

News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Mother reads from 'The Synthesis of Yoga', "The Four Aids".

Mother, I don't understand "Our sense of personal effort and aspiration comes from the attempt of the egoistic mind to identify itself in a wrong and imperfect way with the workings of the divine Force."

What is it that you do not understand? The sentence or the idea?

The idea, Mother.

It can be put in very familiar terms.

The individual being, and particularly the mind in it, have an instinctive repulsion to admitting that it's another force than their own small personal one which does things. There is a kind of instinct which makes you feel absolutely convinced that the effort of aspiration, the will to progress are things belonging to you by your own right and, therefore, that you have all the merit.

From the man of art or of literature or of science, who produces something, studies something, and is absolutely convinced that it is he himself who is doing it, to the aspirant yogi who is convinced that it is the ardour of his own aspiration, his personal need for realisation which push him - if someone tells these people (I have had this experience), if someone tells them a little too soon, "Why, no, it is the Divine who aspires in you, it is the divine Force which produces in you, they no longer do anything, they fall flat, it doesn't interest them at all any longer; they say, "Good, I have nothing to do then, let the Divine do it."

And this is what Sri Aurobindo means - that the mind is something so egoistic and so proud that if you take away from it the satisfaction it seeks, it no longer collaborates; nor the vital either. And as the physical is very obedient to the vital and the mind, it too collaborates no longer. Then one is before an inert mass which says, "Good, if it isn't I, well, let the Divine do what He likes, I am not going to do anything at all any more."

I knew people who had truly made a lot of progress, who were very close to the moment when one emerges into the truth of things, and who were held back simply by this. Because this need to be the source of the action, to have the merit of the effort, this need is so deeply rooted that they cannot take the last step. Sometimes it takes years. If they are told, "No, it isn't you, this energy which is in you, this will which is in you, this knowledge which is in you, all this is the Divine; it is not what you call yourself", this makes them so miserable that they can't do anything any more. That's what Sri Aurobindo wants to say in this sentence.

There are people who have such a need to keep the sense of their separate personality that if they are forced to admit that all that springs upwards is inspired by the Divine or even done by Him, they keep for their little person the whole side of defects, faults, errors, and they cherish their defects, so that at least something remains theirs, which is indeed their own, their personal property: "Yes, all that is beautiful, luminous, is the Divine; all horrible things - that's myself." But a self... a big self; one must not touch it!

Mother, at times one spontaneously feels an aspiration: and at other moments when one wants to aspire it is no longer spontaneous. Then what is the difference, does the Divine aspire?...

Sri Aurobindo answers this. He describes it extremely well.

For all this darkness, all this inconscience, all this ignorance is not at all something personal. It is the condition of the world, the state of matter, the state of physical life. And it enters you, makes you act; it's like something pulling the strings of the puppet. All these desires, all these impulses, all these currents of force are things which pass through you, which you obey without even being aware of it, and which you take for yourself. And there is no yourself in this affair. It comes from everywhere and goes everywhere. You are a public square: things enter, go out, make you move.

(To be continued)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 9 November 1955

MOTHER

The
Ponder
Corner

*The Divine is that from which all comes, in which all lives,
And to return to the truth of the Divine now clouded over by Ignorance is the soul's aim in
life.*

*In its supreme Truth, the Divine is absolute and infinite peace,
Consciousness, existence, power and Ananda.*

Sri Aurobindo
ref. Letters on Yoga, vol 2, p.1081

Cover: "The Mother's Symbol" by Satya (Surrender)

News&Notes Team: Summer Break

The News&Notes team will take a short two-week pause from Monday the 15th of May until Sunday the 27th of May, therefore there will be no News issued on Saturday the 20th of May and 27th of May. Please send your announcements accordingly, thanks.

