

News & Notes

30th April 2016.....A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville.....Number 647



HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

On this fact that the Divine Knowledge and Force, the supreme Supernature, would act through the gnostic being with his full participation, is founded the freedom of the gnostic being; it is this unity that gives him his liberty. The freedom from law, including the moral law, so frequently affirmed of the spiritual being, is founded on this unity of its will with the will of the Eternal. All the mental standards would disappear because all necessity for them would cease; the higher authentic law of identity with the Divine Self and identity with all beings would have replaced them. There would be no question of selfishness or altruism, of oneself and others, since all are seen and felt as the one self and only what the supreme Truth and Good decided would be done. There would be in the action a pervasive feeling of a self-existent universal love, sympathy, oneness, but the feeling would penetrate, colour and move in the act, not solely dominate or determine it: it would not stand for itself in opposition to the larger truth of things or dictate a personally impelled departure from the divinely willed true movement. This opposition and departure can happen in the Ignorance where love or any other strong principle of the nature can be divorced from wisdom even as it can be divorced from power; but in the supermind gnosis all powers are intimate to each other and act as one. In the gnostic person the Truth-Knowledge would lead and determine and all the other forces of the being concur in the action: there would be no place for disharmony or conflict between the powers of the nature. In all action there is an imperative of existence that seeks to be fulfilled; a truth of being not yet manifested has to be manifested or a truth manifesting has to be evolved and achieved and perfected in manifestation or, if already achieved, to take its delight of being and self-effectuation. In the half-light and half-power of the Ignorance the imperative is secret or only half-revealed and the push to fulfilment is an imperfect, struggling, partly frustrated movement: but in the gnostic being and life the imperatives of being would be felt within, intimately perceived and brought into action; there would be a free play of their possibilities; there would be an actualisation in accordance with the truth of circumstance and the intention in the Supernature. All this would be seen in the knowledge and develop itself in act; there would be no uncertain combat or torment of forces at work; a disharmony of the being, a contradictory working of the consciousness could have no place: the imposition of an external standardisation of mechanised law would be entirely superfluous where there is this inherence of truth and its spontaneous working in act of nature. A harmonic action, a working out of the divine motive, an execution of the imperative truth of things would be the law and natural dynamics of the whole existence.

A knowledge by identity using the powers of the integrated being for richness of instrumentation would be the principle of the supramental life. In the other grades of the gnostic being, although a truth of spiritual being and consciousness would fulfil itself, the instrumentation would be of a different order. A higher-mental being would act through the truth of thought, the truth of the idea and accomplish that in the life-action: but in the supramental gnosis thought is a derivative movement, it is a formulation of truth-vision and not the determining or the main driving force; it would be an instrument for expression of knowledge more than for arrival at knowledge or for action, - or it would intervene in action only as a penetrating point of the body of identity-will and identity-knowledge. So too in the illumined gnostic being truth-vision and in the intuitive gnostic being a direct truth-contact and perceptive truth-sense would be the mainspring of action. In the Overmind a comprehensive immediate grasp of the truth of things and the principle of being of each thing and all its dynamic consequences would originate and gather up a great wideness of gnostic vision and thought and create a foundation of knowledge and action; this largeness of being and seeing and doing would be the varied result of an underlying identity-consciousness, but the identity itself would not be in the front as the very stuff of the consciousness or the very force of the action. But in the supramental gnosis all this luminous immediate grasp of the truth of things, truth-sense, truth-vision, truth-thought would get back into its source of identity-consciousness and subsist as a single body of its knowledge. The identity-consciousness would lead and contain everything; it would manifest as an awareness in the very grain of the being's substance putting forth its inherent self-fulfilling force and determining itself dynamically in form of consciousness and form of action. This inherent awareness is the origin and principle of the working of supramental gnosis; it could be sufficient in itself with no need of anything to formulate or embody it: but the play of illumined vision, the play of a radiant thought, the play of all other movements of the spiritual consciousness would not be absent; there would be a free instrumentation of them for their own brilliant functioning, for a divine richness and diversity, for a manifold delight of self-manifestation, for the joy of the powers of the Infinite. In the intermediate stages or degrees of the gnosis there might be the manifestation of various and separate expressions of the aspects of the divine Being and Nature, a soul and life of love, a soul and life of divine light and knowledge, a soul and life of divine power and sovereign action and creation, and innumerable other forms of divine life; on the supramental height all would be taken up into a manifold unity, a supreme integration of being and life. A fulfilment of the being in a luminous and blissful integration of its states and powers and their satisfied dynamic action would be the sense of the gnostic existence.

The Life Divine, b. II, chap. XXVII: The Gnostic Being

SRI AUROBINDO

The
Ponder
Corner

If truly you love the Divine, prove it by remaining quiet and peaceful.

All that comes to each one in life, comes from the Divine to teach us a lesson, and if we take it in the right spirit, we make rapid progress. Try to do so.

The Mother

Cover drawing by Emanuele, from "Matrimandir -The Treasure of the Flame-Island"

Final Report: Rainwater Harvesting & Erosion Control 2016 from 19 Jan. till 24 April.

After the monsoon it was obvious a lot had to be cleaned, repaired, adjusted and improved.



International Zone

We repaired bunds and adjusted water-‘speed’ breakers. We cleaned the pond outside the Tibetan Pavilion and reinforced bunds. Cleaned the percolation ponds in the Gully coming from Bharat Niwas going to Arjapadi Farm. One pond was filled with remains of the cremation. We reburied these remains in a small hillock. The gully is coming out of Bharat Niwas and a lot of sand and pebbles were deposited by the water. We used the nice sand and pebbles on top of the road-bund as a cover in Sankalpa. Cleaned another percolation pond inside Sankalpa and extended the bund with this soil. We upgraded the bunds and cleaned the percolation pits between Sankalpa and Solitude. Cleaned the pond in the International House compound, the swales between the International house and the gully and cleaned the ponds in the gully from Visitor Centre to Solitude. Between the French Pavilion and Solitude we made a series of new percolation ponds, We had to take out a lot of thorny creepers (Sisyphus), which we used as fencing material on the outside of the International Zone to protect the area. Along the fence of Solitude we made 3 percolation ponds next to the gully and fully bunded the area. Cleaned two dry percolation pits on Aurodam football field, the dry and the wet pond near Visitor Center.

Bharat Niwas

It is here that the gully starts with a lot of runoff water. We enlarged and upgraded the kolam behind Bhavishyate, Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies. Bunding and landscaping with the soil that came out of the kolam. We enlarged a small pond near the entrance of the Tibetan Pavilion still inside Bharat Niwas. This pond has its spillway next to the new Permanent Habitat, which we closed. Cleaned, took out thorny bushes and dug small percolation ponds and some larger ones. The objective is to avoid as much run off of the compound as possible and keep the water inside Bharat Niwas.

Industrial Zone.

After consultation with Isha, Toby, Angad and Babu we made a small percolation pit with an enforced bund on the land where Babu is steward. On the corner close to Eco Service we made a percolation pond with an enforced bund around. Road Service took six lorry loads of gravel soil. On the road to Verite we opened the lower parts of the road, so the water is able to run off in the forest. Then we leveled the road, so the water won't go into Yantra. We made a percolation pond with an additional bund in the Kaya Grove, stewarded by Angad.

Discipline Farm

During the monsoon there was a lot of runoff between Discipline Farm and Ritam. A bund and percolation pit was made to prevent this. We cleaned a water tank in Discipline. In

Discipline Forest we cleaned and improved 3 percolation ponds and we made 5 new percolation ponds with additional bunding.

Nine Palms

Improving of a percolation pond. Cleaning out of percolation pond and its inlet and bunding.

Edyanchavady

Village Action had asked to do some work. During the monsoon the lower part of the village suffered of too much water. Under supervision of Panchayat and Village Action members one percolation pond on Auroville land opposite Adventure was made and one on peromboke to prevent water flowing downstream.

Hermitage

The result of the copious monsoon was enormous. Bernd measured 12000 m2 of water bodies. We did mainly maintenance work, repairing damage including top erosion and raised some dams. We created one new dam: Dam 25. During the monsoon the spillway of the Sattattiyar Lake was not adequate enough. Last year we had increased the capacity of the lake. We raised again the dam, which is the entrance road to Hermitage and we widened the spillway. Hermitage lands are consisting of several ‘islands’ with peromboke land around. These islands show how the land was first before the area got badly eroded. After the water bodies dried up we could see the enormous amount of soil, which otherwise had been washed away.

We worked with the JCB 652 hours and we spent Rs 391,200

Thanks to all, who were helpful!

Kireet

Entry Service Report for Early Summer 2016

Yes, it is summer but Entry is not closing, only trying to catch up on the work by asking new applicants to apply in July rather than now. We continue in the spirit inspired by the Auroville Retreat and are gearing up for the “new” entry policy which has recently emerged positively from the Resident Service vote. The issue is not the theory, but people to do the implementation of features like the mentor pool. We are working with the Auroville Council to have this ratified policy implemented in July.

