

News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Vijnana or Gnosis

The gnostic knowledge, the gnostic sense does not recognise any real division; it does not treat things separately as if they were independent of their true and original oneness. The reason deals with the finite and is helpless before the infinite: it can conceive of it as an indefinite extension in which the finite acts, but the infinite in itself it can with difficulty conceive and cannot at all grasp or penetrate. But the gnosis is, sees and lives in the infinite; it starts always from the infinite and knows finite things only in their relation to the infinite and in the sense of the infinite.

If we would describe the gnosis as it is in its own awareness, not thus imperfectly as it is to us in contrast with our own reason and intelligence, it is hardly possible to speak of it except in figures and symbols. And first we must remember that the gnostic level, *Mahat, Vijnana*, is not the supreme plane of our consciousness, but a middle or link plane. Interposed between the triune glory of the utter Spirit, the infinite existence, consciousness and bliss of the Eternal and our lower triple being and nature, it is as if it stood there as the mediating, formulated, organising and creative wisdom, power and joy of the Eternal. In

the gnosis *Sachchidananda* gathers up the light of his unseizable existence and pours it out on the soul in the shape and power of a divine knowledge, a divine will and a divine bliss of existence. It is as if infinite light were gathered up into the compact orb of the sun and lavished on all that depends upon the sun in radiances that continue for ever. But the gnosis is not only light, it is force; it is creative knowledge, it is the self-effective truth of the divine Idea. This idea is not creative imagination, not something that constructs in a void, but light and power of eternal substance, truth-light full of truth-force; and it brings out what is latent in being, it does not create a fiction that never was in being. The ideation of the gnosis is radiating light-stuff of the consciousness of the eternal Existence; each ray is a truth. The will in the gnosis is a conscious force of eternal knowledge; it throws the consciousness and substance of being into infallible forms of truth-power, forms that embody the idea and make it faultlessly effective, and it works out each truth-power and each truth-form spontaneously and rightly according to its nature. Because it carries this creative force of the divine Idea, the Sun, the lord and symbol of the gnosis, is described in the Veda as the Light which is the father of all things, *Surya Savitri*, the Wisdom-Luminous who is the bringer-out into manifest existence. This creation is inspired by the divine delight, the eternal *Ananda*; it is full of the joy of its own truth and power, it creates in bliss, creates out of bliss, creates that which is blissful. Therefore the world of the gnosis, the supramental world is the true and the happy creation, *rtam bhadram*, since all in it shares in the perfect joy that made it. A divine radiance of undeviating knowledge, a divine power of unfaltering will and a divine ease of un stumbling bliss are the nature or Prakriti of the soul in supermind, in *vijnana*.

The stuff of the gnostic or supramental plane is made of the perfect absolutes of all that is here imperfect and relative and its movement of the reconciled interlockings and happy fusions of all that here are opposites. For behind the appearance of these opposites are their truths and the truths of the Eternal are not in conflict with each other; our mind's and life's opposites transformed in the supermind into their own true spirit link together and are seen as tones and colourings of an eternal Reality and everlasting *Ananda*. Supermind or Gnosis is the supreme Truth, the supreme Thought, the supreme Word, the supreme Sight, the supreme Will-Idea; it is the inner and outer extension of the Infinite who is beyond Space, the unfettered Time of the Eternal who is timeless, the supernal harmony of all absolutes of the Absolute.

The Synthesis of Yoga, book II, chap. XXII

SRI AUROBINDO

*The
Ponder
Corner*

*Shocks and trials always come as a divine grace
to show us the points in our being where we fall short
and the movements in which we turn our back
on our soul by listening to the clamour of
our mental being and vital being.*

The Mother
ref. Words Of The Mother, vol.14, p.235

Monthly Report from the Green Group

1. **ALANKUPPAM LAND;** there has been a request for land in this area to build a cultural centre and the Farm group has allocated two plots of land for grain and dairy farming. The Green Group are working with the FAMC, TDC and Farm Group to resolve a number of issues before the land can be allocated.
2. **MOONLIGHT LAND;** this is still in progress and a legal document regarding occupancy for three years is being drawn up. Farm group have recommended that two other nearby plots be allocated to the farmer to make up for the plots which will be used by the village for their solid waste project.
3. **BUILDING APPLICATIONS;** have been agreed as follows:
 - a) Botanical garden for a new kitchen
 - b) Kumar on behalf of Foodlink farm for a new store room; a request has been made to the Farm Group for a development plan for this farm. Suggestions were made as to how the Farm Group could successfully deal with the fencing issues that need to be addressed.
 - c) Building application from the Housing Service for building houses for Newcomers on a plot just behind Silence/Colours of Nature which is just outside the city area close to the village; the Green Group suggested that the parties involved get together and try to work something out.
 - d) Site application for Mohini to build a house; this application to carry out farming and green work on reclaimed land in Nine Palms is going to the Forest Group at their next meeting. It was observed that the issue of succession needs to be discussed in the wider community.
 - e) Jasmine and Aravind request for a site in the green belt; they were advised to contact the Forest Group and Land Board to find out which plots need to be secured against encroachment.
 - f) Megan request for land to start family community; will be followed up by putting interested families together to see how they might move forward.
4. **LAND EXCHANGE;** a member of the community wrote to the Green Group expressing concern at how the land exchange process, started by the LMTF, is not being followed up properly. The Green Group agrees that this land exchange should not be stalled and that the promises made by the old LMTF should be honoured. The Green Group will discuss this further to see how this might best be moved forward.

International Zone Coordination Team (IZCT) monthly report, October 2015

Pavilions

French Pavilion: the team received a quote from the Auroville Electrical Service (AVES) of Rs 1.4 lakhs for electricity by underground cable. It was agreed that this cost should be shared with other project holders in the immediate area. It was suggested and agreed that the French Pavilion team request an Auroville loan for this amount, and will be responsible for repayment, pending other developments and projects joining. The share for each project needs to be decided and agreed with the project holders. Water is being provided on a temporary basis by the Visitor Centre, and a temporary waste water treatment plant will be created until a more permanent solution is established for the International Zone (IZ). It was decided that agreements need to be made with all the project holders about shared infrastructure.

French Pavilion brochure: it explains the French Pavilion events of June, July, and August 2015. It was noted that it is very well done and informative. It was mentioned that perhaps other Pavilions could do the same? At least such information can be

included on the IZ website (and Facebook (FB) page when it is active).

Development

Site applications (SA): it was suggested that any pending site applications can be submitted as soon as possible. This will support creation of the IZ detailed development plan. Pending: a European House, Maison du Monde, Korean Pavilion, Youth Link.

Housing Service SA: for temporary residential constructions of five to six houses, on a plot west of Bharathipuram, near Tamil Heritage Centre. This application is currently under review and discussion with Housing Service representatives.

Korean Pavilion Group SA: there is an ongoing dialogue between the Pavilion group members and representatives of L'avenir. The IZ Planning and Development will help to facilitate the communications. The site application is presently under discussion and review with concerned individuals.

La Maison du Monde: the Maison du Monde building site has been identified next to the permanent residential Habitat inside the trees of the Bharat Nivas compound. All Habitat sites in the Eastern part of the IZ are located "inside" the Loop Road in the Universal Garden. IZCT has requested to meet with the Bharat Nivas Group (BNG) during one of their regular meetings regarding the location of La Maison du Monde.

L'Avenir/ TDC: A request letter has been sent to L'avenir/TDC for inclusion of the IZ in their infrastructure budget, for the Loop Road, internal pathways, water distribution pipes, electrical underground cable, waste water pipe, fiber optic cable, etc...

Fence and gate: generally agreed to use the funds available to start the periphery fence on Radial number 8 which is opposite the Pavilion of Africa (Africa House) and Visitors' Centre, perhaps beginning with a gate for the Loop Road. It is agreed to create a green fence along the gate with the creepers Harmony and Hope. A nursery for Harmony and Hope will be established at Aurocreation. IZCT awaits an estimate for the gate.

Manu & Garima, International House (IH) caretakers, building application: L'Avenir/TDC requested IZCT input on the application to extend the existing caretaker house at IH. Manu & Garima intend to move back to the caretaker house located directly behind the IH, and with two children it is necessary to extend the existing structure. There was a deep and honest sharing and reflection as this request brought up previous requests: one from the caretaker of Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, and the other by a long-time Aurovilian living in the IZ "temporarily" protecting land from encroachment. This sensitive topic was approached by the IZCT members in a respectful and conscientious manner. All members participated in the sharing and shared their point of view. The decision to approve the building application took place in a harmonious flow.

As a result of this sharing it was agreed to create a study group to reflect on 'caretaker houses in the IZ'. It was acknowledged that each application is unique and can be studied on its own merits.

Infrastructure

Fiber Optic Cable: a map was sent to the IZ Technical office, by the team installing the cable, showing the proposed route in part of the IZ. During the IZCT discussion it was agreed that the IZ needs a clear infrastructure plan, and that all infrastructure needs to be planned together. An IZCT subgroup met with the fiber optic team to discuss improvements to the plan. Agreements were made with suggestions and requests.

Loop Road: during the above discussion of the fiber optic cable the topic of the IZ Loop Road arose again. It was agreed that finalization of the Loop Road plan is absolutely necessary now.