Editors: Sabine & Pascal

Staff Tour Appeal and Thanks

Our *News&Notes Printing&Delivery Team* would like to go on a short tour, after a long year of constant service, without failing, week after week! They need a break from the high noise, heat and ink conditions of the offset manual printing room, and dust of the roads.... If you can help, you are welcome to contribute to the account #103821. Please mention: "Staff Tour 2017".

News&Notes Printing&Delivery Team : Jayamoorthy, Arumugam, and Pradeep

We take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication to this hard work, and for the quality of the service provided

WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

Housing service report of 2016 and 2017

Dear Community,

The Housing Service would like to report our activities from the last year.

As you know, we do not get a budget from the BCC except for the repairs.

However this is what we were able to do this year with grants and income from houses that were re transferred.

We try to help people who need additional funds to extend their house or who have some funds but who need a grant to contribute for their first time housing Stewardships.

Our intention is to focus on making more spaces for Newcomers, Seniors and persons that are long term on the waiting list, who are having none or limited funds.

We are also continuing asking for GOI grants for projects for Youth housing and for Housing for Community work, to offer an alternative to the personal contributions for housing stewardships, as this is for many (special young) Aurovillians not affordable.

Updates of the Housing Service main activities

Big Renovations

Samasti: The transformation of Marika's old house, into a assistance living home for 7 seniors, presently Goupi, Auroculture, Pratibha and Hans (temporary).

Celebration: Completion of the full renovation of a unit for 20 newcomers or volunteers, including the 2 community kitchens.

Aspiration: Fully rebuild of one of the family huts in Aspiration, keeping the original design but with new roof materials. And 2 huts renovated with new roofs, all 3 buildings are for Newcomers.

Promesse: The renovation of 2 houses, and given for temporary use to a Newcomer and a young Aurovillian.

Prayathana: an unused students home, was renovated and transformed into a newcomer unit with one Avlian care taker. (4 rooms)

-Number of repairs from April 16 till March 17: 107 no

For total amount: - City Service: rs 24 Lakhs

- Aurovillian contribution: rs 11 lakhs

-Houses that became without stewards, given again for stewardship: Nr 5 (Nelis & Jacky, Yves Firooza, Ursula, Françoise, Satnam)

-Internal movement: changes of stewardships agreements made: Nr.12

-New apartments stewardship agreements: Nr 19

-Amount received as Fraternal contributions: Rs 22 Lakhs

-Donation from Srma for use of housing assets: Rs 9.71 Lakhs

-Grants allocated amount to 20 Aurovillians for extensions of houses and for contributions for first stewardships: total Rs 35.52 Lakhs

-Promised Grants Nr. 19 and total amount pending: 57.30 lakhs

-The replacement of 2 newcomer units that had been transferred.

-Starting: Renovation of Health Centre staff Quarters to be under HS management 7 apartments for temporary use.

Developments:

-New housing projects: Humanscape, designed by Suhasini, funded by Goi grants. 35 beds accommodation for youngsters. (till 35 age)

-Project X and Y, 14 single and 6 family units, to provide houses for young professionals. Funded by GOI grants.

In preparation:

Site permission and funding grant requests for housing for another approx. 175 Avilians. These houses could then help to house the 85 Aurovillians and second generation Avilians, without enough funds for housing and could be offered as housing for Community Work.

The Auroville Housing Service - housing@auroville.org.in

Report from the Water Group, May 2017

This report aims to share with the community information on the current water situation and what work we've been doing since February.

Regarding the current water situation: We are facing a crisis, meaning that our intake from the only source (groundwater) is much higher than the replenishment, given the drought and the last monsoon failure. **The Water Group urges you to conserve as much water as you're able to this summer.** Water does not travel that fast underground - if we save water in our Auroville area, this water will stay here for a while. This means that we do profit from our water saving practices and should make an effort to maintain them. This is definitely a short-term solution, on the long-term, we have to work with our neighbors to reduce their water consumption.