The Entry Service only functions as the administrative coordination to welcome and assist people to join Auroville. It is the Community who chooses who is admitted and who is refused based on the policy and the feedback from the two announcements in New and Notes at the time when people become Newcomers or Aurovilians. We are always open for feedback from the Community and only refuse admission to anyone based on the policy and the feedback. It is not appropriate for Aurovilians to write condemnatory letters to the News and Notes about the Entry Service for rescinding or stopping a Newcomer process. This creates confusion and allows misinformation and negativity to circulate in the Community. Isn't it better to check with Entry before writing such letters in order to have the facts? Entry Service regularly meets with individuals and groups of people who want clarification on why a certain person is not being accepted. Joining Auroville means to live and work together in a society of equals where each one is responsible not only for their own self-realization, but also for the collective realization of our ideals. A person may be brilliant, hardworking, or otherwise talented or gifted, but that is not enough in the context of joining our spiritual community. We now have the Welcome Talk for people to come and understand the radical step joining Auroville actually means, and ask their questions before applying to become a Newcomer.

Matilde and Neeti are out of station. We are looking at July for a revised start. We are always open for new people who feel called to be part of the Entry Service.

Enjoy the Summer,

Your Entry Team

Important announcement from the BCC

Dear Community,

Every year we hear complains about the budget forms and difficulties in understanding and filling them up. Also, the process itself is such that after the financial year ending it takes a while for the services to get all their records and submit their budget -- sometime even beyond July. BCC then reviews and allocates the budget which takes a long time because of the inherent confusion in the forms, erroneous filling, and clarifications that are necessary. For the last financial year we only managed to finalize the budget in October 2015. BCC therefore decided to update the budget forms and the review process aiming at disbursing the budget every year in April so that it coincides with the financial year. In order to do so, BCC needs some time and for that an interim process has been proposed. Please peruse the process listed carefully.

A Narrative Report Form 2015-16 is available on the AVNet right now and also you can make a copy by bringing your USB (pen drive) to Ursula, the BCC Coordinator at the Financial Service. All activities receiving a budget are requested to submit a detailed Narrative Report to the BCC at the earliest.

Last year, the budget was disbursed in October 2015 with an average increase of 8%. As budgets are given for a year, this covers the budgetary needs of the activities until September 2016. To cover for the period from October 2016 to March 2017-, BCC is increasing the budget of all services under the City Services by 4% now -April 2016- except for a few large and key activities such as Security, Farm, Housing, Blue Light that will be reviewed now before approval.

Following this, all activities under the City Services will be reviewed based on the submitted Narrative Report Form 2015-16. BCC sub-groups will be in touch with the activities if any additional documentation is necessary. Adjustment in the budget (increase or decrease) will be made as deemed necessary following such review.

Activities who need funds for growth or any special or emergency purpose that cannot be covered by the 4% increase can write to the BCC (at bccoffice@auroville.org.in) clearly stating their needs, rationale, and budget requested.

All activities receiving funds under the City Services, including the activities under SAIER, are requested to submit their income expenditure statement to Aniko at Financial Service every month. This is to get a more coherent picture of the actual expenditures incurred.

Activities that currently do not receive a budget but would like to receive from the City Services - can collect the two Budget Forms. These include a Budget spread sheet for the 2016-17 financial year and a Narrative Report Form 2015-16 to be filled and submitted. These forms are available on request at the Financial Service with Ursula, the BCC coordinator.

In the meantime BCC will restructure its Budget forms for 2017-18 to make it clearer and easier to fill. These forms will be made available by September-October 2016 and will need to be submitted by December 2016. The new budget for 2017-18 will then be reviewed and approved by April 2017.

To sum up:

- Most Activities will see their budget go up this month by 4% for the running expenses part and by 8% for the wages part. This level of budget will be maintained till March 2017.
- All activities have to fill up their narrative report for the past year and submit it now.
- All activities please submit monthly your income expenditure statement to Aniko in the format available with her.

Thanking you and Sincerely,
BCC

From The Auroville Council: The next steps regarding Entry Service & FAMC implementation process

Dear community members,

The Auroville Council thanks you all for your wide active participation in the FAMC & Entry Service Decision Making process.

The next step for the Auroville Council, along with some resource persons from the community, would be to focus on the restructuring of the Entry Service according to the new approved policy and to get in place and strengthen the Mentor Pool.

For the FAMC, we intend to have a selection process after the summer. The process of calling for nominations will begin shortly. We are also exploring the possibility of creating one annual Temporary Feedback Review Committee for all the upcoming working group selection processes that is: FAMC, TDC, AVC and WC.

Warmly,

The Auroville Council

From The Auroville Council: Transitional Auroville

Dear community members,

Having finalized the work on FAMC and Entry, and in the process of restructuring the TDC, the Auroville Council will soon start working on Housing Service, its policy, mandate and structure, with the help of the ground work presently undertaken by the ARA.

In the meantime new representatives from the community are needed in the Housing Board. If you can commit yourself for 6/9 months to be a representative of the community in the Housing Board and you are not a Project Holder of any housing project please propose your skills to the AVCouncil at: avcoffice@auroville.org.in.

Thank you,

AVCouncil

Call For Proposals from SAIER

Each year we receive a small grant from the Government of India (GOI) for carrying out innovative programs in the fields of education and / or culture.

We invite those with proposals for such innovative programs, both from those who are part of SAIER as well as from those not directly linked to SAIER, to submit an application for the financial year 2016-17.

Please write to saiier@auroville.org.in to request a proposal form, specifying 'Research', 'Activity' or 'Publication' (includes books, CD's, educational materials).

We request that applications be submitted by **31th May 2016**.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your creative and inspiring ideas!

The SAIER Team

L'Avenir d'Auroville: 30th April 2016

The following Site and Building Applications (SA and BA) are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks. The announcement is made for feedback only and does not mean that the project has final approval. The final approval is given when L'Avenir d'Auroville / TDC issues an NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens only once the feedback period is over, the feedback has been evaluated, a final decision by TDC has been reached and the necessary financial formalities have been completed. It

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

Collective Project Site Application Feedback

1. Pitanga, Samasti, Pitanga Extension

Project writes up given by the project holder.

Project Title: PITANGA Extension phase 1

Proposed Site Location: Samasti Community attached to Existing Pitanga Building

Project Holder: Kumar, Tatiana

Architect: Mona

Contact Persons: Kumar, Tatiana, Joan

Description: Fully Covered (Class Room, Changing Rooms and Toilets, Storage Spaces, Entrance)

Plot No: BO 65/2

Total Area of the project: 295sq.mts

Build up Area: 295sq.mts

Target Group: Aurovillians, Newcomers, Pre-Newcomers & Registered Guests

Background: Pitanga had been offering a space for community activities since 1991, but in recent years the facilities had become too small to accommodate everyone interested to attend the offered classes and workshop.

Triggers: The last year's there has been a steadily increasing demand from Aurovillians, Newcomers, Pre-Newcomers & Registered Guest to attend the offered classes, especially the Iyengar yoga & hatha yoga ones. And as Pitanga's rooms had become too small we had to regularly be sending people away, to the frustration of everyone.

Goals/Objectives: Phase 1 would give Pitanga additional space that would accommodate up to 40 people, and storage space and dressing rooms for both men and woman. Currently we have only one communal dressing room. This extension would also give the possibility to have classes that require music in one block and noise free classes in the other.

2. Matrimandir, Organic Compost Production Area

Project writes up given by the project holder.

Project Title: Matrimandir Composting section

Proposed Site Location: At Visitors Center/ Kottakarai road corner

Project Holder: Matrimandir

Architect: Sonali and Ganesh

Contact Persons: Matrimandir Executives

Description:

Plot No: IR 242/1 & IR 242/2

Total Area of the project: 2 acres

Build up Area: 425 sq mtrs

Target Group: for support of the Matrimandir gardens

Background and Triggers: The current Matrimandir composting area and the area used for production of organic plant sprays for the gardens both now lie within the future Lake area which is to surround the Matrimandir gardens oval. In order to free this space for the creation of this isolating zone and for the future lake around the gardens we must relocate our compost production areas.

Goals/Objectives: As well as providing a facility for the production of organic sprays and vermicompost for the Matrimandir, this facility is envisioned to provide such products for Auroville gardens in general in the long run.

See Location map on Auronet

Collective Project

Building Application Feedback

1. Auroville Archives, Admin Area, 1st Floor Extension

Project writes up given by the project holder.

Project Name: Auroville Archives- COMPLETION OF GROUND FLOOR AND CONSTRUCTION OF FIRST FLOOR

Project Holder: Gilles Guigan & Thambidurai.

Location: Next to SAIER office building in Administrative Area, Auroville.

Description: The project is to finish the already built RCC skeleton of ground floor and build fully the first floor (RCC structure & finishing)

The approx. built up area is 400sq.m. on ground floor and 468 sq.m. on first floor.

See Drawings on Auronet

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.

OBITUARY

Françoise

On Wednesday 20 April our good friend and sister Aurovillian



Françoise Arati passed away in her country, France, after a brave and enduring battle with cancer. She was 66 years old.