The International Zone Coordination Team (IZCT) wrote to L'avenir/TDC a letter of endorsement for the Loop Road with a recommendation that it go around the outside (not between Tamil Heritage and crossing the Bharat Nivas campus) as shown on the current map provided by Jacqueline.

A trench in IZ: a trench was dug by AVES for electrical and fiber optic cables. The electrical cable is for the French Pavilion, South European area, and future residential Habitat. The fiber optic cable is for the Pavilion of Tibetan culture, residential Habitat, and South European area. IZ Planning & Development (IZPD) has requested to meet with the BNG to work out a plan of action for the electrical and fiber optic cable connections.

Activities

IZ short film: it was suggested and supported to create a 5 to 7 minute fundraising film. The IZCT met with two Auroville filmmakers and is moving forward with one. A subgroup is meeting with the filmmaker and an outline is presently under review.

Auroville 50th Anniversary: the idea of art installations is being well received. IZCT are informed that budgeted funds for the event will not include funds for infrastructure. IZCT are following up with the Envisioning Committee and Working Committee.

Administration

International Zone Legal Status: a question was raised as to whether the IZ should be considered a unit or a service. It was agreed that it should be a service. It was suggested to ask Nicole (as part of BCC) her opinion.

Accounts: the accounts are now under an umbrella called "Auroville Project"; they are no longer under SAIER. One IZCT member volunteered to check the accounts regularly.

Website: a subgroup is working on developing a website.

Development material, budget/process: it was agreed that the IZCT needs to create a process of budgeting and planning for expenses such as for fund-raising, brochures, paper announcements, etc... This is currently being explored.

Donations: the email address info.iz@auroville.org.in has been given to the AVIs for notifications when donations are given. The administrators of this email address will ensure that funds received are directed to the proper accounts. Regular reports will be given by the administrators.

IZ Security: People are partying on the sites of the German Pavilion and Russian Pavilion and at the Inuksuk. The security subgroup has been enhanced by the addition of a new member.

Do you have any questions or comments? Would you like to get involved in the development and activities of the International Zone? Please feel free to write to us at: info.iz@auroville.org.in.

Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)

October 2015 Report

Regular members: Anandi (Auroville Board of Services) TOS in October, Chali (Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Educational Research), David (Forest group), Jeff (Farm group), Ranjith (Working Committee) joined 6/10, Matriprasad (Auroville Council) TOS from 14/10, Michael (Auroville Unity Fund), Rathinam (Budget Coordination Committee), Sauro (L'avenir d'Auroville), Sonja (Housing Service), and Ulli (Auroville Board of Commerce).

Temporary membership: while Anandi was TOS, Isha was attending on behalf of the ABS.

Change in membership: In September Mandakini informed that she would no longer represent the Working Committee (WCom); WCom informed that Ranjith would be their new representative.

Other attendance: Mr. Srinivasmurthy (Finance & Administrative Officer, Auroville Foundation; currently

Secretary-in-Charge) is attending infrequently.

TRUST & UNIT TOPICS

The Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC) recommended, and FAMC approved the commercial unit change of name from Prabhasari to Abacus Accounting.

ABC endorsed, and FAMC approved, the new executive appointment of Stephan H. to Auroville Online Store. The existing executives are Ulli B., and Suzanne.

The FAMC asked the ABC to follow-up with Gillian and Palani, executives of Hers, concerning ongoing operation of Hers shop. There was some concern because Vinod, the executive who was onsite daily, passed at the beginning of October quite unexpectedly. Many Aurovilians have been involved, providing support and guidance. The FAMC are reviewing the situation of the finances and physical asset.

The team at Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI) requested to form a Trust. It was agreed to convert the dormant Sangamam Trust into an active Trust for the activities of SLI. The proposed trustees are: Alain B., Joss, Divya K., and Suhasini. The trustees have been approved by the FAMC and will be recommended to the WCom. The trustees have been provided a copy of the Sangamam Trust deed and were advised to write up all necessary changes to the deed and submit them to the FAMC for review and approval. The FAMC await their response. Additionally, the FAMC requested, and the team agreed, that the Sangamam Trust will welcome other related activities under the Trust.

ABS spoke with Palani, Kattida Kalai Trust trustee, concerning the unit Sumark Construction moving to the Trust. This was reported to the FAMC and during the ensuing discussion the FAMC gave its support to this move and it was agreed to recommend to Sumark Construction executives, and the Auroville Service Trust trustees that with effect from the beginning of the next financial year, 1 April 2016, the unit can be moved to Kattida Kalai Trust. This was communicated in writing to them. The FAMC await their response.

FINANCE TOPICS

It was reported that the second installment of the Government of India (GoI) plan grant had been received by the office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation. There were particulars concerning disbursement that needed to be clarified. While Srinivasmurthy was attending the meeting he was asked about it. During the brief discussion it was agreed the WCom, who is the convenor of the GoI Plan Grant subgroup, will call a meeting as soon as possible.

FAMC noted that Buildaur had not repaid its Rs. 15 lakhs loan by August 2015 as promised. FAMC wrote to Buildaur reminding them of their agreement. Their initial response was to propose a revised repayment schedule, with no details. At the end of this reporting period, the FAMC await their proposal with details.

Suryan informed the FAMC about a loan he made to the activity under Eco Service called Auroscrap. This loan created a much-needed shed at the location of Eco Service. After Suryan clarified some points with the FAMC, it was agreed by the members to assure him that the loan amount (about Rs. 3 lakhs) will be paid back within 12 months. FAMC is checking with the Budget Coordination Committee (BCC) about some funds that had been promised but not provided in 2013. If BCC will provide these funds they will be applied to the loan. The FAMC will review the Eco Service accounts to ascertain the viability of the loan being repaid by the unit. FAMC await a reply from the BCC.

LAND TOPICS

Rishi (Kamataru) reported to the FAMC concerning a Northern Auroville forest access. FAMC requested the Working Committee (WCom) and the Land Board (LB) to collaborate on addressing the matter.

The FAMC subgroup on a proposed Land Consolidation Strategy gave a final report essentially informing that because the strategy hinged upon purchase of lands by those friendly to Auroville it does not work. The LB members reported that the conditions set by Auroville are too restrictive; potential 'friends' don't agree; it's not interesting for individuals. The discussion is discontinued for the time being.

Muna, relocating from Happiness with Christine and Benito, wrote to the FAMC about fencing the plot of land which was allocated to the family and is located near Dana. A member and the secretariat met with Muna and Christine to advise them how best to proceed which included getting estimates and sharing their plans for the housing construction. FAMC await their follow-up.

HOUSING TOPICS

Pavitra asked the FAMC to support his request to be allocated the house in Auromodele where Petra had lived. The FAMC reviewed the Housing Service (HS) actions to provide alternative (from Repos) housing for Pavitra. HS recommended that this house is suitable for a family, that perhaps another family house can be built on the land surrounding it (the plot is about 60 cents), and a concrete structure at the end of the plot can be renovated for Pavitra's needs. The FAMC gave its full support to the proposal of the HS. Both HS and Pavitra were informed.

The HS requested an additional overdraft for small housing loans from Rs. 7 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs. This was approved.

OTHER TOPICS

The FAMC spent a lot of time in review of the Mohanam proposed 'Centre for Culture and Heritage', and met with the Mohanam team, along with representatives from the ABC and WCom, at the end of the month. Questions were asked and answered; concerns were expressed and heard; information was shared; clarifications made. *The exploration continues into November.*

FAMC were requested to assist the Farm group in a decision to allocate, for the Matrimandir composting project, Siddhartha farm which has been vacated by Herbert, who is farming in a different place in Irumbai for many years. All things considered, the FAMC are in support of the compost project moving to the Siddhartha farm location. The FAMC wrote to the Farm group asking that if the team at Matrimandir will implement the agreements, can the project be moved to Siddhartha Farm.

The activity Resource Mobilization Service (RMS) requested FAMC approval to be 'a project under the Unity Fund' and to set a fee of 5% for all fund raising in order to support work for at least 1 year, until the BCC could provide a running budget. After a lot of deliberation and reflection the FAMC replied to the RMS team: a. RMS can become an activity under Auroville Projects; b. this structure does not formalize RMS (i.e. as an Auroville registered unit or service); c. a senior Aurovilian will be provided to the RMS team to give guidance and support; d. when a success charge is requested there should be a clear written agreement between RMS and the project holders; e. the charge will not be set at any percentage rate; the charge will be flexible and should be discussed on a case by case basis with individual project holders and concomitant donors; the charge will never exceed 5%; f. The BCC are requested to advise RMS how to follow the City Services income/expenditure format; RMS is expected to follow this income/expenditure format; g. the charge is to cover running costs which include human resources (i.e. Aurovilian maintenance). Also: 1. RMS cannot be promoted as, or stated to be, the official or sole fund-raising team or service of Auroville; 2. RMS charges cannot be seen as the 'norm' of fund-raising activities in Auroville; 3. RMS cannot enter into Memorandums of Understandings (MoUs) with entities outside the Auroville Foundation because approval of external agreement is a competence of WCom and FAMC. Finally, this practice of

requesting a fund raising charge is limited to a one (1) year experiment. The FAMC requested a full report and accounts to be submitted after this one year period (in November 2016), after which a decision of the FAMC on continuation will to be taken. The team agreed with each of the points.