We are currently working on the following:

1) Crisis Management Plan: We have a team focusing on a Crisis Management Strategy for Auroville. Essentially we are working to identify places of relative abundance and scarcity, and how, in the case of an emergency, to move water from one place to another. What does this mean for you? Conserve water! And begin thinking about water as a common resource which needs to be shared. We'll keep you updated with the situation as it unfolds.

2) Water Management Strategy: For the long-term, we are working to create a Water Management Strategy for the township. The first phase was to formulate the Vision and Guiding Principles, essentially the first section of the document. This has been completed by the Water Group in April 2017. We then called the Sounding Board, a group of concerned Aurovillians, together to give further feedback. After integrating the Sounding Board feedback, we have finalised

Version 1. We now request that the Auroville community gives feedback on the Vision and Guiding Principles of the Water Management Strategy. Please find Version 1 at: <http://bit.ly/2poan34>. Please give feedback, no later than July 15th, 2017, by writing to: watergroup@auroville.org.in. Please include your name and community. We will integrate community feedback to produce Version 2 after July 2017 and will produce the final version by August 2017. Thank you for your participation!

3) Day-to-day Work: This involves working with the TDC regarding new building/borewell applications, answering community inquiries, posting weekly water saving tips, and of course, ongoing well monitoring, which is needed in order to keep us all informed about the underground water supply situation.

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, please contact: watergroup@auroville.org.in.

Thank you, *Water Group*

(Aditi, Christian, Dorle, Gilles B, Giulio, Ing-Marie, Julia, Pavneet, Tency, Tom)

L'avenir d'Auroville / Town Development Council (iTDC) Nov-December 2016 report

Reminder: This report is a synopsis of key topics discussed in regular meetings. It does not include any communication that has been published in the News & Notes or on the Auroville webpage of L'avenir d'Auroville / Town Development Council (TDC), such as community announcements, financial reports and site or building permissions.

-Regular members:

iTDC: Cristo, Divya, Fabian, Jacqueline, Pino, Sauro, Sheba, Tejaswini, Tom

-Occasional attendees:

ABC rep. (Bobby, Martina, Stephan, Ulli), Andrea, BN (Amit + Aster + Suhasini), Electrical Committee rep. (Ponnussamy), HB representatives (Ole + Sonja), IZCT (Alain, Anandi, B, Dominique, Fif, Grace, Gumsoon, Jurgen, Kalsang, Kavitha, Lee, Louis, Luigi, Martin, Mihong, Peter, Prasad, Tatiana, Tomoko, Vani, Vera, Volker), Jan, LB reps. (Suhasini + Divya + Kanniyapan), PVC, Russian Pavilion (Jenia, Saraswati, Tatiana, Vera), SWM rep. (Gillian + Guillaume + Selvaraj), WCom

I. TDC-RELATED TOPICS

A/ Site and Building Applications

Approximately 65 site and building applications were studied in November and December, whether for feedback, discussion, follow-up, survey, etc.

B/ GM on new developments

The iTDC studied the option of starting with a first quick presentation of all projects, followed by a choice on how to proceed: either for example follow-up meetings on specific projects with presentations given by the project holders or a full-day planning workshop.

The team felt it was also necessary to present the link between developments and infrastructure follow-up, so that the full scope of this work can fully be grasped.

The project holders were to be requested to attend this GM.

C/ Seminars on lime building

The iTDC is very interested in these proposed seminars. More soon...

D/ Radiation hazards

In November, the iTDC received several emails by concerned residents regarding the radiation hazards due to outdoor installations for wireless connectivity that are sprouting around AV. Aurinoco was contacted for their feedback, but this problem evidently concerns the community at large and should be included in the future Terms of Reference.

E/ DDP for the International Zone

Surface surveys for water on a global level (management, etc.) and trees etc. are needed for the DDP study for integration into the plan. Separate teams will be set up to follow this up.

F/ TDC selection process

The iTDC does not believe that it is possible to follow the same process as WCom and AVC to find qualified people to become TDC members. A minimum of clarity with regard to work specification and qualification is needed (i.e. Terms of Reference, mandate, etc.).