Françoise was architect by profession and active in urban affairs for years in Mayotte, just off the coast of Southeast Africa. After a change in her life, she immersed herself fully into the study of the Tarot and

co-authored a book on the same, 'Pelerinage du mat dans le tarot de Marseille'. Having come into contact with works of Sri Aurobindo, the Mother and Satprem, she left for Pondicherry around 2000 where she lived near the Ashram, helping among

other things with the final stages of the translation into French of the Life Divine.

In 2003 Françoise came to Auroville, where she lived in Arati (which community, bizarrely, carries her name), and worked as therapist and tarot reader in Pitanga, helping many an Aurovillian through moments of inner need and stress while always placing their situation in the light and context of our Integral Yoga. People who benefitted from her readings gratefully mention her soft energy, skilful guidance and insightful approach to life.

In June 2014 Françoise left Auroville in order to go through challenging times of her own during which she was supported by various friends, of whom Aude Zeller, her best friend and co-author, and Aurovillian Léonard Pietri, accompanied her up till the moment of transition.

Françoise now has proceeded to better spaces. Her remains were cremated at Vannes in Bretagne, on Saturday 23 April at 11 am.

Jay MA-

Accessible Auroville Bus



We would like to inform you that it is not necessary to do any booking to use the bus: enjoy the trips to Pondy freely. One way Rs.45, 10 ways card pass Rs 420. You can get the card-pass at Town Hall and Aspiration Financial Services.

The booking is requested just for those who are wheelchair users or with heavy reduced mobility to be picked up at their community.

With Gratitude,

AV Bus Team (avbus@auroville.org.in - mobile: 9443074825)

Swadharna: An Auroville Semester Programme



Dear Friends,
It is our pleasure to inform you that Auroville Campus Initiative

Team will launch a fourteen week semester programme, starting on 1st August 2016, offering youth of India an opportunity and a learning space for self-discovery and holistic action. Please take a look at the programme website:

www.swadharna.auroville.org

The programme is an opportunity to embark on a transformative learning adventure with the goal of finding one's true calling and bring it into action.

Note that the programme is for 20 participants and the first round of applications will conclude on 15th June 2016.

We would very happy to have eligible Auroville youth who wish to join this programme. There is a provision for 2 youth participants from Auroville on actual cost sharing basis. Like everyone else, they need to be willing to participate in programme fully, including staying together at Mitra Hostel, where accommodation is arranged for participants.

Via this email, we are also actively seeking your help to reach out potentially interested candidates and other institutions & learning centers via your contacts and networks. If you wish to share related email ids and links of people and places, kindly email the same to us and we would follow up. That would be of great help and any inputs in this regard are very welcome.

This pilot programme is being organized in supportive spirit with SAIER. Many resource persons from Auroville would be part of this journey.

Programme announcement has also been posted on AuroNET & main Auroville website.

Please feel free to contact us at: edu@auroville.org.in, if you have any questions or require further information.

Warm regards,

Auroville Campus Initiative (ACI)

(Semester Programme Coordination Team:

Aneeta, Lalit, Manoj, Mike, Min, Sophie)

Update on the 50th anniversary preparations

On the 18th of February, the 50th anniversary preliminary planning team published a proposal with all the events/activities/infrastructure that Aurovilians had so far proposed to carry out towards marking the 50th anniversary of Auroville. This was followed by a General Information meeting on the 26th of February (<https://www.auroville.org.in/article/55980>).

Subsequent to this, the Envisioning Committee (EnvC) met in Auroville (leading up to the GB meetings) and came back to the team with a clear outline of 9 broad areas to be developed in detail (5th December 2017 to 28 February 2018) based on a

vision to inspire and create a vibration of the new consciousness the Mother wanted Auroville to manifest.

The EnvC requested the preliminary planning team to integrate the two documents and identify the projects that could be suitable within four budgetary frameworks: 5 crores and below; 10 crores and below; 20 crores and below; 25 crores and below.

On the 1st of April, the preliminary planning team sent an integrated proposal to the Envisioning Committee. It included all the proposals received previously as well as ideas that had not yet been developed into proposals. This new document identifies projects which fall into the 9 key areas defined by the Envisioning Committee and prioritizes them in zones falling into one of the four budget frames. Projects that do not fall into either the 9 key areas or the 6 possible events have been included into the overall integration.

Chali, Fabienne, Krishna, Marco, Mariana, Pala, Revathi (For the Preliminary Planning Team)

From the Housing Service

Message for Aurovilians who are going out for the summer

Please note that all house-sitting agreements for longer than three months will need to have a house-sitting agreement signed by the house-sitter, the steward and the Housing Service. Contributions for the maintenance of the house/apartment need to be channeled through the Housing Service account. Then this money can be transferred for the maintenance cost of the asset.

Stewards cannot receive money for the house-sitting in their private accounts. Nor can the house-sitter be promised the stewardship if the steward plans to leave AV. Housing Service will draft house-sitting agreements free of costs.

Message for pre-Newcomers

Long-term house-sitting agreements with the Housing Service are mandatory, if it concerns a person who would like to apply for the Newcomer status. It is to be remembered that without an agreement signed with the HS, the Housing Service will not take financial responsibility for the maintenance and repair of a housing asset."

Auroville Housing Service Team (Satyakam, Devasmita, Sonja, Venkatesh, Vika, Ole, Robert, Sundar, Alexey)

Phone: (0413) 2622658, Public Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 9:30-12:30, Monday and Friday 14:30-16:30, Wednesday: Closed (Housing Board in Session 9:30-12:30)

Laboratory of Evolution Research

'My availability both at the LOE Library and at Luminosity' (by Bhaga)

Although as every year in May and June our excellent, specialized LOE Library will generally be open only in the mornings, still on Tuesday afternoons it will be open too, and I will keep being available there, as I like to renew regularly there my reading for the LOE Research work I am doing. In the recent months, for example, I had the joy to find there two important books by two new Near Death Experiencers, Anita Moorjani and Dr. Eben Alexander, whose detailed stories and their big scientific implications have been particularly remarkable, and whose full accounts I was eager to read. I can now warmly recommend specifically those two books to other readers.

But besides these usual Tuesday afternoons at our present main LOE space in Bharat Nivas, I'm happy to announce officially now that I am also available all week long (except Tuesday afternoons, then!...) at the very same beautiful building, 'Luminosity', that I moved in, on the second floor, for Christmas: there is a separate, smaller space downstairs that thanks to an old friend's kind funding I can use too, for my

work. As has already been happening since my arrival, people can come there to find out the past and current LOE Research publications and other documents, including my own (together with the research books I am using all the time, constituting my small special section of the LOE's big Library) and if interested do with me the various workshops I have been giving since many years (even while in Repos and Djaima), all focused on the Integral Yoga, and on how to communicate with one's cells.

Luminosity is near the Solar Kitchen: same road as Vikas, Creativity and Realization, at the Water Tower turn to the right, and inside the enclosed area down the dirt road, park to the right under the trees. Go to the middle staircase. On the right side of it many may know already the great little Korean Silent Restaurant; now on the other side (the left side) of that same staircase you'll find this new LOE Research space, with my name next to its door for identification!...

This is a significant new step for the LOE as a whole, hopefully towards some beautiful new spaces of its own where all our

activities can coexist together, somewhere in the Centre of Auroville, in a not too distant future... Please pray together with us for that!

Bhaga (Tel. 2622328 or 9443362328, bhaga@auroville.org.in)

Bhavishyate

**Sri Aurobindo Centre of Studies... India and the World
Bharat Nivas**

Friends,

The India Resource Library in Bhavishyate is open from Monday to Saturday 10-12, 2-4 pm.

Even though the cataloguing of books is on-going - after shifting to the new place - you are welcome to browse and enjoy the setting, Deeptendu and Vani will receive you.

A programme of Study Groups will begin in August, 2016, details of which are available in the Library.

Aster

POSTINGS

TDC Office Closed for Annual Tour

Dear community,

The office members of the TDC are going on an annual tour. Subsequently, **the office will be closed on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th of May**. We apologize for any inconvenience that may be caused by this absence.

Best, *L'Avenir d'Auroville/TDC*

Auroville Residents Service summer opening timings for May & June

Please note that the Auroville Residents Service office will be open from Monday to Friday morning's only from 9:00 am to 12.00 pm, we will be closed in the afternoons starting from May 1st. We will come back to our regular timings from July onwards.

Thank you, *Residents Service Team*

Updates Needed for New "Auroville Handbook"

Dear friends,

Prisma is about to update and reprint the Auroville Handbook. If you have any changes or new information you would like incorporated please let us know. Once again we also plan to accept advertisements, half page or full page (Rs. 5,000 or 10,000). If this interests you please send us the artwork, or make an appointment with us to design something appropriate for your unit or service. We will be printing around 2,000 copies, which will be sold mostly in Auroville and Pondicherry in the year 2017-2018. You can contact us by phone: 262-2296 or by e-mail: prisma@auroville.org.in

Prisma (Design - Photography - Print)

From Nandini Tailoring section

No order taken from Saturday the 23rd to Saturday the 31st of April. We start again on Tuesday 3rd of May 2016. Don't forget to bring your bag with your new order!