The FAMC and WCom met and discussed: 1. Kottakarai Peace Meetings; 2. An Auroville Foundation (AVF) request for a report concerning an email sent to Dr Karan Singh, Chairman of the Governing Board, from an Aurovilian implicating another Aurovilian in alleged mismanagement; 3. Felicity housing asset and a non-Aurovilian occupant; 4. AVF request to schedule a meeting with all the trustees.

Following up from previous reports

The FAMC communications with Manfred, Auroville Health Services, and Dorothee, project architect has been reported previously. During October Manfred answered additional FAMC questions and provided more detailed information. After further deliberation on the additional information it was agreed to advise Manfred to talk to the Housing Service about how housing asset transfers work, including the concomitant donation / value transfers; and to confirm the actual viability of funds coming from the 'committed senior' Aurovilians which should include written statements from the individuals and getting housing asset estimates from Housing Service. It was also mentioned that it's still not clear where the initial 40% of estimated costs to start construction is coming from. *These points were communicated to Manfred in writing.*

Last month this report included a brief update on Aqua Dyn. This month a subgroup of the FAMC met with the executives, the investor and lawyer. After this meeting a comprehensive verbal report was given to the FAMC. Aqua Dyn executives have been requested to keep the trustees in the information loop. In another briefing with the FAMC the subgroup reported that they are scrutinizing Aqua Dyn's financial situation, which is tenuous. The investor has been advised to do a thorough due-diligence. The subgroup is looking at how to provide protection for Auroville, and for the investor. The subgroup will continue the discussions and when they have a concrete proposal, they'll inform the FAMC.

Monthly Report of the Farm Group for October 2015

1. **FOODLINK**
 - a) New Foodlink building; the preliminary drawings for the new building have been approved.
 - b) Food-as-a-link proposal; this project has been developed by a group of people with the aim of strengthening organic standards on Auroville farms and involving consumers who want to connect and use more Auroville food. The Farm group agreed to support the project.
2. **SIDDHARTHA FARM**; the Farm group has spent a lot of time discussing whether to change the agreement made some months ago with Matrimandir to take over the farm for composting activities. The steward now wants to change this agreement and run the farm with his children. Last month a special meeting was called and there continues to be ongoing discussions and requests for the steward to supply more information on finances and vision.
3. **LOANS**; there have been discussions about the different sorts of loans and how much financial information farmers need to supply when they apply for loans. It was felt that the system for providing crop loans is working well. Of more concern are loans that farmers take from individuals as when the farmer cannot pay the Farm Group is liable. In the future the farmer must ensure that all such loans show up in the accounts. A support group has been set up for one farm which appears to have an unsustainable amount of debt.
4. **ALANKUPPAM TANK LAND**; the Farm group agreed to allocate two plots of land in this area to two farmers for

grain and dairy farming. At the same time requests have been made to the TDC to allocate some of this land for a cultural centre. The Farm group were involved in a stake holders meeting organised by the Green Group and has been involved with other discussions with the TDC and FAMC. The discussion about this area is still ongoing.

5. **BRIHASPATI HOUSING;** the Housing Service has requested Rs6.5laks from the farm so that a family living in the farm but not involved with farming can move to a new place and build a house. The farm or the Farm Group does not have this money. The Farm Group has written to Housing Service proposing that the steward pays Rs3laks

over a period of two to three years, the money to be raised by letting the housing asset to volunteers. Discussion between the Housing Service and Farm Group continues.

6. **ACCOUNTS;** the Farm group presented the consolidated accounts to the BCC which included data from each of the 20 or so farms for which the Farm Group is responsible.

Anyone who would like more information or to give feedback please contact Jeff at the Farm Group office: farmgroup@auroville.org.in

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Announcement for Services and Activities

Dear Friends,

BCC keeps receiving comments regarding the actual work involvement of Aurovillians in services/activities. To address this, we are asking all services and activities to provide a written confirmation about the involvement of individual Aurovillians/Newcomers. Activities and services receiving full or partial funding (recurring budget and/or maintenances) need to send a clear statement to the Human Resources Team (HRT: hrt@auroville.org.in) about the working hours maintained by each individual in that activity/service. Only if this confirmation is received at the earliest (within the current month) can the present full time/ half time level of maintenance continue to be disbursed. Please note, full time equal at least 35 hours a week and half time at least 18 hours per week.

We also take this opportunity to remind all services and activities to inform HRT when an Aurovillian stops working for the service or her/his involvement (number of hours) changes.

Thanking you, sincerely,
BCC

The Active Residents Assembly experiment

We would like to remind the community that people can still sign up for the Active Residents Assembly experiment (ARA). So far, over one hundred people have done so, but we would particularly welcome more youth and those from the Tamil community. If you would like to sign up, please contact the Residents Assembly Service (RAS) by mail or just pass by in their office in the Town Hall 1st floor.

The next meeting of the ARA will be on **Saturday, 28th November from 3 pm to 6 pm in the Unity Pavilion.**

At this meeting, among other things, we will make the final decision regarding the first major community issue we will tackle.

Please note that you are also welcome to this or any other ARA meetings if you have not signed as a member. However, if you have not signed up and would like to attend, please inform the RAS and they will send you material to prepare you for the next meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you,
Governance Action Group

L'avenir d'Auroville: 21st Nov 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.

Individual Project:

Site Application Feedback:

1. Site application feedback for NESS - New Era Secondary School, Aspiration, Extension on existing building.
2. Site application for AVES - Ponnusamy, Infrastructure Development - Electrical Room

Building Applications Feedback:

1. Nicole, Visitors center, Ladies toilet dismantlable structure.
2. MMC Auditorium, Town Hall, Canopy in the Entrance
3. SAIER - Ramanarayanan/Chali, Cultural Center, Staff Quarters

Project writes up given by the project holder for Building Permission.

Project Title: SAIER Staff Quarters

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

Project Holder: SAIER (Chali and Rama Narayana)

Architect: Sindhuja Jagadeesh, Imago Architecture and Design, Radiance, Aurodam, Auroville.

Contact Persons: Chali and Rama Narayana

Description: These are residential staff quarters consisting of 4 apartments, 2 family apartments on the ground floor and 2 apartments for couples on the 1st floor.

Family apartments are planned to have a floor space of about 100m² (including covered terraces) each. Apartments for couples are planned to have a carpet area on the 1st floor of about 70m² (including covered terraces) each. It will be designed to accommodate approximately 8 adults and 4 children in one block. There will be four blocks to be developed one by one on the proposed site. The work of one block will start during this financial year 2015-16.

Plot No: BO 12/1 and BO 12/2

Total Area of the project: 6233 Sq. mt for four blocks

Build up Area: 1725 sq mt for four blocks

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

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

Triggers: We have inadequate affordable housing facilities in Auroville for those who are working in services and are living on maintenance. The lack of these facilities often makes it difficult for individuals who can and want to work in these services to do so because they feel they have to work in a

place that provides more for their material needs (in units, for example).

Goals/Objectives:

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

4. AVES- Av Electrical and Solar Service, South Service Node, Office & Workshop

Project writes up given by the project holder.

Auroville Electrical & Solar Service - office and Workshop

Proposed Site Location: South Service Node

Project Holder: Auroville Electrical Service

Architect: Suhasini

Contact Persons: Mr. M. Ponnusamy and Mr. E. Rama Krishnan

Description:

Total Area of the project:

Build up Area: 341 m²

Target Group: to have better infrastructure

Background:

Triggers: AVES is planning for a new location, because of lack of proper infrastructure at the present site and lack of space.

Goals/Objectives: To have better facilities, better infrastructure, office Rooms and better parking space for our Employees.

5. New Era Secondary School, Aspiration, Class rooms for school campus

Project writes up given by the project holder.

Project Title: Classrooms for New Era Secondary School

Proposed Site Location: NESS Campus, Aspiration, Auroville

Project Holder: New Era Secondary School

Architect: Suhasini

Contact Persons: Martin Littlewood, Selvaraj

Description: Two new classrooms for NESS School.

Plot No: Not known (NESS School Campus)

Total Area of the project: 240 m²

Build up Area: 148 m²

Target Group: Auroville and Village Children

Background:

Triggers: New Era Secondary School is expanding due to the needs of the local area and of Auroville. The school provides education to the CBSE curriculum. This program is particularly appropriate to Auroville because the curriculum is activity based, child centered, and generally recognized by institutions of higher education in India and in many other countries. Apart from the local village children, increasing numbers of Auroville children are coming to the school, as this meets their needs better than the O level and A levels presently offered. Due to the hard work of the present school team, the popularity of the school is increasing, and student numbers are expected to increase next year.

The school is desperately short of classroom space, and has no classrooms at present which meet the CBSE size requirements.

Goals/Objectives: To provide the school with much needed classroom space of a suitable size and to improve the learning environment for the students.

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 or come personally to the Building Application section.

Announcement: *The Mohanam - Av Cultural & Heritage Centre has been relocation from AI 66/1 to the existing plots of Bamboo plantation no. AL 63/1, 65/1, 65/2, 65/7*

From The Entry Service - N&N NO- 624 Dated 21.11.2015

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

AUROVILIANS:

Poonam JIBANDASH (Indian from HP) -Staying at Maitreyi - 2, working as a teacher at Aikiyam school & Kindergarten.

Rabindra JIBANDASH (Indian from Orissa) - Staying at Maitreyi - 2, working as a teacher at Nandanam school.