G/ Constructions without NOC

The iTDC is regularly informed of constructions that take place on AV land by Aurovilians without any permission. This needs to be followed up jointly by the TDC and the FAMC.

H/ GOI

The iTDC and the WCom met up to discuss funds and grants that are to be allocated to various projects.

The iTDC is open to studying a project for joint projects/public utility services (such as Aurelec or Aurosarjan) and would like to add one more heading for budget allocation such as the upgrading of under-utilized buildings (ex: Abri + Fraternity + Industrial Zone).

II. HOUSING TOPICS

A/ Housing Board reg. GOI grant

The HS would like to proceed with the development of (temporary + permanent) housing projects, so several options are being looked into (such as Transit Lounge and rental options).

B/ Individual housing in the city area

The TDC frequently receives applications to build individual houses in the City and Greenbelt area. Usually, the application also requests a piece of land around it. To regulate the process of these requests, especially for individual housing, we would like to communicate the following:

The Greenbelt is mainly managed by the Farm and the Forest Group (in collaboration with the Green Group). These official groups are in charge of the development in these areas and are the stewards of these lands. Housing possibilities arise only when the activity of the "steward-to-be" corresponds to the directives and guidelines of the Farm and Forest Group. The application of any building or house should be related to the activities undertaken in perspective of forest and/or farm in the Greenbelt.

In the city area (including some bordering communities), lands are reserved for projects according to land use. Projects proposed by project developers and the Housing Service find their way to the TDC and are processed according to community-approved guidelines. In this respect, some areas are reserved for low-density housing as clusters, but only on a project basis. Thus, the TDC will not be approving free-standing houses in the city center for the moment and for a foreseeable future.

All zones need detailed development plans and some zones (like the Cultural Zone and the Industrial Zone) are areas with very specific utilization and restricted number of housing assets.

Therefore, the development of additional housing assets in these specific zones goes against this and for these reasons, we unfortunately cannot accept these applications.

The TDC has made an agreement with the Housing Service and the Land Board to protect lands which are vulnerable to encroachment. The Housing Service will propose temporary housing projects on those locations for the specific purpose of protecting the area.

Several housing projects are being built (in the Residential Zone) and residents are encouraged to search among these (details to be found at the Housing Service).

The developments mentioned above imply that space for individual houses is limited and only possible with consent of the Forest & Farm Group, the Housing Service or as a project initiated by a project developer/architect. In any case, final approval is granted by the TDC.

C/ Entry policy impact on housing

During the whole bustle around the Entry policy, this topic and its impact on housing also came to the iTDC's table.

However, this does not concern only housing-related problems, but also work-related. Auroville's economic growth needs to be strengthened.

III. LAND-RELATED TOPICS

"Auroville belongs to no-one in particular."

A/ Land protection retreat

The WCom, AVC and iTDC organized workshop days to tackle the problem of land protection.

B/ Outside developments in the MP

Dear AV architects and contractors,

It has come to our notice that several Aurovillian units/architects/constructors have been associated to private developments within the Master Plan area.

We would like to bring to your attention that developments in the Master Plan area would require an NOC from the Auroville Foundation as per G.O. of Tamil Nadu Govt dated 20.01.2003 in order to secure against the possibility of any misuse or unwanted development from private parties. This information was publicly shared by the Working Committee in 2005.

Please be aware that we are trying since many years to have a proper regulation of planning and development in the Greenbelt. Keeping that in mind, participation of Auroville units in private initiatives should be avoided or regulated in coordination with the concerned groups and the Auroville Foundation.

Regards, L'avenir d'Auroville / iTDC

C/ Private land near AV roads and poramboke

Several topics relating to this need to be discussed with the LB, such as purchasing priorities and strategies. The ultimate priority is to buy and protect lands that are close to both a road and poramboke (as opposed to odai poramboke on which any construction is severely sanctioned so therefore globally avoided).