Anne & Ira & Christophe

Nandini Summer Timings

Dear All

For May and June our Timing will be:

- **Distribution :**

May and June: Tuesday to Saturday 9am to 12,30 pm ONLY

- **Tailor:**

May: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9 am to 12,30 pm and 3 pm to 5 pm. No new orders from Monday 16 to Tuesday 31.

June: Thursday 2 onwards: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9am to 12,30 pm ONLY

Beautiful sunny days! *Nandini Team*

UnLtd Tamil Nadu: Applications now open!

UnLtd Tamil Nadu is an Auroville-based social entrepreneurship incubator which searches, selects and supports social start-ups in all sectors including health, waste, food, education, energy, crafts, livelihood, etc.

We offer hands-on Social Enterprise development, professional and personal coaching, access to mentors, experts, markets and follow-up investors, peer learning platforms, seed funding and fund raising support and leadership development.

We are inviting applications from potential social change makers for a year long incubation support. Interested early stage social entrepreneurs from Auroville, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry are encouraged to send filled-in application on **before 20th May 2016**. Applications are available on our website: www.unltdtamilnadu.org.

For more details, please contact us via incubation@unltdtamilnadu.org or call 96-268-040-25.

Have a look at our 2 minute video by clicking on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZpEWXdKnMQ!>

Thank you!

An answer to "A view on Kalpana"

Thanks Henk for that - I think that you are right, we have to get together to decide "Which Auroville we want to build". A referendum is an excellent idea. Do you think that the RAS could help with that? In Her Love, *Anandi (Realization)*

AVAILABLE

2 very cute kittens

Hello All! We are 2 nice female kittens (2 and ½ months old), ready to find a new home and go on with our new lives. I am white with a few orange and black patches. My sister is grey with stripes. She is very cute, and so am I! ☺☺☺ If you want to come and see us, please call 9626194492 *Christine (Vikas / FS Town Hall)*. See you very soon!

Kid's bicycle

Red BSA kid's bicycle for sale, barely used. Purchased new in February at Janata shop in Pondicherry. Comes with training wheels. Good fit for kindergarten age. It works great: we're selling because we're leaving Auroville after a short visit. Contact *Rollo*: 08525019375

TVS

TVS XL-super to sell for a fair price as I am leaving Auroville. It is a nice model (2008) with a good mileage. Contact me or meet me or Kailash! Contact *Elias*: 7094384792 / eliashanner@hotmail.de

Brand new lady's cycle

Only used for 2 days. Please contact *Monica*: marinonimonica@gmail.com, 2623332, 9443085323

Casio Exilim EX-ZS15 pocket camera

14.1 mega pixels - 5x optical zoom - extremely compact (fits in shirt pocket). Brand new (purchased on 8th April 2016). Touch screen controls. Contact: bobby@auroville.org.in. +91-9443223598. *Bobby, Prarthana*

A complete set of Restaurant used products

For sale: Stainless steel Gas woven with registered 2 commercial cylinder, bottles, teakwood bench and marble top tables, Fridge, and all used and non-used vessels. Contact: *Jainto* 7639311656 / *Jayamoorthi* 9047015812

A cute kitten

One beautiful black and white kitten (female) will be ready to find a new home from next week. She and her siblings were born on March 18. Please call 9943106616 and come see if you like to take her! *Stephanie*

LOOKING FOR ...

A bicycle

Do you or someone you know have an *unused bike lying around* in the garage? Rather than throwing it in the skip, I can recycle your bicycle. I can repair, check and bring it back to you in good condition after my use. I am also looking for option to buy one. Please contact me: smirnoff.d@gmail.com / 9047244773. Thank you/ Merci beaucoup! *Dmitri*

A caring person who loves cats

My cat, Simba (3 years old) is big, soft and affectionate. He has very typical cat behavior and is a good hunter. He has lived on the campus at Transition School since he was about two months old, and probably feels like that is his territory and that is where he belongs. Anita (Paolo's wife), who has been taking care of him, can no longer do it because she has discovered that she is allergic to cat fur. So sad to say, Simba, is in need of another home. I have been paying for his food (he eats only cat food) and will continue to do so, and there is a cat door at the house in Transition School that could probably be transferred (by Paolo), to whoever wants it. This is a convenient way to avoid the hassle of a litter box. Please give Anita and Paolo a call at 2622393 if you are willing to look after him for a few years (about 3 more), until I come back. Thanks, *Kirti*.

Someone coming from Germany

Does anyone know somebody coming within the next weeks from Germany to Auroville who could bring a small item for Annapurna Farm? Please contact: carotenthoff@gmail.com - Thank you, *Carla T.*

An inflatable swimming ring

Dear community,
Any chance one of you has a small inflatable swimming ring lying around which you're not using anymore? Our daughter Amiya would love to use it in the pool and increase the splash fun!! I know these cheap swimming rings are available in PDY and online, but I prefer not to increase plastic products in AV! So if you have one lying around and your kids are not using it anymore...we would love to take it over :) please call me, thanks! Smiles, *Natascha*: 9488483892

People from Africa, Africans by heart - and anybody keen to help

The African Pavilion Team is reaching out to all Africans, people have come from Africa, are related in some way to Africa or would like to help us expand and build our team and the African Pavilion to truly reflect the richness of our beautiful continent. We are happy to create a network and broaden our connections. Currently we are looking for people who can volunteer and mentor us in many ways (Building, fundraising, finances, social media etc.). We are also in need of wood to build a caretaker house.

Please contact Africa@auroville.org.in or 9047074711
Thank you, *African Pavilion Team*

Wood Needed

We building an African Style Round house and need wood. If you have any wood that you would like to donate we would most grateful. We can also make some contribution. We are able to pick up the wood. Please contact us: africa@auroville.org.in or 9047074711
Thank you, *African Pavilion Team*

House items

Just moved and I'm missing things like a table, plates, cutlery, et cetera. If you have any of those with no use for them, I would appreciate it if you sent me an email and let me pick them up. With thanks, *Ágúst* (agustleo@protonmail.com).

A tent

We are looking for a tent for two people and a camping stove. We plan to go hiking in the Himalaya Mountains and are in need of some equipment. Whether you would like to sell it or just borrow it, please contact me at: 7639318629. Thanks a lot, *Caro and Frederic*

Organic AV cashews

Do you have new harvested organic AV cashews? We are interested! Contact siddhafarm@yahoo.co.in , or call ph: 900 37 38 560. *Siddhartha Farm*

LOST & FOUND

A set of 2 keys (Found): Between Health Centre and PTDC - Pass by the News office.

Reading Glasses (Found): Found on Sunday on the ring road near Kindergarten. Brown metal frame. Pass by the News office.

THANK YOU

Thanks for the loving support

Some members of the community may have already heard about the issues surrounding Aha! Kindergarten since December 2015.

The families of 14 children have gone through a long and unpleasant process which finally came to a close at the beginning of April.

For the parents of 9 children, the proposed outcome was not what was expected. Nonetheless, we wish Aha! Kindergarten and its team the best of luck with restructuring and growth, now with the new support group in place.

We did not anticipate that the process would bring on so much pain for all the parties involved. It was a learning process which revealed larger underlying problems that Auroville is faced with. That said, we have discovered beautiful resources of Auroville like the Restorative Circle, and met many warm people who have truly heard and supported us through this experience.

We would like to especially thank the following people for their love and support:

L'aura and the facilitators of Restorative Auroville

Sandyra from AVC

Slava from RAS

Maya and Swadha from the School Board

Samata from Transformation GH

Isora and Taranti

Grace Community

and any others unintentionally left out.

With love,

Akiko and Masahiko (Toki), Aurore (Sitara and Mira), Emiko (Sakura), Nisha and Christoph (Aditee and Priyanka), Petra and Tom (Oliver), Sonia and Kayesh (Isha), Surya and Nils (Lliya), Yuliya and Yuri (Egor)

TransformationKG@auroville.org.in

A P P E A L

Support the KCC Children Summer Camp!

Dear friends,

From May 2nd till May 6th, we are organizing a summer camp for the village children at our Kuilappalayam Cultural Centre with many valuable activities, like fun games, painting, craft, music, awareness programmes, sports competitions, outings, trips, trekking, etc... We would be so glad if you support us through any supplies, like stationary, paints, lunch, snacks, clothes, sports items like balls, nets, bats, tennis rockets,

skipping ropes, puzzles, any indoor game items like chess and carom boards, music materials, etc... or else you are most welcome to join with us or if you would like to contribute through money, here is our account number: **102609**

Please write to us: kulaiculturalcentre@auroville.org.in / Or call us: 9843195290 or 9443001756

With thanks,

Hari, Selva and KCC 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: I am *Jasmine* (Pre-Newcomer) holistic therapist at Quiet - single and joyful - looking for a house-sitting from mid-September 2016 to end of April 2017. For more details, please contact me at: 9047009659 or jasbox7@yahoo.fr. Love & thanks.