Elena IASHINA (Russian) - Staying at Newlands, working at Darkali (forest work) and Matrimandir (Cleaning work)

NEWCOMERS:

Jacky You LI (Canadian) - Staying at Baraka, working at Outreach Media and Joy Guest house.

Arati KUMARI (Indian from Bihar) - Staying at New Creation, working to develop teaching material at Teachers' Centre.

Nilendra (Nilen) JHA (Nepal) - Staying at New Creation, working at Aikiyam School and the ART service.

Sandeep Vinod SARAH (Indian from Karnataka) - Staying at Fertile, working at Fertile forest and Matrimandir disk cleaning.

Premnath S.K (Indian from Tamilnadu) - Staying at Maitreyi 1, working at AV Radio.

Rema PREMNATH (Indian from Tamil Nadu) - Staying at Maitreyi 1, working at Unity Pavilion in web design and also at Savitri Bhavan as a copy editor.

CHILD OF A NEWCOMER(S):

Aiyana KASHYAP (Indian) - born on 30.11.2009, studying at Nandanam.

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

CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER STATUS:

Mariana CORTINA (Mexican)

Begona (Bebe) MERINO (Spanish)

Dominique JACQUES (French)

Marco SAROLDI (Italian)

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

Sara MADASCHI (Italian)

Rong XIE (Chinese)

Eric NTAKIRUTIMANA (Rwandan)

Martin LITTLEWOOD (British)

Dany LITTLEWOOD (French)

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

Special Notes: Jitta has been part of the Entry Service for the past five months. There will be a Newcomer Potluck in December (Aurovilians welcome too) Watch for the date. Changes in timing to pick up the Newcomer kit are Monday and Wednesday 2-4.

Dear Newcomers,

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

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

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

E.S Team (Aurore, B, Chitra, Eva, Ishita, Matilde, Neeti, Jitta)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A Soldier's Voyage of Self Discovery

I would like to inform Auroville friends that the stocks of my book "A Soldier's Voyage of Self Discovery", first published in 1995 and reprinted seven times up to 2012, have been exhausted. It was published in All India Press in Pondicherry which has since closed down.

I am happy to say that Claude Arpi has now published a new Edition on a digital basis with many additions. It is being printed by Christine in the Auroville Press.

I am happy to convey my gratitude to Claude and Christine for their spontaneous help. As printed copies are delivered, I have shared a few already within Auroville and outside to dear friends. They shall be made available in the main library and in Auroville schools.

Requests for any personal copies can be made directly to me in Auromodel or in Auroville Archives office at Bharat Nivas.

Krishna Tewari (Auromodel)



G E R M A N Y — On 8 November four former volunteers of the weltwaerts-programme and members of AVI Germany shared their experiences and enthusiasm for Auroville in the city of Rostock in northern Germany. The event was part of a series on developmental politics organised by the '[One world network](#)' NGO, with focus on civic engagement and liberties. A presentation with photographs and information, a documentary film and an open discussion on Auroville left a positive impression, as one participant stated: *"With all the crises and negative news at the moment, there should be much more media coverage on positive developments like Auroville!"*

U S A — Although it may not fall directly under AVI USA news, it's interesting to announce the release of a new book in **ARABIC**: '[Anthology from the Mother in Arabic, Bilingual Edition](#).' The translation/compilation is done by Prof Zackaria Moursi who stayed in Auroville for several years in the late nineties and currently lives in Sri Aurobindo Sadhana Peetham, in Lodi, USA. The book can be downloaded, at no cost, as a .pdf file from the book section of Zackaria's bilingual website: www.sriarobindo-inarabic.com/en-auroville.html. Readers who know both English and Arabic will find it convenient to read the book in the 'two page view' with the English text on one side and its Arabic translation on the opposite. The book is available in print at [Amazon](#) and can also be ordered from www.auromere.com/

N E T H E R L A N D S — The Dutch November newsletter is out and can be perused at: <http://goo.gl/xEWs1Q>. It gives direct links to Pitchandikulam's online herbarium, to the little clip on urban farming in AV, the new 'Trash to Treasure' doco on the 'up-cycling' efforts of AV's Wasteless team, to Youth

Link, the 'Landing Auroville' doco fundraising for The Land, to Gautier's interview with Piero (1st half), and to a reportage on the 'Sourcing our Oneness' programmes. It also contains a Dutch translation of an important excerpt of the Yoga of Self Perfection from Sri Aurobindo's Synthesis.

R E Q U E S T — AVI Centres sincerely ask those Aurovilians going out into the World on an ambassadorial errand, such as giving Auroville presentations at international conferences, seminars or in whatever kind of setting, to kindly let the AVI centre in the country concerned, or Vani, know of their mission beforehand. **In that way more attention can be given to their presentation and, ultimately, to the City of Dawn...**

For all AVI matters, contact [vani@auroville.org.in/](mailto:vani@auroville.org.in) this column is maintained by mauna@auroville.org.in

Security Advice

Dear friends,

This is to inform you that during the month of October, 2015, 5 thefts (Prarthna, Creativity, Aspiration, Transformation, Felicity), 1 attempt theft (Adventure), 1 physical assault incident (Visitor Center) and 1 accident case (near Edayanchavadi) 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 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 Xerox copies of your documents only. 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)

POSTINGS

Problems with ICICI-ATM Kulapalayam.

Dear friends, I had a very bad experience with the ICICI-ATM at Kulapalayam. Using my VISA-Card to get money, the process broke down exactly at the moment the money should be presented. Talking to the branch manager, I was assured that this will not make any problems. Therefore I tried several times more, but never got any money. Some days later I was shocked: all the money was debited from my account. Therefore I went to the manager again, but he was very cold, saying this was not his problem and that I had to talk to my German Bank where it was debited. This I did and they took care of it, but still got from ICICI the receipts which claim the process was fine and the money presented and taken - which is

a fraud and did not happen. So I'm asking you, if some of you had the same experience, it would be very helpful if we could connect - just give me a call: Gerhard at 9488610506. And for the others: be careful!! Of course I tried already every way of complaint at the head office, but came always into "standard-situation" with call-center-replies which were more frustrating than helpful - Love, *Gerhard*

Help to prepare the Christmas fair at Youth Center

The time has come once again to prepare the Christmas fair at the Youth Center. Our main tasks involved renewing the stage area roofs and main space roof, building the bus bank, cleaning

and landscaping the games and stalls areas.

Come and join us on Wednesdays and Sundays starting from 9:00 am till 4:00 pm - lunch and tea will be provided. Any other days you can pass by as well. More information *Babu* 8098736485, *Mujtaba* 9786291669

See you soon, *Youth Center Team*.



YEP for kids aged 7 to 12

To enjoy activities with other kids & discover Auroville
Every week from Monday to Friday - 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Information & registration: [yep @ auroville.org.in](mailto:yep@auroville.org.in) or 7639321750

From AVDZINES

Dear Friends and Community,

We are happy to announce to the community that AVDZINES new constructed extension at Mangalam campus is now fully functional and provide the following services: Offset printing, package designing & manufacturing, screen printing, binding, handmade paper products, lamination & photo framing. For more information please call us at: 0413 2623566 / 9443459063 [Please note that our service will continue at the town hall].

AVAILABLE

Printer

HP LaserJet 1020plus; 2 years old. Very good condition. Call *Lieve*: 9159281631

Automatic Voltage Stabiliser

EVEREST Automatic Voltage Stabiliser with 5 year warranty, bought July 2015, from Pondy, not used due to incompatibility with my refrigerator. Red colour, 20% discount price. Contact: *Mona* (Yantra), 2622900, mona@auroville.org.in

To sell to the highest bidder:

DSL-N10E ADSL Modem Router Wireless-N150 / Brand new, still in its sealed plastic cover / The purchasing price was: Rs 2,300 - Please call: 809 891 30 75 from 6 to 7.30 in the evening. *Gildo*

English coaching

Patricia, Creativity, is home for a while with an injury. Offering free sessions of 45 to 60 minutes to coach English, or help a child quietly with basic homework. Especially happy to help with texts related to AV, the yoga, Nature. Preference to Newcomers, Aurovilians Offered freely. Ring: 262 3750 or email: pat@auroville.org.in for times available. *Patricia*

LED lights

Last weeks, we have yet some stock of LED lights. If you are looking for LED tubes, LED downlights or LED strips now you have a good chance. We have also some give aways if you want to take a look. Most of the products are from CORVI and have 5 years warranty, please come to CSR second floor in case you are interested. Now we have also some tables and router available. You can call before coming to make sure we are there to 8098507673. *JOAN*

Cat looking for a home.

About a month old, a young grey and white young cat showed up at my house. I started feeding it and it has now become quite a big cat. Unfortunately we already have enough cats in the community and the situation is becoming a bit problematic. If you have a lot of rats or simply would like to offer this good natured cat a new home. Please call @9787337465 or e-mail me: Ladinah@hotmail.com

Row houses with garden in Sanjana Housing Project

The work is going on in Sanjana Housing Project between Arati and Sukhavati communities. There are still row houses with garden available in the range from a small studio to a three bedrooms apartment. You are most welcome to have a look and choose between different sizes. The construction is expected to be completed April 2016 for 3 blocks and later for the 4th block. For appointment and details please contact Angelika, Veronica at: angelika@auroville.org.in and veronica@auroville.org.in.