D/ Un-utilized land

A map and action proposal was already set up some time back by the TDC. A sub-group or task force should be created, uniting several FAMC, LB and iTDC members. Lands need to be identified and projects started.

E/ Stewardship of lands

The RA- approved protocol for land use, allocation and stewardship comprises several aspects:

- GG: proposal of stewardship
- TDC: land use and allocation
- FAMC: final stewardship

IV. ROADS

A/ SK roundabout

In November, several improvements were still being implemented. Previously, it had been decided that once this is done, the traffic behavior will be studied.

Other options, such as lowering the slope and adding bollards, were once again discussed.

B/ Loop road plan

With a precise map in hand, a meeting/walk was organized between the iTDC and concerned groups (IZCT, residents, etc.).

C/ Access roads

The iTDC met with the AV Security Service Team to discuss global safety on AV access roads, options were studied and discussed together.

One such access is near Courage. Following many complaints reg. security in this area, various options (such as closing to 4-wheelers and all traffic at night) were discussed between the Road Service, residents and AV Security.

D/ Road around archeological park

The safety of this crossing has often come to the TDC table, but a comprehensive and extensive study needs to be done (residents consultation, eventual road realignment, etc.).

E/ Cycle path to TLC estimate

In November, the iTDC studied several options (reg. fence, work, etc.) to make a cycle path from Transformation to TLC along the Transition School fence.

F/ Roads near private lands

Access (for agriculture or development) is compulsory according to Indian law. Aiming at land protection, the LB and iTDC explored several options.

G/ Light in AV

6-7 years ago, it was decided to stop investing GOI grant into streetlights because of maintenance and theft problems. To study missing ones and potential phasing, a map with existing roads and existing streetlights is needed.

H/ Crown Road

It is important to keep in mind that the use of roads in a city in the making is not the same use when the city will be built (parameters of the final road change).

For the Crown Road, the parameters are: open street, small RoW, public ground floor (ex: exhibition rooms, etc.), access from Crown to Ring through radials, numerous (interconnectable) buildings close to the road. At a later stage, the CR will also comprise collective electrical transport and minimized parking spaces.

This will need to be studied more in detail by the next TDC, but it already has an importance now with regard to developments such as infrastructure, applications, DDPs, land protection, etc.

I/ Parking - Mobility

In several locations (AV Bakery, along the MM entrances), numerous cars park sporadically on the side of the road. This poses serious security problems and needs to be looked into.

Simultaneously, the iTDC regularly receives applications for "private" car park places. However, as there is no clarity in the community with regard to mobility, tourism, etc., the iTDC is not capable of dealing with such issues.

V. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A/ Land allocation for a segregation unit in Kuilapalayam

In December, various options were being studied (ex: behind Tanto or near AV Bakery) but several factors come into play, such as village conflicts, water flows, Swami land, etc.

B/ New coordinator Loes

A meeting will be organized with her when she comes back (mid-February).

C/ Swatch Bharat fund

A showcase for the government is needed to try to access funds that would follow these steps:

Government → Unity Fund → iTDC → Regional planning → SWM → Kuilapalayam Clean

D/ SWM and urban planning

The responsibility lies on the Auroville level as well as on the regional level.

E/ Greenbelt Development Plan

The Greenbelt MP and Gb Land Use plan were published in March 2015.

It is necessary that the Forest and Farm Group, the Green Group and the iTDC collaborate to work on setting a framework/reference for developments in the Greenbelt, and this document is a detailed starting point from which discussions can arise.

VI. GROUPS, ZONES, SERVICES

A/ Collaboration between groups

During the months of November and December, the iTDC worked in collaboration with the ABC, AVC, AV Security Service Team, Bharat Nivas, FAMC, Housing Board, Housing Service, LB, RAS and WCom on various projects, whether for information request/sharing, land issues, application requests, etc.