House-sitting2: Dear all, Anusha, I (Stefan) and our little daughter Ananya (2.5 years old) will be in AV from June 2016 onwards to experience AV and get engaged in the community. Our clear decision is to start the Newcomer process right after this experience. For the start, we found accommodation until the end of July and are now looking for an opportunity to house-sit from **1st August 2016**. If you would enjoy having a small family taking care of your house, keeping things clean and in order and being happily willing to cover running costs, please contact us. Since we are not required to leave India after 3 months of volunteering, we intend to stay on and would be happy about a long-term house-sitting. We could meet in person in AV from 4th June onwards. Looking forward! *Stefan* 9650826622, stefangebert@gmail.com

House-sitting3: Hello/Bonjour, I am Dmitri, Russian Canadian and volunteer at Bluelight. I would love to take care of your house, pets and garden. I will keep your place clean and organized. I have good references. Please contact me:

smirnoff.d@gmail.com / 9047244773
English/French/German. Thank you/ Merci beaucoup! *Dmitri*

House-sitting4: We, three weltwärts-volunteers, are looking for a nice house to sit for the next three months, starting as soon as possible. We are friendly, open-minded people and would be happy to take care of your house, garden and pets. Two separate bedrooms would be necessary for us. With love, *Catha & Frederic and Jana*. please contact us, *Catha*: 7639318770 or catha-lacht@hotmail.de

House-sitter1: My house in Quiet is available for housesitting from 26th May to 30th June, and involves animal care. If you would like to stay on the beach in Quiet, and have experience with animals, please contact me: shahnandi@gmail.com or SMS 9488483286 and I will get back to you. If you had enquired in April please don't hesitate to enquire again. I can only select one person at a time! *Nandita Shah*

House-sitter2: Hello! Looking for a House sitter to take care of my house in the forest and my very wild garden. Person with a high sense of tidiness is preferred.... 😊 From the 23rd of May till the 13th of July. Call 944 36 17 308 or Email saraponza@hotmail.com. *Sara*

T A X I S H A R I N G

May 2nd: Leaving from Auroville to Chennai Airport on 2 May around 8 or 9 pm. Call me or send a text (9927950335). Thank you, *Stella*

May 3rd: Leaving Auroville (Shakti) at 3 / 3.30 pm on Tuesday May 3rd to Chennai Airport. Contact *Jasmine* for further details: 9047009659 or jasbox7@yahoo.fr

May 5th: Taxi to share to go to Chennai Airport on Thursday 5th of May, leaving Auroville around 12:30 afternoon. Contact *Ongkie* 9843930178

May 7th: I and two friends are leaving around 5am on Saturday morning to go to Chennai airport. We could share both ways

and it is coming back empty, so if you are interested just call or mail me. *Kira*: 9943127883 or wisnewski.kira@gmail.com

May 9th: Taxi will leave Auroville at 4am to Chennai city center and come back around noon to Auroville on the 9 of May. Please contact me if you need also want a ride to do some consulate paper work. 7639318959 or ally@auroville.org.in

May 21st: Taxi to share from Chennai airport to Auroville 21st May around 7:30am. Contact: ibrahim13@gmail.com Ibrahim Iqbal

June 4th: A cab will leave AV at 6.30 am in the morning to reach Chennai airport by 10 am. We will take this car at Chennai airport at 10.30 am to come to AV. For sharing the taxi (way from AV to Chennai airport only, it could also leave earlier) please call *Stefan*: 9650826622 or email stefangebert@gmail.com

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

German native speaker needed for work as language specialist.

Avitra is looking for a German native speaker, ideally for full-time, otherwise part-time, with an excellent command of English for an engagement in the area of proofreading, translation, dtp/layouting, coordination and client communication. German as mother tongue and fluency in English (orally and in writing) is required. A general inclination towards language-related work and relevant skills is a bonus.

Specific dtp knowledge is not required, but general familiarity with work on the computer (and typing skills) is important. Working times are in the range of 3-4 hrs per day, from Mon to Fri. The work would be done on-site and requires some travel. If you're interested, please send us an email and we will give you more information. If you're not interested yourself but may know someone in your surroundings, feel free to pass on this message: phone: 9786714857 or avitra@auroville.org.in
Michael / Rik Avitra - Auroville International Translators

HEALTH

Integral Health

Classical homeopathy hypnotherapy midwifery child care coaching

Summertime:

Sigrid and Ingo are out of station till July, Peter from mid-May to October. Sigrid is available for follow-ups by email.

Malar has done several training in homeopathy and provides homeopathic First Aid, plus keeping up the clinic, providing follow-up remedies, PC remedies, First Aid kits etc. (contact 9585012007)

Okoubaka and PC Shock, PC Allergy, PC Diabetes etc. are available in our remedy box, along with *Harmony and Samata*. Just come and take anytime.

First Aid Kits with 32 remedies are available, description in your choice of language English, French, German and **Now Tamil** are available.

Malar can come to your women's group, Service Unit etc. and present homeopathic first aid and PC remedies.

PC remedies, information medicine for Diabetes, High Blood Pressure and Trauma have shown very effective. We provide

84 PC remedies for Trauma, infectious diseases and chronic diseases. The developer of PC remedies is Dr. Harry van der Zee, internationally renowned homeopath. www.arhf.nl

"Harmony and Samata" are homeopathic remedies carrying the energies of Mother and Sri Aurobindo. The remedies and information can be obtained free of cost, just pick up in remedy box.

Consultations are generally held in English, French and German, and Tamil

Malar is managing the office, mailing of remedies, the FirstAidKits and PC remedies on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 - 12 am.

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

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

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

TRAVEL

Latest News from the Travel Shop - Inside India (located in Auroshilpam)

We are open from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 13:30 to 17:00, Monday to Saturday.

We suspect that most of the Airlines will raise the fares soon therefore we recommend to book the flight before!

Insurance: We strongly recommend to avail of a Travel Insurance for all foreign travels.

Hotels: International and Domestic hotels can be booked through us on discounted rates.

International Flight Ticket/International Hotel booking / Flight date changes: 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 Bookings:0413-2622047, insideindia@auroville.org.in

EATING OUT

Goyo: Silent Korean Restaurant

Goyo, the Korean silent restaurant in Luminosity, will be open only on Saturdays (LUNCH) with a different vegetarian menu during the summer.

Advance reservation (at least one day) is requested SMS 9489693809, email goyo@auroville.org.in

Looking forward to hosting you in Goyo soon! *from Goyo Team*

WELL CAFE will be closed from coming Sunday 1st May for summer renovation.

We will re open on June 6!!

Have a great summer!

Love,

Well Café team

Solar Kitchen and La Terrace closed for Annual Tour

Solar Kitchen and La Terrace remain closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 6th, 7th and 8th of May as we are on our Annual Tour Trip. We wish all happy summer days - *Solar Kitchen and La Terrace Team*

What's Up Café

Re-opens on May 3rd 2016.

Summer timings are from 11 am to 7 pm. Closed on Mondays. We are located in Serenity Beach near Kallialay Surf School. To get there take the old Pour Tous road till the ECR, cross the ECR and go straight till the beach, at the beach you turn left drive 20 meters and you'll see us.

We serve: Hamburgers, Sandwiches, Snacks, Salads, Fresh drinks, Sorbets and dishes from the sea!!!!

For Aurovilians and Newcomers there is the possibility to shower (bring your towel) and PT account.

See you there!!!

The What's Up Team.

Sunday Chill at AuroAnnam

Feeling the heat? Drop by our farm for an evening of delicious food, god sent breeze, trees, hanging lights and of course lovely music!

Bring instruments of any kind if you want to kick start a jam session. CYA!

Call: 8523915031 for registration.

GREEN MATTERS



World waking up: How do we get from Insight to Action? "Listen, and Go Forward With Courage"

Was there anything new about Earth Day this year? - As the annual celebration in honour of Mother Earth nears its 50th year, it has grown from being a world-wide 'grassroots' event driven by the people, to include the top levels of politics. Last Friday, in 'the biggest civic event in the world', leaders from 175 countries signed the landmark pact known as the 'Paris Agreement'. These leaders must now go back to their national governments to ratify the agreement, a process which could take months or even years, with the deal technically becoming effective once 55 countries representing at least 55% of global emissions formally join.

Such is the machinery that even the most lucid insights into our planet's critical condition ("The Earth has a fever, and the fever is rising") meet huge difficulties in being translated into timely, effective action. Bureaucracies, lobbies and loopholes, compounded by our shared baggage of inertia seem to justify some of the most dire forecasts. But today, people across the world are watching and they know that what is being done is not enough. And as the Earth's fever rises, something new seems to be emerging from the collective...

It may look like the ever-repeated cycle of frustrated people uprising, maybe inspired by some ideal, but predictably sinking back into tamas after a while. Yet some of what is happening seems to belong to a different story. At least, there is a clear awakening from long apparent impotence and inaction. People are rallying, not only online but in the streets and plazas, in France and in the USA and in Iceland and Turkey and in all continents. Gathering spontaneously, they baffle the governments through the absence of unified political agendas, strategies or affiliations. They are diverse crowds sharing basic concerns and universal values, and a yet deeper urge than what is being articulated. A need to find new ways of being, replacing the tried-and-failed systems of a crumbling world, like a snake shedding its old skin.