Goat cheese

Goat cheese from La Ferme Cheese is available again in Pour Tous (Aspiration) and Farm Fresh. Bon appetit!

Books available at SAIIER

SAIIER is making a few books available at reduced/ cost price for Aurovilians and Newcomers only. Please come to the SAIIER Office in the afternoons between 1:30 and 4:30 if you are interested to pick up a copy. The titles are: The Crow Who Wanted to Sing - rs.350 /

The Adventure of the Nine - rs.250 / The Path of Later On - rs.400.

Please write to: saiier-distribution@auroville.org.in with any questions. Thank you, *Angelo*

LOOKING FOR ...

An Au pair Maid

An Au pair Maid for 3 months (1st December to 24th February) in New creation to take care daily and night - cooking, dressing, and nursing morning (From 6 pm to lunch next day: afternoon free) - for Helene,43, disabled, in wheelchair, coming to India for the past 8 years and practicing ayurvedic therapies. All accommodation included (room, food, and travel). Local salary. Good mind and spoken English required. Contact: Zamalmusic@gmail.com, 7639305654

Furniture

Dear All, Muyerchi (house for youth in Surrender) has recently welcomed a lot of people and we are trying to arrange our new home. If you have some of the following equipment it would grandly help us: a four plated gas stove, curtains (for French

windows), a mirror and two mattresses. You can contact us on these numbers: 8489526550 (*Sara*), 7598446327 (*Kiran*) or 9489534714 (*Margaux*). Looking forward to hear from you! *Sara, Kiran, Rani, Auroanand, Abilash and Margaux*. Any assistance would be highly appreciated"

Accommodations for dancers needed!

Dear all, Jan 5-12 we will be having workshops and a performance by Subbody Butoh! There are four, maybe five dancers coming to teach and perform as part of their South India tour and we would love it if they could stay with Aurovilians during that time. Please get in touch if you can host a dancer(s) between Jan 5-12, it would be very much appreciated! Please contact *Kaeridwyn* at 7639225831 or dwyndle@gmail.com. Thank you!

LOST & FOUND

USB stick (lost): white with a green cap, Lexar 16Gb. If you found it, please contact me. Thanks, Mathilde: mathilde.truchot@gmail.com (9600558616)

Bicycle stolen from Invocation parking:



Dear community,
In the night from Saturday to Sunday my locked bicycle was stolen from the locked

Invocation parking. It is a 'Cannondale', model 'Six', color is dark green with white text. It is a 'XL' size, which is special as it is not very common. On the photo you can see exactly the type of the bicycle. Please be aware that the cycle on the photo is not my bicycle.

Please contact me or AV Security if you see the bicycle or if you have any information to share about it. My phone number is: 9585862263, email: steffen@auroville.org.in. Thank you for your help! *Steffen*

THANK YOU

Moving on...

Dear friends:

It is time for us to move on after 4 years of serving and staying with you... Our journey in Auroville has been most enjoyable and we have learned a lot in the past 4 years. Our only hope is that we contributed as much as we received. It's time we said goodbye for now, or until we meet next time. Stay with light and peace... *Hugs - Meenakshi, Sasha, Sean.*

A P P E A L

Call for support for Shaktivel - update

Shaktivel has a serious health condition due to very weak functioning of both kidneys due to his diabetes. He must undergo, many times, money-consuming physical check-ups in the hospital of Vellore. Around the middle of December a kidney transplant is suggested. For this operation around 6.5 lakhs are needed, of which 3 lakhs need to be paid in advance very soon. At the moment 1.64 lakhs are on Shaktivel's Health account No: 252340 - so much more is needed for him to be able to undergo this operation. Anybody's help is most welcome.

Thank you very much, *Angelika and Shaktivel - Solar Kitchen*

Can you help to Sacred Groves housing project?

Dear Aurovillians, in Sacred Groves we have a number of young volunteers (normally 20-24 years old) working with us in the construction of some very necessary prototypes of new houses. The conditions for living in the site are sometimes a little difficult. The work is hard and during the monsoon time is even harder. Do you have a free room or any other possibility to accommodate somewhere some of these young volunteers? This will be necessary only for the monsoon time.

Please contact us if you are ready to help us:

Joseba: 9486536502 or by email: joseba@auroville.org.in / sacredgroves@auroville.org.in

For The Christmas fair

Dear Aurovillian's and Auroville units,

On the 19th of December the Youth Center shall host its annual Christmas fair. The Christmas fair is a popular Auroville tradition which is always very well attended by all age groups.

On this day, the entire Auroville community is invited to participate in various activities such as live music, stage performance, thrilling games for children, rides, stalls, foods and much more. This is a day of celebration and fun which is organised for the community by the Auroville Youth.

Our theme this year is "What to where" Fair? - Encouraging people to express themselves creatively and reflect on our development as a community.

To make this year's fair as fantastic as possible we need some help either in kind or in cash. We will sell donated products at the fair, or offer them as game prizes. The cash donated that we receive will be spent on:

Budget plan

<u>S.NO</u>	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT IN RS
1	FOOD: [ingredients, equipment and cutlery]	55,000
2	DECORATION: [Lamps, wire, paints, cloths etc...]	20,000
3	SOUND SYSTEM: [Speakers, cables, chairs, Tarp etc...]	15,000
4	SHADING AND ROOFING: [Stage roof, bus roof, green net etc...]	20,000
5	OTHER EXPENSES	10,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,20,000

Donations can be put on the Youth Center's Christmas fair account number: 0099. For in-kind donation please call: [Babu] 80987364895, [Manolo] 9488483316 or Youth Center 2622857. We will gladly come pick them up.

Thank you! We hope to see you there!

The Youth Center 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 sitting1: We are a family of 4, looking for a long-term house-sitting. Any house from 50 square meters will do. Sent with love, *Ohad:* 9443763298

House sitting2: Dear everybody, my name is *Maxime*, I'm volunteering in Deepam and looking for a home to spend this monsoon. I would be glad to take care of your house, your pet, your garden. So, just let me know and let's meet. With kind regards, 9443995621 / yamantae@hotmail.com

House sitting3: Hello, we are *Bram and Damaris*, two Dutch students who volunteer for a period of 10 months at the Isai Ambalam School. In search for a place to live, we heard about house-sitting and this would be the ideal solution for our situation. We are more than happy to take care of your home, pets and/or garden. For study purposes we are looking for a place with internet and electricity. We will live in Auroville until the 15th of October. You can contact us at: 8525961832 or e-mail: brambos1990@gmail.com.

House sitting4: Hey everyone, we are two long-term volunteers looking for a place to stay from beginning/mid of January for a few months. We would be happy to take care of your house, plants and if you have, pets. Please contact us under Jana: ja_me96@yahoo.de or Catha: 7639318770. Love, *Jana and Catha*

House sitting5: We are *Philippe Pelen & Thierry Moucazambo*, French artists from the Reunion Island (Indian Ocean). We created our show called "Embracing the Planet" at the amphitheater in partnership with Bharat Nivas and the

support of Cripa and we performed in July. Maybe you watched it. We are very grateful to Mother and Sri Aurobindo for their blessings and inspiration. We will start soon our Newcomer process. So we are looking for some accommodation for a long period (1 year), we plan to arrive on the 26th of December 2015. We would like a double room, kitchen, western toilets and bathroom with hot water. We can do house-sitting or have a home stay. Thanks to contact us: pelenbaldiniphilippe@gmail.com / phaoncemaido@gmail.com

TAXI SHARING

November 27th: A taxi going from AV to Chennai airport to be there at 9.00 am. For sharing it either way, pls call 9486422616 or email: tisamri@gmail.com - *Amrita*

December 4th: Empty taxi leaving Auroville around 00.15 am to Chennai airport, picking up one person at 3.15 am. Sharing both ways possible. Please call David 9655248203 or write to: tara@auroville.org.in

December 10th: A friend is arriving on the 10th of December at 1:40 a.m. in Chennai Airport. Who would like to share the taxi either going there on the 9th in the evening or arriving there after midnight and wanting to come to Auroville early morning on the 10th? Please contact me under 8489887033 - *Nishtha*.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Waste Thermocol Project,

Thanks to a grant from Stichting de Zaiier we have been able to upgrade and develop our processing of waste "Thermocol", producing a well utilized building material. (For details of this process please contact: Dorothee@auroville.oer.in).

We are now able to process much more material and the amount collected by Eco Service in Auroville is not sufficient. We have a provision under the Project to collect waste Thermocol from the villages and transport it to Eco Service for processing.

We need a person to coordinate and manage this collection. If you are interested in working for the reduction of waste around Auroville, this would be a good job for you. There is some Project money for this, but it will not be enough for a maintenance. What we are looking for, actually, is a dedicated and idealistic person who wants to do something for the environment. If that tempts you, please get in touch with me: Dorothee, 0413-2622238, Dorothee@auroville.org.in.

HEALTH

Jade Beautysalon

Now you can find me in the Aurosarjan complex next to Rangoli and Nandini pink door.

Facials, manicure, pedicure, waxing, treatments for any kind of skin problem.

Beauty, the smile of the Divine, feel good with yourself.

Call for appointment: 809 876 0113 - With love, *Julia*

Integral Health

Classical homeopathy hypnotherapy midwifery child care coaching

Sigrid is available for consultations from Dec 2nd onwards - Peter will only be back in January - Malar IS certified in **homeopathy in Tamil**. We start off with Homeopathic First Aid, PC remedies and Bachflowers on Mon, Wed, Fri mornings as drop-ins in Tamil.