B/ IZCT meeting

- **TDC-IZCT cooperation:** To avoid overlapping of activities and/or confusion, it was once more clearly explained that the TDC is mandated to allocate land to projects; the IZCT is consulted for proposals and suggestions when it concerns projects in the IZ, as is done with all other groups.

It was explained to the iTDC that the IZCT is composed of 8 to 12 regular members (up to 22) that discuss and organize various aspects and projects such as communication, meetings, reports, presentations, etc. There is no community process to be part of this group, only the expression of interest for the development of this specific area/zone. Currently, the Unity Pavilion is used as a central hub for all the work.

To avoid misunderstandings, it was agreed that the IZCT would send their agenda to the iTDC on Thursday evenings so that it

can be discussed during the iTDC planning meeting on Friday morning, in which case it can be decided whether a member can occasionally attend the IZCT meeting for specific topics to facilitate communication and information sharing.

- **DDP of IZ:** The iTDC is currently figuring out the framework agreement for collaboration and scope of work to set up a plan presenting ground realities and criteria for construction, as well as the financial details (AVF approval needed regarding the funding of the part that will be done by the outside consultant).

This work will materialize in the community through a series of participatory seminars on various topics, the presentation of the plan, TDC approval, and feedback through the RAS. These plans would then be used as a point of departure for development, as a flexible reference.

- **Loop road implementation:** Several points need to be finalized, such as the type of road and the funding of the road on the poramboke land. It was also discussed that it would be optimal to lay the infrastructure simultaneously.

- **WWTP:** The IZCT stressed the growing need for a common WWTP for the IZ. The iTDC understands this need and grasps the scope of such a project: technology, location, practicality, and utilization need to be studied.

- **Youth Hive follow-up:** The iTDC explained that there is enough space on that site for the Phase 1 of this project. It was also noted that the project holders and architects have made encouraging efforts with regard to the issues brought up. The iTDC is waiting for the Building Application.

C/ ABC reg. Industrial Zone

The iTDC showed the ABC a presentation on lands, utilization, etc. in the Industrial Zone. It was pointed out that the Pony Farm area will be developed in the near future, and that Mangalam is available for village-oriented units/developments. More globally, the group also discussed the possibility of construction of a WWTP and laying of infrastructure for the Industrial Zone, which would provide all necessary elements to the development of that area.

Between units that would like to expand and smaller ones that would like to materialize, the option of a project with a "common" campus was discussed, where the TDC, ABC and FAMC could collaborate to set up a "start-up hub" for units with flexible modules to up- or down-scale the size according to needs. If a collective project is formulated, it could eventually be funded by GOI grant. This option would need to be initiated by a group of project holders.

On a different note, all present agreed that Fraternity needs to be studied with regard to future developments and a right balance between residential and industrial/artisanal needs to be found. The development/utilization of several spots needs to be redefined or could eventually be utilized temporarily.

D/ AVES

In November, several electrical projects/developments (work orders, Electrical Masterplan, etc.) were discussed and followed up.

E/ Bharat Nivas

In December, the iTDC meet with BN representatives. The GOI grant for infrastructure development in the BN campus needs to follow 3 steps: NOC from TDC, WAT approval and Tender process (TDC).

Proposed developments: paving up to BN back entrance + parking for performers and engineers + earth roads & infrastructure to THC & Athithi Griha + pathway to ex-library + pathway from VC to Kalakendra with Botanical Garden + water management.

VII. WATER-RELATED TOPICS

A/ WWTP

Several meetings have been held in November to discuss details (such as the pipe inclination, manholes, etc.).

The AWS has technology with hired outside equipment, and the Road Service (RS) will take care of trenching and laying the pipes (they have all the equipment needed for the precision of angles, etc.).

The management of this project would be shifted to the RS via a MoU that is currently being discussed and finalized.

Communication will be sent to communities and the N&N about the laying of pipes.

