous Purchasing Service; TDC Town Development Council; WC Working Committee

[Kindly let us know of any changes in opening/closing hours for the service. Eds]

Auroville Ambulance: 9442224680

Auroville Library, Crown Road: opening hours - 9:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:30 from Monday to Saturday

AvHC: The Pharmacy is open 8.30 to 5 pm daily including Saturdays. The doctor's consultation is the same, except Saturday up to 1pm only.

City Transport: Quick "Pick up and Drop" Shuttle Service in Maruti Omni 4-seater van, with per passenger fares, from Rs.80 for 1 person single trip inside the city area, destinations up to Aspiration/Auromodele (Rs.110) and Repos (Rs.150), Quiet (Rs.180). Phone Visitors Centre main gate 262-2611 or to the driver directly 94876-50951 daily 9.30am-6.00pm (summer season - no longer available evenings). Please note that it is not a taxi that will wait for you for onward or return trips, but if needed will come back to pick you up again when called.

Day/Night Guard: Auroville Security: Please call Ramesh.V at 9443090107/9443362691 in case of emergency or if you need an escort (for people with bikes/cycles only) or assistance. You can also contact us at avsecurity@auroville.org.in

Auroville Dental Centre: Protection / Telephone: (0143) 2622265 or 2622007 / email: aurodentalcentre@auroville.org.in

Eco Service, Kottakarai: Gillian - 9442067481, email: Ecoservice@auroville.org.in /

Entry Service, Multimedia Center: 1st floor, Town hall Complex: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: 10.00am to 12.00pm for enquiries/applications. Thursdays: 2:00 to 3:30pm. B Form filling for newly resident Aurovilians and youth turning 18.

Financial Service, Town Hall and Aspiration: Mon to Sat, 9 to 12.30 and 3 to 4.30pm

Free Store: Monday to Friday: 9:00 to 12:30 pm. Tuesday and Thursday: 2:30 to 4:30 pm

Free Store Tailoring Service: Repair work will be received only from 1st to 15th of every month. Timings will be same as Free Store.

Auroville Gas Service, Service Area: Near Tele Service" and BSNL Telephone Exchange. Monday to Saturday: 9 to 1 and 2 to 4 pm

Green Care: Tree care, pruning, rigging, removal of trees, and or branches over structures. Garden maintenance grass and hedge cutting. Call: Jonas 9159843579 or Anadi 9655477329.

Guest Service Solar Kitchen: 1st floor. Open every morning (including Sunday) from 9.30 to 12.30. Afternoon from 1pm to 4pm (except Sunday)

Housing Service, Town Hall: Public Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:30 to 12:30

Monday and Friday from 14:30 to 16:30

Wednesday: Closed to Public (Housing Board in session 9:30-12:30). Phone: (0413) 2622658. [Email:housing@auroville.org.in](mailto:housing@auroville.org.in)

Integral Health: Classical homeopathy, hypnotherapy, midwifery, counselling, Shiatsu, energy work / integralhealth@auroville.org.in - 2623669 / Mon-Sat 9 am - 5 pm, preferably on appointment.

Sante Clinic: Crown Rd. nr. Arka: Call 2622803 for an appointment. Opening hours: 8.45 am - 12.30 pm and 2 pm to 4.30 pm.

LOE, Lab. Of Evolution, Bharat Nivas: Mon to Sat 9am-12 noon and 2.30pm-4.30pm

Matrimandir: The Inner Chamber is open for Aurovilians daily 06.00 am to 08.45am/ 11.30 am to 12.30 pm (02.00 pm on Sunday)/ 04.30 pm to 08.00pm

Please keep the Chamber neat and tidy. Straighten your mat and put back all extra cushions neatly by the door. Please refrain from rearranging the cushions which are laid out for you.

The Petals are open for Aurovilians daily: 4.30pm to 6pm

To bring family members and personal friends please book by calling 2622579 from 9.30 to 11.30 am any day except Tuesday. Be at the office gate of Matrimandir by 8.40 am on the day of the visit.

Please remain with your guests throughout the visit.

Matrimandir is closed to visitors on Tuesday.

Aurovilians wanting to bring their children to the Matrimandir are recommended to do so on Tuesdays between 9 am and 11 am.

Music library, Town Hall: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 9 to 12.30 and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 2 to 5:30pm.

Nandini Tailor section: (Auroshilpam): tel: 2622527

Open to public on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday full day: from 9am to 12.30pm and 3pm to 5pm

No new order taken last week of the month. Don't forget to bring your bag

Nandini Distribution : (ptdc , solar kitchen) tel : 2622033

Open to public from Tuesday to Saturday morning from 9am to 12.30pm and Tuesday, Thursday afternoon 2.30pm to 4.30pm Don't forget to bring your bag

OutreachMedia Services: The services provided by OutreachMedia include: dealing with all media that come to Auroville for filming, writing, photographing - reporters, journalist and writers. 2622-098 or 9443602194 or 9952463904 Multi-Media Centre. Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoons and Saturdays by appointment.

Puncture service, service area: next to gas bottle service, opposite road service; Monday to Saturday 9am to 4 30pm; phone 2622741, cell 9442891235.

Auroville Residents Service timings: Please note that the Auroville Residents Service office will be open from Monday to Friday morning's from 9:00 am to 12.00 pm and afternoon Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 4:30.
Thank you, Residents Service Team

Savi: Services for Volunteers and Hosting Units/Services of Auroville. We are a link between Auroville Projects and long-term Volunteers (minimum 2 months). We offer welcome informations, placements opportunities, support with visa procedure and follow-up throughout the volunteers' stay.
From Monday to Friday from 2 till 4 pm. at the Unity Pavilion.

For more Information you can call us at: (0413) 262 21 21 or check our website: www.auroville-learning.net. The Savi Team

Skyworks: Tree pruning, removal of hazardous trees and branches over fragile structures, power line cleaning. SatYajji 958 516 58 82

Vehicle Service, Town Hall: Monday - Friday : 09.00am - 12.30 pm, 02.00pm - 4.30pm. Saturday: 09.00am - 12.30pm

Video library, Town Hall: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 10 am to 1 pm and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 3 to 6pm.

Women's Helpline - For women needing assistance after an incident of violence on Auroville roads. Please call 262 2425 (mornings) or email avhs@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.

Soft Version: We encourage you to ask us for a soft version of *News & Notes* send directly on your own mail. First, it saves trees, cost of paper (Rs 12.000 monthly are spent only on purchasing paper) and labor cost (900 copies are printed every week). Second we send your soft copy as a PDF file (Same formatting as the printing version with colored pictures) on Thursday morning and you can get information earlier than the printing version which is delivered only on Friday and Saturday. Don't hesitate to mail: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in or to phone 2622133.

Disclaimer: The views expressed on these pages are those of their respective authors or work groups and do not represent the position of the editors or of the community as a whole. The *News & Notes* serves as a channel for the publication of material coming from trusted sources within Auroville. The editors cannot be held accountable for any alleged misinformation given or offence caused. In case of any dispute, the Auroville Council may be consulted and publishing of disputed material suspended.

News & Notes, Media Centre, Town Hall. Phone: 2622133, email: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in