PC remedies for Diabetes, high blood pressure and Trauma have shown very effective. We have 84 PC remedies and provide information and training regarding their application. PC remedies are available free of cost directly through Malar, best to pass by Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9- 12 am / www.arhf.nl

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

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

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

Consultations are generally held in English, French and German and with Sigrid and Malar in Tamil as well.

Malar is managing the office, mailing of remedies, the First Aid Kits and PC remedies and works with AVAG and Thamarai.

You are welcome to contact us at: integralhealth@auroville.org.in to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue.

Please make an appointment beforehand via Integral Health, Prayatna: 2623669

Contact: Sigrid sigrid@auroville.org.in,

Peter peterh@auroville.org.in mobile 9787698464 ,

Ingo ingo@auroville.org.in 9489325085 ,

Malar malar@auroville.org.in 9585012007

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

Av Health Centre

Dr Geeta Auropremi will provide free ayurvedic consultation at Auroville Health Centre from 9am to 12 noon, on 23rd Nov 2015.

Please register at Health Centre Reception if interested.

TRAVEL

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

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

Latest / new Airline Offers:

Emirates has announced special fares to Rome, Milan, Venice and Bologna

Srilankan Airline has introduced special fares to Europe

Etiihad Airways has special business class offers to USA

British Airways and Lufthansa's offers premium economy class with attractive introduction prices

The special features are: Spacious and comfortable seats, comparable to what business class used to be many years ago /

2 check in Baggage - each weighing up to 23 kg /

Better meal's served in fine china tableware

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

International Flight Tickets / International Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622078, travelshop@auroville.org.in, Domestic Flight

Tickets / Trains / Bus / Travel Insurance - 0413 - 2622604 / 2623030, domestic@inside-india.com, doulat@inside-india.com

- Tours and Domestic Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622047, insideindia@auroville.org.in

GREEN MATTERS



Thank you all! For this and so much more...

In the run-up to the crucial Paris climate summit, with the growing tide of awareness of the Earth's condition, the familiar question is yet again on many minds: **Just How Green Is Auroville?** We're pretty used to critical, even cynical answers; for sure, nothing is easier than bashing our tardy collective life for the long list of its flaws and inconsistencies. On a recent cycle ride through the greenbelt, while mulling over this very question, a different kind of answer came to me (whose turn it is to write this Column), softly yet insistingly, almost taking me by surprise... And while Indonesia burns and Paris and Ankara mourn, while the Middle East bleeds and Africa starves and the race for the Earth's destiny continues, we would like, just for this time, simply share with you the immense appreciation for so much that is being done in so many ways in Auroville, all the small and big, patient and bold, brilliant and quiet efforts towards a more sustainable world...

To those who catch rainwater

those who are planting trees

those who segregate their waste

those who use solar, wind or biogas

those who ride a bicycle

those who grow our food and heal the soil

those who pick up litter from the roadside

those who use composting toilets

those who plant water-wise gardens

those who write on one-side paper and read N&N online

those who buy organic food and clothes, even if it costs a little more

those who grow kitchen gardens, and share the harvests with neighbours

those who adopt stray dogs or support sterilisation camps

those who refuse plastic in our shops

those who compost their garden waste rather than burning it

those who replace their CFLs with LEDs

those who re-use water in their homes

those who clean and wash with natural products

those who deal with ants and rats without poisons

those who catch snakes from our homes at any odd hour

those who protect our wildlife and rescue birds

those who upcycle waste and create livelihoods

those who grow bee- and butterfly gardens

those who research green technologies to lighten our footprint

those who share their explorations on AVNet

those who live modestly when they could afford otherwise

those who sign the thousand-and-one petitions for a sustainable planet

those who are engaged in education for a better world

For all these wonderful contributions and so much more, for your many daily actions that may get unnoticed, we just want to say,



THANK YOU!!!

*The AV Green Center invites and encourages you to share with the community 'anything green' for a healthy Auroville, Bioregion and beyond! Please write to us at avgreencenter@auroville.org.in
For Green Center - Jasmin, Lisbeth, Bridget*

EATING OUT

From Well cafe

Dear all,

We would like to inform you that we do have a covered space for the rainy season.

Please come and enjoy our healthy and tasty Mediterranean food.

With love, *Well cafe team*

Sunday Chill at Auroanam

Inviting all patrons for an evening of bonfire, music, free WIFI and mouth-watering ethnic food prepared by Mawite.

From hand-picked mushrooms to tender leaves of a pumpkin grown at our farm, we strive to surprise your well-developed palate.

Open every Sunday 6 pm onwards.

See you!



Eco Service - a note of clarification to the community

We ask everyone to remember that the decision to replace Eco Service executives was a joint one made by both the FAMC and the Working Committee.

The functioning of the Eco Service had to be reviewed after some episodes of violence that forced the Working Committee to intervene. The Eco Service executives had not earlier brought to the notice of Working Committee or FAMC the financial and procedural mismanagement of one of the executives, of which they were aware for several years. The Working Committee requested the FAMC to look into this which was done in considerable detail.

We understand that the earlier published communication has led to some misunderstandings. It is not appropriate to describe complete details and reasoning in this case. We recognize that each of the former Eco Service executives held different levels of responsibility for the malfunctioning of the service over several years. However, allowing the situation to continue over several years has resulted in significant financial loss to the service and charges for waste collection in the community to be unnecessarily inflated.

The decision to replace all the executives was taken after spending considerable time with all concerned, with the executives in person and in email communications, over several months.

We do have a true appreciation for all the good work and the goodwill and energy of the former executives. However in light of the financial losses in the service, and the trust that was broken among the four team members, we made the decision to focus on the functioning of the service and the team dynamic, instead of on individuals.

While we are convinced of the necessity of restructuring the team and the operational systems in Eco Service, it is with the support of the experienced and knowledgeable former executives that the passage to the new team can happen successfully.

The Auroville Board of Services is currently meeting individuals to advise us on a new team. They will also advise us on who will participate in a Supervisory body to oversee the smooth functioning for at least one year.

If you would like to contribute to the future of Eco Service please see the Auroville Board of Services. We encourage everybody to support the change and collaborate if you can.

Sincerely, FAMC

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 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

Wednesday 25th of November from 6.00 to 6.45 pm

Musical meditation for the full moonrise

"Sacred mantras of India"

Recorded music

Access only from office gate. Dear guests, please carry your guest card.

To maintain the place quiet, please be seated before 6.00 pm, no late entry!

Switch off your mobile phone, no photos!

INVITATIONS



Deepam Celebration of Light Wednesday the 25th, November 2015 at 6 pm

On the full moon we will light more than a thousand oil-lamps so as to create an ethereal atmosphere. Karthigai Deepam has for centuries been celebrated. It originates from the legend of Lord Shiva who had transformed himself into a divine flame. A big fire is lit for this night on top of the holy mountain in Tiruvannamalai.

At Deepam we work with children and youth with special needs from the surrounding villages. Deepam means light - we chose this name for our project because we want to bring light into the lives of children who are disadvantaged.

Please use the road from Kuilapalayam down to the beach, until you reach on your right the big orange gate which was previously Last School's entrance. Follow the lights to reach Deepam. Kindly be on time as there will be a small program by our children.



Sangam Hall 'First Brick Ceremony'

You are warmly invited to join us on
Tuesday 24.11.2015 at 10.45 am

To start construction of this new element of the Savitri Bhavan Campus.

Preschool class in Waldorf way

Dear parents,

We happy to invite you and your children to a pre-school class with some Waldorf-like and ATB elements.

For a start, we chose Christmas as a theme of our circle, handicrafts activities, etc.

The class is for those children from 6 years old and older whose parents are yet to choose a primary school to continue their education at. We would like to see our activities group grow into a new primary school in the future.

See you at AHA kindergarten on 21 of November. The class starts at 9.30 am and ends by 12.30 am.

It will be much appreciated if at least one of the parents stays with the child during the first class.
Yuliya and Olga.

Auroville Design Service (AVDZINES)

Dear Friends and Community,

We warmly welcome you to the opening ceremony
of Auroville Design Service (AVDZINES) new wing at Mangalam campus
(in between Well Paper & Bamboo Centre).

On Tuesday, 24th of November, 2015 between 4 pm - 6 pm

Kindly Join Us,
The team

Auroville's Land Board & the Land Fundraising Teams

Of Lands for Auroville Unified, Acres for Auroville, and GreenAcres are holding an ALL-AUROVILLE LAND PARTY

On Sunday February 7th, 2016

In the late afternoon - evening at the Unity Pavilion, so save the date!

Join us, build unity, and let's celebrate Auroville's land!

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

NO SOUTH INDIAN TEMPLE COOKING CLASS

There will be no South Indian Temple Cooking Class on 29th Nov & 6th Dec. Classes will start again from 13th Dec. Sorry for the inconvenience. *Buvana*

INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
24th November (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 Vision and the Way'

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

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

Led by Ashesh Joshi. Contact: 9489147202, 2622922

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

All are welcome

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

LEC COOKING CLASS: COOK WITH LOCALLY GROWN VEGETABLES

The next session this season will be on Nov 21 (Saturday) in Life Education Centre (LEC) at 10:30am.