Foremost among concerns is of course the environment, with social media carrying the urgent call for change. One such initiative is 'Break Free', a global wave of resistance to keep coal, oil and gas in the ground. A documentary has been made following 'four of the biggest actions -- in Canada, Germany, the Philippines and Turkey - to tell the story of how regular people everywhere are working to end the power and pollution of the fossil fuel industry'. Provocatively called 'Disobedience',

the 30-min. film can be watched and downloaded online from this Friday 29th April, with many community screenings over the weekend. The movement calls for 'a just, democratic energy future based on 100% renewable energy', and seeks to 'transform growing despair into collective hope'. It calls for mass action by declaring: The destruction of our planet and poisoning of our communities is a violent attack - we will not respond in kind. No violence, no property damage - yes to interference of business as usual. We will not harm anyone involved, even if our actions are met with a violent response. We are committed to a peaceful response to the global crisis we face."

In Auroville too, the collective pressure is rising and recent events have loudly clarified an end to 'business as usual'. We've been shaken up by the clear-cutting on the Kalpana site and the 'Frisbee Field' - 'sad stories' (in the words of a working group) forcing us as a community to deal with some of our simmering polarities and sore spots. Even while emotions are high and many of us are appalled that what we're going through 'is possible in Auroville', it may be of some comfort to remember that we are in a laboratory where we will inevitably face the world's difficulties, and hopefully work out solutions in the Light given to this privileged place. This might just help us to feel a bit less despondent and more compassionate (also towards ourselves), and to remember to 'play the ball and not the person', until we find the harmonising solutions so urgently needed.

In conclusion, we would like to share with you some words that have recently inspired us, all of them from the wisdom of First Nations:

"Treat the Earth well. We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."

"When you are in doubt, be still, and wait. So long as mists envelop you, be still; be still until the sunlight pours through and dispels the mists as it surely will. Then act with courage."

"We have to sit down and speak the truth to each other, and make a peace amongst each other. That peace will bring unity, and with unity there is strength. And with the strength of unity, we will have the love and respect to walk in harmony with all life."

With these aspirations we wish you all a very good summer. Lisbeth is going abroad and may occasionally write home as a 'roaming reporter', and the rest of us are entering a very busy period, hence the Green Column may appear less frequently. **We invite you all to keep it going by sending us your 'green' articles and contributions - the topics are infinite!**

With love,
Jasmin, Lisbeth and Bridget
avgreencenter@auroville.org.in

Notes

Matrimandir

Doce soles
un pájaro
agua.
Matrimandir
desapareciéndome.

Twelve suns
a bird
water.
Matrimandir
merged into my being.

Anandi (Realisation)

Remembering Ilse on 05/05/2016 (10th anniversary)

Even-though so many years have passed since you have left us immersed in sorrow on this day (only your body is gone) but your soul is always with us whom we really feel. You are a good supporter, guardian and advisor. Whenever I am in need of any help you always give a helping hand even though now in another form of human being. We never ever had any misunderstanding at all. Our meeting occurred only some years ago but it looks as if we had known each other for ages. We all miss you so much my dear and we love you. Thanks a ton for all your help and we are forever thankful to you.

Your grand-children (Arunachalam & Gothainayagi) & Raji (daughter by choice)

Auroville's Culture of Fear: Entry, Health, Policies, Rules... (Partial)

"As long as there are none [rules], there is hope." The Mother on Auroville (4-3-1971)

Throughout my 8+ years of living in Auroville, I have been observing closely our community's attempts to make decisions, create policies, and organize itself across many areas. What has become very clear in these observations is that Aurovilians are addicted to Fear. We cannot seem to recognize how much of our lives and decisions are based upon nothing but fear. It is this fear that drives us to seek to 'control' every problem or difficulty that comes along, or even to control problems that 'might' arise in the future. The saddest result of this fear, especially when it is infused in our community policies and processes, is that we rob ourselves of the Opportunity to grow, and more specifically, to build Consciousness. Fear only destroys Consciousness and ends up only attracting more of the things we fear, and further, ends up creating other unforeseen problems. This is especially true of our 'policies', which is just a fancy name for 'rules.' In the end, we must realize that no system of rules, no policies, will ever stop problems, conflicts, difficulties, especially in a place where the Goal is to grow in Consciousness, to Transform Human Nature. Our need for rules and policies simply reveals our low level of Consciousness and inability to use all situations as Opportunities to Grow, to Heal and to awaken more Consciousness within ourselves and our Collective Soul. Rules and policies do not create or build Consciousness but rather do the very opposite - they weaken people to conform to what is dictated in the policies and therefore limit our ability to take each case/situation/person as unique, which require and deserve the freedom to be open to new and deeper solutions or ways of living.

Yes, we may still need some rules and policies in our current reality, yet these rules must be, as Mother said, as general and as flexible as possible. Unfortunately, we have chosen to try to control everything that goes wrong with more detailed, rigid rules and policies - and most of these never actually help solve the inherent problems. Are we here to do Yoga, or are we here to make everything more easy and comfortable for everyone? Yoga is about confronting problems and divisions and difficulties with an intention to transform them, not putting into place rules that attempt to limit or cut off these challenges and difficulties because of our discomfortYoga is about taking all difficulties and discomfort as Divine Opportunities to find new ways to bring Peace, Harmony, Unity, and Consciousness into the human conditions presented to us in each situation.

In particular, our Entry Process has been for a long time bound up in the community's fears - including especially the forced health screening requirements and mandatory housing policy for new Aurovilians, as well as our general atmosphere of 'judgment' upon Newcomers. There are many aspects to the fears that lie behind these policies and processes, and ultimately they have created too many obstacles (mainly regarding money) for new members to join Auroville. It is time for Auroville to start looking much more deeply into the Psychological and Spiritual essence behind its decisions and processes, to see what they really reflect - Fear or Truth - and what they ultimately Create - Harmony or Disharmony, Peace or Conflict, Love or Anger, etc. If we do not have Compassion for each Soul at the center of our rules and policies, if we don't recognize that our lack of Trust is born only from our fears, our sense of powerlessness and desire to control, if we don't make the effort to Create our society from a space of Integral Trust in the Divine that lives behind all circumstances, situations, and people, then we will only create more fear, more division and more ill-will within our community, as well as with the world around us who also hope to see something truly New on the Earth. We must be Fearless and have Faith that all that happens carries us towards the Divine Goal that is our Destiny....if we can rise to the Opportunity given to us with Consciousness, not Fear.

(If you wish to read the Full Article which discusses more in depth our fear-based Entry policies, please go to this link on AVnet: <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/56979>)

With Love and Light,
Noel Parent

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

**Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every Thursday at sunset**

From 6.00 to 6.30 pm (weather permitting)

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

Reminder to all:

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

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos there.
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 to 6.30 pm.

Please be seated by 5.55 pm
Amphitheatre Team

INVITATIONS

Invitation for building the Oceania Pavilion in the International Zone

Inviting all people of Oceania present in Auroville
**For a gathering on Sat 30th April at 4.00 pm
In front of Unity Pavilion.**

We will gather for a tour of the site set aside in the International Zone for the Oceania pavilion, and sit for a discussion to see how we can collectively take this project forward!

Should you have any queries, kindly contact *Prasad* on prasad@auroville.org.in or *Sasi* on sasi@auroville.org.in.

Mohanam Kindergarten Open House

Dear Friends,

We invite you all to come and enjoy our 13th Mohanam Kindergarten Open House and Annual Day celebration on April 30th

At Mohanam Kindergarten in Sanjeevinagar village between 5.30 pm to 7pm.

Thank you,
Mohanam Kindergarten team

Information session by Aravind Eye Hospital for admissions to:

**Nursing Assistant / Mid-Level Ophthalmic Paramedics training
- for young women from the bioregion -**

(An event under YEN KALVI - My Education project of Life Education Centre)

Aravind Eye Hospital provides a unique residential program for young women who have successfully completed 12th standard to be trained as mid-level ophthalmic paramedics. The program coordinator from Aravind Eye Hospital will present details about the program and admission process at

**Life Education Centre (LEC) (opposite Isaiambalam School)
on 5/5/2016 at 2:30pm**

The program is specifically for girls from poor family backgrounds - they will be provided free accommodation, food at subsidized cost and start receiving salary from the second year onwards. This is a 2 year in-house training program after which 99% of trainees are absorbed in different locations of Aravind Eye Hospitals and are required to work for at least 3 years after the training.

The few young women from the bioregion, who were able to qualify through the past selection process, have either completed the training or are still undergoing, and they are all doing well.

Registration not required. Write to lec@auroville.org.in if you have questions.

Please share the information with whoever may benefit.

Devi Namasivayam for LEC

World Laughter Day
Sunday, May 1 @ 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm-ish
At the African Pavilion



Join thousands around the
 World and Laugh for
 Peace, Unity and Harmony.

Bring your family and friends
 Stay and enjoy drumming and a continued great time.

**Please bring your water bottle or your cup to enjoy
 homemade juice and some snacks.*

Co-facilitated by
 Dariya, Elaine, fif, Hamish, Lourdes

We at African Pavilion welcome
 your donations and goodwill!