With the revival of millet cultivation in Tamil Nadu, we have the opportunity to rediscover a culture that thrived on varieties of grains with less dependence on rice and wheat. And with it comes the benefits of consuming plant-based, naturally available vitamins and minerals with high protein, fiber, iron and calcium. In this session, there will be two simple and tasty items - 1) Banyard millet dumpling (kuthiraivalli kozhukattai) and 2) Brinjal kootukuzhambu, a sauce/curry/gravy made with eggplant.

Most varieties of millets are available from Auroville farms.

Come watch the demonstration and be inspired to cook with local vegetables and millets. Copies of recipes will be made available during the class. The bi-monthly cooking sessions are offered by Buvanasundari.

LEC is located opposite Isaiambalam School in Kotakkarai.

Life Education Centre team

PERMACULTURE - INTRODUCTION WORKSHOP

2 Days - Dec. 5th-6th, 8 am-5 pm at TerraSoul Community, Windarra Farm

Come join and enjoy a 2 days workshop blending theory and hands on:

The Basics of Permaculture

The Topics are Ethics and Principles of Permaculture, Design Methodology, Understanding of the Soil, Management of the Soil Fertility and understanding a garden as an ecosystem in order to create a Permaculture garden. The hands-on experience will include composting, exploring Indigenous Microorganism and other Bio-fertilizers.

Facilitator: Martin Bastide

For further information contact Martin: marstide@hotmail.fr or

Sandyra: sandyra@auroville.org.in or 9443619403

Please book in advance. Thank you!

KALARIPAYATTU CLASSES AT VIKAS

Kalari classes: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday starting from 1st of December 2015

Time: 5.45 am to 7.00 am / Place: Vikas

Those who are interested please register - Contact info: ainnraja@auroville.org.in or SMS 9751395939

Raja Narayasamy

JOYFUL LIVING 1 RETREAT

Sunday to Friday, 24th-29th January, 2016

Do you want live with joy and ease? Find peace in a hectic lifestyle? Cultivate mindfulness and gratitude? Join life coach Julie for a 5-day joyful living experience in Auroville. In a warm and supportive group, we will explore how to make ordinary days extraordinary.

Julie created the Joyful Living program as a certificate retreat for participants to discover their own way of living with ease and gratitude. The programme's five themes are designed to anchor your days in the things that matter to you and bring joy into your life.

Julie, a certified relationship and career coach in Auroville, will facilitate this retreat. To register, email info@aurovilleretreat.org or call 9843948288. For details, visit: www.aurovilleretreat.org

NVC DEEPENING* WORKSHOP: "THE SURPRISING PURPOSE OF ANGER"

With L'aura Joy, CNVC Certified Trainer

Wed, Dec 2nd 9.30 am-4 pm with potluck lunch

Anger is often seen as a negative force that we should either control or bury. The energy behind anger can be scary and even painful, both for the person feeling the emotion and for the ones witnessing it. But why does anger emerge? Is there any meaning we can make of this strong emotion? Is there a deeper message at the core? Yes! Come and explore together...

Intermediate level: Prior NVC experience required.

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

Joy Living Learning [joylivinglearning.org] / facebook.com/JoyLivingLearning]

TRADITIONAL THAI MASSAGE BY SALVATORE

Salvatore is back in Auroville and will resume offering Traditional Thai Massage at Joy Community Guest House. Salvatore trained at the Wat Poh Thai Traditional School. He has been practising in Thailand, Japan, Italy and Auroville. Faithful to the traditional style this massage improves the circulation of the whole body, carries oxygen and nourishment to each cell and encourages self-healing.

To make an appointment please contact: 9488240778 or joycommunity@auroville.org.in.

For the pizza lovers, hold on a little more, we'll start the pizza night soon and announce it.

3-DAY HOLISTIC HEALING WORKSHOP WITH SANDYRA

"Body in Light" - Energy Healing from the Heart

Date: Fri 11.12. - So. 13.12.

Invite the "Circle of Life" in your life!

Healing is not a miracle - healing is accessible to everybody!

This self-empowerment workshop is about the amazing influence you have on healing yourself and how to apply healing techniques to others.

We will discover the creation of life itself with ease and joy and enter the different layers of healing and creation. In a playful way and at the same time in depth we will enter the different layers of healing and creation. Through ancient wisdom and new knowledge we will explore - playful, and yet in depth - our own power to achieve changes in our life and how to create a beautiful reality.

I will share the essentials of healing techniques I learned. They provide tools and consciousness for transformation. The workshop is a great opportunity to get in touch with profound wisdom, like regenerating organs, cellular healing, alignment of the spin and the re-organization of your whole system. This powerful knowledge is accessible right now for all of us. We will learn concrete energy healing methods and how to connect with our divine source in order to unleash the divine healing power within.

With the ancient technique of the "Circle of Life" you can see immediate results on the body level. Let us awake our inner wisdom, find and develop our inner healer and create our beautiful reality.

Venue: Windarra, Sunspace, Timing: 9 am - 5 pm, (1h lunch break)

Booking & Infos: sandyra@auroville.org.in, phone: 094436-19403

CIRCLESONGS

Monday 5 to 6 pm, Pavilion of Tibetan Culture. We start again!

SCHEDULES

French classes

On Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 5 pm to 6 pm at Savitri Bhavan



Classes

- Kick Boxing class - Wednesday 6.30 pm - 8.00 18.30pm - 20.00pm with Antonello. A Martial Art originating from Japan that incorporates exercise, punches and high kicks in a dynamic exercises class.
- Iyengar Yoga classes with Angela have resumed as per schedule, see Auronet and notice boards for details

Workshops

- Thai Yoga Massage Training - Sat Dec 12th & Sun 13th: 9.00 - 12.00 & 13.30-16.30 Twelve hours theory and practice of the principles of foundation and dynamics of Thai Yoga Massage with Bebe Merino & Itzhak Helman, senior teachers at Sunshine Massage Network, Chang Mai, Thailand. www.thai-yoga-massage.org

- Pranayama Course The Art of Living Part 1 - Dec 9th to Dec 12th, daily 6.30 am - 8.30 am with Namrita & François. The art of living pranayama course combines breathing techniques, meditation and features Sudarshan Kriya, a breathing technique that uses specific rhythms of breath to detoxify every cell of the body and infuse it with energy. Please come in loose comfortable clothing and on an empty stomach. Limited places available, please register at Pitanga reception

Health Treatments with slots currently available

- Psychomotor Relaxation with Camille (Pre-newcomer), Cranio Sacral Therapy with Elena (AV and Krishna (Indian Volunteer)), Acupuncture Treatment with Morgana (Newcomer), all by appointment from reception

Exhibition

THE LOST and found in colours - a painting exhibition by Kanchan Hande Nov 7th - Nov 21st daily except Sunday 8am-6pm

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

FILMS



"The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, November 27, Friday at 7 pm

LATCHO DROM.

1993, 103 minutes, Directed by Tony Gatlif
The film takes the viewer on a journey west, from India to Spain, with stops along the way, to dramatize Romany's nomadic culture. This journey takes place over a year's time, from summer through fall and winter to spring. Gatlif holds his camera on the elemental essentials of this life: water, the wheel, fire, beasts of burden and of sustenance, colorful clothes, jewelry, musical instruments, song, and dance. Throughout, via song and dance, young and old celebrate, embody, and teach the cultural values of family, journey, love, separateness, and persecution.

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

Dear Viewers - For your kind information, on the evenings of the show, if it rains, the show would be cancelled, you can

confirm it with the watchman at the gate or at the cafeteria.
Regards, Suresh

26th November Thursday 8 pm

(This movie is announced again because it was cancelled due to rain last time.)

THE HOBBIT (BATTLE OF FIVE ARMIES) EXTENDED (2014)

Genre: Fantasy/Adventure/Action - Dur: 150min/ Rated: PG13/
Language: English/Subtitle: English

Dir: [Peter Jackson](#) - Cast: [Ian McKellen](#), [Martin Freeman](#), [Richard Armitage](#)

Storyline: Bilbo and Company are forced to engage in a war against an array of combatants and keep the Lonely Mountain from falling into the hands of a rising darkness.

27th November Friday 8 pm

ANT-MAN (2015)

Genre: Sci-Fi/Adventure/Action - Dur: 117 mins / Rated: PG 13
Language: English/Subtitle: English

Dir: [Peyton Reed](#) / Cast: [Paul Rudd](#), [Michael Douglas](#), [Corey Stoll](#)

Storyline: Story line: Armed with a super-suit with the astonishing ability to shrink in scale but increase in strength, cat burglar Scott Lang must embrace his inner hero and help his mentor, Dr. Hank Pym, plan and pull off a heist that will save the world.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI - Book 4: THE BOOK OF BIRTH AND QUEST

Canto 1-4: 'The Birth and Childhood of the Flame', 'The Growth of the Flame', 'The Call to the Quest' and 'The Quest'.

"A brooding world of reverie and trance, / Filled with the mightiest works of God and man... / Harboured the childhood of the incarnate Flame" (Savitri, p.359).

The film is done by Manohar - of Huta's paintings illustrating passages from 'Savitri' read by The Mother and accompanied on her own organ music.

We supply photocopies from the "Savitri" texts read by the Mother, so that the texts can be followed when seeing the film. Duration: 53min.

Monday, 23rd of November 2015, at 6:30 pm



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 23 November 2015 to 29 November 2015

Indian - Monday 23 November, 8:00 pm:

• **BAHUBALI : THE BEGINNING**

2015, Dir. S.S. Rajamouli w/ Prabhas, Rana Daggubati, Anushka Shetty, and others, Action-History, 159mins, Hindi w/ English Subtitles, Rated:U/A (PG-13)
When Sanga and her husband, part of a tribe living around the province of Mahismathi, save a drowning infant, little do they know the background of the infant or what the future holds for him. The kid grows up as Shivudu, a free-spirit wanting to explore the mountains and in the process learns of his roots and then realizes the whole purpose of his life and ends up confronting the mighty Bhallala Deva! *This mega production is originally made in Telugu then dubbed in Tamil and Hindi. This is the Hindi version.*

West-Asian - Tuesday 24 November, 8:00 pm:

• **DAYEREH (The Circle)**

Iran-Italy-Switzerland, 2000, Writer-Dir. Jafar Panahi w/ Maryyam Palvin Almani, Nargess Mamizadeh, Mojgan Faramarzi, and others, Drama, 90mins, Persian w/ English subtitles, Rated :NR(PG-13)
In a hospital waiting room a woman learns her daughter, Solmaz Gholami, has just given birth. The ultrasound test had prepared the family for a boy. The baby, it turns out, is a girl. The joy the mother anticipated turns to terror for she knows her son-in-law's family will abandon her daughter. On the crowded streets of Tehran - two women inmates, Arezou and Nargess, are on the run while on temporary leave from the prison. Meanwhile, their friend Pari has just escaped from prison in order to have an abortion. *A film that depicts a reality that still exists and in many nations. You should watch!*

Interesting - Wednesday 25 November, 8:00 pm:

• **SEEDS OF PERMACULTURE: TROPICAL PERMACULTURE**

Netherlands, 2014, Dir. Greetje Mulder & Rogier van der Voort, Documentary, 88mins, English, Rated:NR (G)
Rains are here. Farms in Auroville and around are buzzing with activities preparing for yet another wonderful growing season. Aptly, here comes an interactive film about permaculture in the tropics. Set in Thai backdrop, the film looks at two permaculture education centers where visitors from all over the world come to educate themselves to be self-sufficient, produce no waste, build their homes, gardens, and most importantly to build communities. Christian Shearer (founder of "We the Trees" and the Panya Project) guides the film through the philosophy of permaculture and some tropical strategies to help bring health and resilience to the permaculture farm. *Can you miss this one?*

Nordic - Thursday 26 November, 8:00 pm:

• **UTVANDRARNAN (The Emigrants) - Part 2**

Sweden, 1971, Dir. Jan Troell w/ Max von Sydow, Liv Ullmann, Eddie Axberg, and others, Drama-History, 90mins, Swedish w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG
In the middle of the 19th century, Kristina and Karl-Oskar live in a small rural village in Southern Sweden. They get married and try to make a living on a small spot of land. Due to the hardship of living, they decide to emigrate to America and are now embarking on the ship that will take them there

International - Saturday 28 November, 8:00 pm:

• **BEASTS OF NO NATION**

USA, 2015, Writer-Dir Cary Joji Fukunaga w/Abraham Attah, Emmanuel Affadzi, Ricky Adelator, Drama-War, 137mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)
Follows the journey of a young boy, Agu, who is forced to join a group of soldiers in an unnamed West African country. While Agu fears his commander and many of the men around him, his fledgling childhood has been brutally shattered by the war raging through his country, and he is at first torn between conflicting revulsion and fascination. It depicts the mechanics of war and does not shy away from explicit, visceral detail, and paints a complex, difficult picture of Agu as a child soldier.

Children's Film - Sunday 29 November, 4:30 pm:

• **KHUMBA**

South Africa, 2013, Dir. Anthony Silverstone, Animation-Adventure, 85 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
Life is not all black and white for Khumba, a young zebra born with only half his stripes. When his superstitious herd blames him for the sudden drought, Khumba teams up with a sassy wildebeest and a flamboyant ostrich to find the legendary waterhole where the first zebras got their stripes.

Ciné-Club - Sunday 29 November, 8:00 pm:

• **HEARTS AND MINDS**

USA, 1974, Dir. Peter Davis w/ Dwight D. Eisenhower, William Marshall and others, Documentary-War, 112mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R
This film recounts the history and attitudes of the opposing sides of the Vietnam War using archival news footage as well as its own film and interviews. A key theme is how attitudes of American racism and self-righteous militarism helped create and prolong this bloody conflict. The film also endeavours to give voice to the Vietnamese people themselves as to how the war has affected them and their reasons why they fight the United States and other western powers while showing the basic humanity of the people that US propaganda tried to dismiss.

SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES

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: aurodentalcetre@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. SatYaaji 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 Vêrité

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

AFTERNOON TRIP

Monday

2:50 PM from Vêrité

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

Wednesday and Friday

4:30 PM from Vêrité

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

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ACRES FOR AUROVILLE – 24 NOVEMBER 2015

“... an ascending humanity which will embody more and more the turn towards spirituality, capacity for Light, a climb towards a divinised manhood and the divine life.”

Sri Aurobindo

Auroville is intended to be a prototype for “an ascending humanity”. The official journey began in 1968, but the roots, inspiration, and force go back to **November 24th, 1926** when Sri Aurobindo and the Mother realised a great milestone in their exploration for the earth’s evolution. From that moment onwards, the road for linking the realms of Spirit and Matter became clear to them.

Tremendous evolutionary progress has been achieved in the 89 years since November 24th, 1926. Everywhere, we can perceive goodwill and collaboration for a better and brighter world manifesting, and in myriad ways! An early example was in 1966, two years before Auroville was founded, when India’s delegation to UNESCO presented the Auroville project. The world-body’s members saw the resonance of Auroville’s ideals with their own and unanimously passed the first of its four Resolutions of support for the City of Dawn. A brochure prepared for the occasion contained the Mother’s message:

“The task of giving a concrete form to Sri Aurobindo’s vision was entrusted to Mother. The creation of a new world, a new humanity, a new society expressing and embodying the new consciousness is the work she has undertaken.... The project of Auroville is the next step, which seeks to widen the base of this attempt to establish harmony between soul and body, spirit and nature, heaven and earth in the collective life of mankind.”

In *“The Supramental Manifestation Upon Earth”* Sri Aurobindo defined the conditions and goals for such a grand vision and lofty task:

- *“the utmost possible harmony of individual freedom and social unity”*
- *“the means and motives by which (man’s) external life, his society and his institutions may remould themselves progressively in the truth of the spirit”*

Auroville is a cradle, a birthplace for concretizing Sri Aurobindo’s great guidance and light. But “birth” means taking on a body - and “place” means space, land to manifest this promise for the earth. The importance of making the City of Dawn’s material base complete, unified, whole cannot be over-emphasised, and it is an urgent challenge facing us today. The **“Acres for Auroville”** campaign - sponsored by Auroville International with Lands for Auroville Unified - is consecrated to acquiring **crucially-needed plots for the City Area** that surrounds and protects the Matrimandir. **“GreenAcres”** - LFAU’s new campaign for acquiring **vital Greenbelt plots**, now complements the dynamic started by A4A.

“A collective ideal calls for a collective effort” wrote The Mother. So, let’s join hands to protect this privileged space for Auroville - envisioned by the Mother, pioneered by the youth of the world, and endorsed and encouraged by India and UNESCO. May our collective efforts create a bright and unified future for Auroville!

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

For donations, please specify “Acres for Auroville” or “GreenAcres” via:

Auroville Unity Fund (checks and bank transfers): Town Hall, Auroville TN 605101 India

Auroville Donation Gateway (credit and debit cards): www.auroville.com/donations/

Auroville International: www.auroville-international.org

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ACRES FOR AUROVILLE Land Campaign NOVEMBER 24th 2015



TWO MESSAGES OF THE MOTHER ON AUROVILLE

“A centre of accelerated evolution where man must begin to change his world by means of the power of the inner spirit”

“Auroville is created to realise the ideal of Sri Aurobindo who taught us the Karma Yoga”

November 24th marks the anniversary of Sri Aurobindo’s pivotal spiritual realisation in 1926. From this date onwards, Sri Aurobindo and the Mother worked tirelessly to achieve the conditions for a more conscious humanity. The City of Dawn is the flower of this vision, and a concretization of the energies launched on 24 November 1926.

Auroville’s dynamic realizations have already influenced and inspired the world!

The Township’s first need was to heal the land. **Today, the land is again the urgent priority!** Vital acres and crucial plots are needed to protect and manifest the vision, ideal, and promise!

**Auroville is a cradle for the future!
To fulfil its role, its physical body needs to be complete!**

**Join the A4A action and help Auroville complete its body - the land!
Acres for Auroville - land for the City Area surrounding the Matrimandir**

Please specify ACRES FOR AUROVILLE for your donations:

via the **Auroville Unity Fund** (checks/bank transfers) or via the **dedicated button** at www.auroville.com/donations/ For more information, see COLAAP www.colaap.org or the **Auroville International center** of your country www.auroville-international.org

Also on COLAAP: **“GreenAcres” - the campaign for land in the Greenbelt**

The Mother’s quotes: August 3rd, 1968 and March 27th, 1973