Adishakti Laboratory For Theatre Art Research (Edayanchavadi Road) presents:
'Remembering Veenapani: A Festival of Theatre, Dance and Music'
(Part 4 out of 4)

We feel so humbled by the magnanimity and openness of all performers and guests who have come to be a part of our festival, **REMEMBERING VEENAPANI 2016** and celebrate with us. This Festival is a celebration of our beloved teacher Veenapani's work, life and art on the occasion of her birthday month, April. **12 show down and three more to go!**

On the last weekend of our festival, we present to you a delightful music concert on songs of Kabir by Vedanth Bharadwaj and Bindumalini, an Odissi Recital by Vandana Supriya and Poornima Kartick, both on Friday. On Saturday and Sunday we will be hosting Perch, a theatre group from Chennai who will perform 'How to Skin A Giraffe'.

As we are celebrating the memory of a visionary artist. We would like to invite all of you to Adishakti. In case you can't make it, we hope to receive your best wishes.

Friday 29th April
6pm

Kabir Songs
 A concert by Vedanth Bharadwaj &
 Bindhumalini, Chennai

7:30pm
Odissi

A dance recital by Vandana Supriya &
 Poornima Karthik

Saturday 30th April and Sunday 1st
May

7:30pm
How To Skin A Giraffe
 A Play by Perch, Chennai

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

LIGHT GYMNASTIC CLASS

Especially for seniors but all are welcomed.
"Let's come together sharing the joy of movement," by
Friederike

- Stretching and joint mobilisation for flexibility and vitality
- Brain Gym to increase concentration and memory
- Balance exercises for fall prevention
- Breathing exercises to balance our energy flow, calm our mind, self-connection

Venue:Arka Multi Hall/ wheel chair accessible(Elevator is operating)

Time:Thursdays 10 am to 11 am, ongoing, drop in class.

Transport: Free transport service offered by AVHS.

Please phone for booking Tel.: 2622 425

MUDRA-CHI

Sunday 1st of May - 5 pm at Savitri Bhavan



A Body Prayer
 in a Tai- Chi Form
 based on
 Mother's Mudras.

Facilitator: *Anandi*

All are welcome!

INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother: **3rd May (Tuesday)**

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

Focus this week on: 'The Divine Mother'

These workshops are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises. **Place: Savitri Bhavan.** **Time: 9 am to 12 Noon**(pl be present by 8.50 am for preliminary study)

Led by *Ashesh Joshi*. Contact: 9489147202, 2622922No 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

PLAY WITH NATURAL COLOURS FROM YOUR GARDEN!



Wednesday 4th of May - 2 pm
Auroville Botanical Gardens

Kira, our German Volunteer, will take us into the world of natural colours. We'll

learn the process of extracting colours from different local plants and dying fabric and paper.

If you want to join us, please book in advance as we have limited places, by e-mail at: wisnewski.kira@gmail.com

DANCE OFFERING - EXTRA SESSION IN WATER

Lovers of free dance and contact improvisation, After our last session on 29th of April, before the summer break, we are welcoming you for a one-time event, another kind of **Dance Offering in the therapy pool at Quiet** - a more of a guided session of movement in the water.

Same time: **Thursday, 5. May, at 5-7 pm, at Quiet Healing Center.** Please come between 4.30 - 4.55 to register at the reception. As this is a guided, build up session, it is important to be early, to begin on time.

PS. After the summer we will be dancing again on Mondays 5-7 (and not on Thursdays).

Dariya

ATB OPEN TO ALL IN PITANGA.

Four sessions in May of ATB in Pitanga with *Rosa*.

No previous experience needed.

We will be working two by two, and the aim would be to bring consciousness to the body and to relax. If you come with a friend or a partner you do not need to book. Please those who come alone call Pitanga in advance: 0413 262 2403.

Maximum 16 person per day... You may come to only one or to all the sessions...

Dates: Monday 2nd, Thursday 5th, Monday 9th, and Thursday 12th of May

Timings: Mondays from 7.30 am to 9.30 am and Thursdays in the evenings from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.

Bring comfortable cloth!

NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION - PRACTICE SPACE

All welcome, beginners and non-beginners alike!

Wednesdays in May - 4.30-6.30 pm

Please call and register (for more information and venue).

L'aura: 9442788016 / joylivinglearning@gmail.com

RESTORATIVE CIRCLES

Restoring Trust, Connection and Communication...
With L'aura, supported by Janet & Shanti

Sat, May 14 - 10 am-5 pm

Sun, May 15 - 9.30 am-5 pm

Day 1:

- An introduction to Restorative Justice & Restorative Circles
- Learning how to listen for deeper meaning
- Demo of the RC process, step by step

Day 2:

- Practicing the RC process
- Discussion and next steps:
 - Exploring justice & practical applications in Auroville
 - What would a living Restorative System look like?

Restorative Circles...

- address conflict between people within the context of their community;
- support dialogue amongst those directly or indirectly involved in a conflict;
- encourage reflective listening so that everyone has an opportunity to speak and be heard;
- uncover the underlying unmet needs or concerns that trigger conflict;
- bring about holistic, transparent solutions that meet needs and restore community.

"...Conflict is natural, normal, and recurrent in community life. When conflict occurs, it doesn't mean anyone has failed. In fact, we need both community and conflict to reach our full potential as human beings. Much as we value individual choice, we are formed in community and work out the ramifications of our individuality in relation to others. And though we may resent it when our preferences, practices, or beliefs are challenged, we would never grow without conflict." - Ron Kraybill & Evelyn Wright

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

QUIET HEALING CENTER

Therapies offered by Francesca

Facial Massage (1 hour)

Facial massage improves the tone of the muscles, giving a relaxed feeling to your whole face. By releasing deeply held tensions in the face, the vitality of your skin improves as well. The massage contributes to a better facial expression, which ensures that the overall functioning of the sense organs, related to your face, is enhanced. The massage also helps detoxification and stimulates lymphatic drainage and blood circulation. As such, it brings harmony and balance to your whole body! During the one-hour session, shoulders and neck are also treated.

Abhyanga Massage (women only; 1½ hour)

Abhyanga massage is an ancient Indian Ayurvedic oil massage for healing and detoxifying body, mind and spirit. The Abhyanga technique works along the energy channels of your body in a synchronized fashion to restore the flow of life energy or Prana, wherever it has become blocked. This Ayurvedic detox and stress reduction therapy is performed with herbal oils, which help to nourish your nervous system, relax the muscles, and maintain the flexibility of your joints. The session ends with a face massage and rest.

Antigymnastique®

Developed in the early 1970s by French physiotherapist Thérèse Bertherat, Antigym® is a unique method of body work which enables you to better understand and (re)claim ownership of your body.

For appointments, please contact the Quiet reception at 2622329 or 9488084966.

SCHEDULES

SAVITRI BHAVAN

May 2016

Exhibitions

Sri Aurobindo - A Life-Sketch in Photographs in the upstairs corridor
Glimpses of the Mother in the Hall

Regular activities continue as usual

Sundays 10.30-12 noon: *Savitri Study Circle*
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 7-8 am: Chanting Sanskrit Hymns in the Hall
Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays 3-4 pm: *Yoga and the Evolution of Man*, led by Dr. Jai Singh
Mondays 5-6 pm: *The Upanishads*, led by Dr. Ananda Reddy
Tuesdays 9-12.30 *Introduction to Integral Yoga*, workshops led by Ashesh Joshi
Tuesdays 5-6pm: *Let us learn Savitri together*, led by Sudarsan in Tamil
Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4-5pm: *L'Agenda de Mère*: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi
Wednesdays 5.30-6.30 pm: *Reading The Life Divine*, led by Shraddhavan
Thursdays 4-5 pm: *The English of Savitri*, led by Shraddhavan
Fridays 5.30-6.30pm: Meditations with Sri Aurobindo's *Hymns to the Mystic Fire*, led by Nishtha
Saturdays 5-6.30 pm: *Satsang* led by Ashesh Joshi

Full Moon Gathering

Saturday 21, 7.15-8.15 pm in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue

This month there will be no Films and no OM Choir
Reading Room and Digital Library will be closed for alterations
Invocation no. 44 is now available from the Info-Desk or in pdf format at www.savitribhavan.org
Exhibitions, Main Building and Office remain open Monday to Saturday 9-5
Everyone is welcome

VÉRITÉ SUMMER BREAK:

Vérité Programs and Guest House will be closed for summer break from May 1 to June 30, 2016. The office remains open
For proposals/inquiries please contact Vérité at: 0413 2622045 or write to: programming@verite.in.

ARKA WELLNESS CENTER * MAY- 2016

THERAPIES

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Body Logic, Soft Massage and Deep Tissue Massage	PEPE by appointment 9943410987	Monday to Saturday
Holistic Reflexology, Full body massage, Face Massage	MEHA by appointment 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Acupuncture	Dr. MOHAMMED SAHEL ANSARI by appointment 9994208068	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Yogic Healing Therapeutic Massage	BASU - by appointment 9443997568	Monday to Friday 8 to 9:30 am & 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Saturday & Sunday any time.
Psycho Spiritual Tarot, Deconditioning Self-Inquiry & Inner voice Dialogue	ANTARJOTHI By appointment 0413-2623767 or Email : antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Also in French.
Deep core massage	SUMIT by appointment 07839062619	Monday to Saturday

BEAUTY PARLOR

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Face Massage, Cleaning, manicure, pedicure, threading, waxing, henna & hair coloring.	MEHA by appointment 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Hair dressing	YUVAL appointment 7639291546	Monday to Friday

Internet facility is available in Arka - Monday to Saturday: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Phone: 0413-2623799 / Website : www.arka.org.in

FILMS



CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

****Reminder: Friday 29 APRIL « BHUMIKA » - The Role - by Shyam BENEGAL, India, 1977**

FRIDAY 6 MAY- 7:30 pm (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)
"THE PLAYER"

Directed by Robert ALTMAN, USA, 1992

Cast: Tim Robbins, Greta Scacchi, Fred Ward, Whoopi Goldberg, Peter Gallagher, Brion James, Julia Roberts...*Synopsis:* Griffin Mill, in charge of the selection of scenarios in Hollywood, regularly

receives threatening letters. He suspects Kahane an ousted writer, to be at their origin and accidentally kills him. The letters are still coming! In the meantime an inquiry around the Kahane murder goes on, but Mill is acquitted... Altman made a very impressive film thanks to an absolute mastery he clearly demonstrated here. A satire on Hollywood, he describes the journey of a cynic, a man ready for anything to move forward in a world devoid of all morality. Altman knew what he was talking about! Full of film references and stars appearing as themselves, *The Player* is also very funny, thanks to its sophisticated black humor.

Original English version with English subtitles - Duration: 2h.04'.

THE ECO FILM CLUB



Sadhana Forest, May 6th, Friday

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

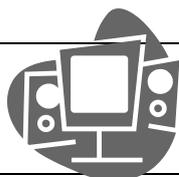
**Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work!

**After the film you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!!

FOUR HORSEMEN

2012, 97 Minutes, English, Directed by Ross Ashcroft
 23 international thinkers come together and break their silence about how the world really works and why there is still hope in re-establishing a moral and just society. *Four Horsemen* is free from mainstream media propaganda, doesn't bash bankers, criticize politicians or get involved in conspiracy theories. The film ignites the debate about how we usher a new economic paradigm into the world which, globally, would dramatically improve the quality of life for billions.

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. See Sadhana Website: <http://sadhanaforest.org>



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film program 2 May 2016 to 8 May 2016

Indian - Monday 2 May, 8:00 pm:

- **ENNU NINTE MOIDEEN (It's Your Moideen)**

India, 2015, Writer-Dir. R.S. Vimal w/ Prithviraj Sukumaran, Parvathy, Saikumar, and others, Biography-Romance, 166mins, Malayalam w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR (PG)

Set in the 1960s and 70s in Mukkam, Kerala, the film tells the tragic love story of Moideen who belongs to a renowned Muslim family and Kanchana Mala - the daughter of a Hindu aristocratic landlord. Since inter-religious marriages were a taboo, the couple had to part ways. Moideen became a socio-political activist while Kanchanamala lead a life of confinement restricted to her house for 22 yrs. However, they communicated with each other via letters and a language they had developed. However, they get caught and Kanchanamala is beaten up by her relatives. It was the last straw for Moideen, he decides to elope with Kanchanamala to America in July 1982. But then fate had something else in store. *A very well acted biographical tale.*

Potpourri - Tuesday 3 May, 8:00 pm:

- **TAXI (Taxi Tehran)**

Iran, 2015, Writer-Dir Jafar Panahi w/ Jafar Panahi, Hana Saeidi Docu-drama-Comedy, 82mins, Persian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
 When you are a filmmaker and you are not allowed to direct movies any more, you have to retrain. So why not become a taxi driver? Or better, why not pretend you are a taxi driver and make a film despite everything? This is what Panahi has done. Now he invites you to get into his cab to ride through the streets of Tehran and discover its people in the persons with his various passengers. *A much acclaimed and award winning film.*

Interesting - Wednesday 4 May, 8:00 pm:

- **THE YES MEN ARE REVOLTING**

Denmark-France-Germany, 2014, Dir. Laura Nix-Jacques Servin-Igor Vamos, Documentary-Comedy, 91mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

The Yes Men are a culture jamming group that use satirical performance art to make political points. While impersonating public relations personnel, they hold fake press conferences where they announce corporations, governments, and other organizations have taken a new, leftist stance.

Korean - Thursday 5 May, 8:00 pm:

- **MAEN-BAL-EUI GGOOM (A Barefoot Dream)**

Korea, 2010, Dir. Tae-gyum Kim, W/ Gabriel Da Costa, Jin-woong Jo, Drama, 121 mins, Korean-English-Indonesian w/ English, Korean subtitles, Rated: NR

After a series of pipe dream ventures go belly up, retired pro soccer player Kim Won-kang happens to visit East Timor, where he finds children playing the game barefoot on rocky pitches. Sensing a new business opportunity on finding that the country doesn't have a single sporting goods store, he embarks on a scheme to get rich quick by

purveying athletic shoes to the unshod youngsters. Sadly, no one there can afford to pay \$60 for a pair of shoes, even on a generous installment plan, and before he knows it, he is reduced to coaching a team of ragged 10-year-olds and prospects are looking grim.

International - Saturday 7 May, 8:00 pm:

- **LE TOUT NOUVEAU TESTAMENT (The Brand New Testament)**

Belgium-France, 2015, Dir. Jako Van Dormael w/ Pili Groyne, Benoît Poelvoorde, Catherine Deneuve, 113 mins, Comedy-Fantasy, French-German w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

God lives in human form as a cynical writer with his young opinionated daughter in present-day Brussels, Belgium. She concludes that her dad is doing a terrible job and decides to rewrite the world, which leaves God angry, powerless and adamant to get his power back.

Children's Film - Sunday 8 May, 4:30 pm:

- **THE BORROWERS**

USA, 1997, Dir. Peter Hewitt, w/ John Goodman, Jim Broadbent, Mark Williams and others, Adventure-Comedy, 89mins, English with English subtitles, Rated: PG

A secret family of 10 cm tall people living inside the walls of a house must save their home from an evil property developer.

HENRY-GEORGES CLOUZOT Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 8 May, 8:00 pm:

- **LA PRISONNIERE (Woman in Chains)**

France, 1968, Dir. Henry-Georges Clouzot w/Laurent Terzieff, Elizabeth Wiener and others, Drama, 106mins, French w/English subtitles, Rated: R

Stanislas Hassler blazes the development of modern art in his gallery, packed with works of surprising shapes, colors and textures, and where exhibitions turn into media events. Gilbert Moreau is one of the artists whose sculptures are on display in the gallery. His wife, Josée, is intrigued by the stern Stanislas, who devotes his free time to photography in an apartment that highlights his sophisticated artistic tastes. But besides enlarged pictures of calligraphic samples, Stanislas is amassing a collection of photographs that reveal a disturbed character.

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

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

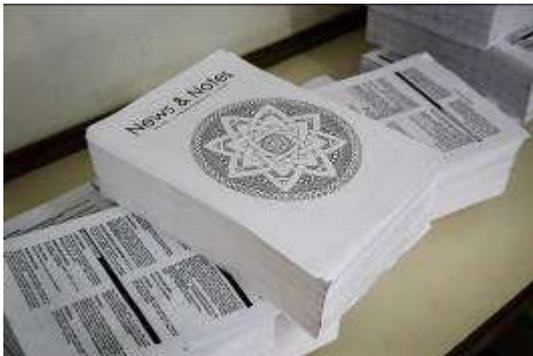
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Thank You & Goodbye Syllas ... Hello Sabine!

After 4.5 years as an Editor at the News & Notes, Syllas (Left) has just passed the service stick on to Sabine's hands (First right), with the continued support of Pascal (Editor), Arumugam (Printer- 2nd left), Jayamoorthy (Printer- Center), and Pradeep (Paper Delivery - 2nd right).



We are taking this opportunity to remind you...



- If you are going away this summer, do let us know... AV zero waste!

- Printing and delivering the News&Notes every week on schedule involves hard work from our Printers&Delivery team.

The noise and heat in the printing room reach a high on Wednesdays and Thursdays. All is done by hand. You can see (below) the old style rotary printer, and (left) all the pages that need to be organised and then stapled together to make your copy. Then starts the rush to get all the paper copies delivered to your door by Saturday afternoon - rain or shine!



Weekly...

Over 900 paper copies are printed, stapled and delivered by hand all over Auroville. That's 200 kms each time!

442 soft copies are also sent by email to AV and the world. YES!

Please consider too switching to the Pdf version, delivered straight to your email box every Wednesday afternoon, in full colors!

The News&Notes will take a 2-week break this summer. So there will be no publication on the 21st and 28th of May.

During that time, our Printers Team would like to go on a much needed short tour to relax and breathe a bit. Kindly send donations to our account #3821 mentioning "staff tour" if you can help them. Any amount helps!

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER !

(Photos and thanks to Jacky. See more at www.facebook.com/Devalmage)

Important information about News & Notes (Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Wednesday 11 am)

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

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