Very late down the line, the iTDC kept receiving requests to be connected. However, the studies were done for up to 300 PE maximum. The feasibility of additional requests needs to be studied case by case.

B/ Visitor of Governor Chief Secretary

In December, an iTDC representative met with the Governor Chief Secretary; the iTDC was invited to share wisdom on water management and collaborate with Pondicherry water & wastewater management.

VIII. OTHER TOPICS

A/ Assets occupied by non-Aurovilians

The iTDC has received complaints regarding Aurovillian assets occupied by non-Aurovilians. This issue needs to be dealt with by the FAMC and the HS. The WCom will be informed of the same.

B/ Disposal building waste

In December, the iTDC received complaints regarding the disposal of building waste by construction sites. Project holders have been requested to verify with their contractors and follow this up.

C/ Termite treatment

Many houses are infested by termites, and pest control India (Pondicherry) is called. However, pesticides banned due to their high level of toxicity. Other more natural options need to be found.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proposed New Planning Principles - Tamil & French Translations

Dear Friend, this is to let you know that the community will be asked to vote on whether to accept or reject a new way of planning in Auroville in May (13 - 27).

You will receive more information about how and where to vote in coming issues of the News & Notes.

A Proposed New way of Planning Auroville

This new way of planning will be based on a set of Planning Principles. The English version of these Principles was published in last week's News & Notes and is available online at this link: <https://ras.auroville.org.in/town-development-council-restructuring/>

Tamil & French Translations of Proposed New Planning Principles

Please find this week the Tamil and French translations in your Tamil and French versions of the News&Notes.



If you have any questions regards this, please do not hesitate to email us at raservice@auroville.org.in, or call us on:

948 6623 749.

Much love,

The Residents' Assembly Service Team

General Meeting on Entry Policy - 11/05:

Dear Community,

As you are aware, the GM on the topic of the Entry Policy was postponed.

It is rescheduled for:

Thursday **the 11th of May**, at 4:30pm at Unity Pavilion.

Agenda:

1. Update
2. Introducing the major amendments
3. Next Steps
4. Clarifications and questions

We look forward to having you.

Regards, *The AvC, the WCom and the ETG.*

A reminder and appeal from the FAMC

As you are probably all aware, the state of Tamil Nadu and our region is under severe drought conditions, to the extent that the state has approached the central government for Natural Disaster Relief funds. The bandh that occurred recently was partially related to this situation as the farmers are suffering from crop failure and, as a consequence, had asked for debts to be waived or postponed until such time as they could recover.

However, it is not just our bioregion that is affected. Farms in Auroville are also suffering from the drought conditions, which is leading to wells failing and therefore crop reduction. This will cause Auroville's food production to go down, which will also result in negative impacts on our economy.

Consider the following:

- Catchment ponds are at their lowest levels in recent history.
- There may be some tough calls necessary between agricultural water needs for food production and other water use. (For example, Matrimandir uses as much water as a farm, about 240m³/ day.)
- In several farms, borewells are drying up. Farmers have to lower their pumps deeper in the well where possible, and/or abandon crops that they had planted. All this will have severe financial consequences for the farms.
- Specifically, from Priya of Buddha Garden: *"We got some pretty shocking information about our well in Buddha Garden today. It dried up completely seven times in the last month and is running at less than half its usual output. We may have to close off some of the gardens completely."*

In spite of all of this, there are still many people watering ornamental plants with a hose pipe at mid-day, washing motorcycles and cars, and generally carrying on with their water use as usual.

Therefore, this is an appeal to all of us to be extra conscious of our use of the very precious natural resource and asset that we all depend on: water. Please try to reduce usage to the bare minimum, including gardens and especially grass. Consciousness about water use is a must at all times, but now more than ever.

We hope you will each take this to heart and make a real effort to do what you can to conserve water in every aspect of life.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration.
With hope,
The FAMC

Houses available for transfer

1. **Auromodele - Andre & Prema's House:** Plinth area of 487.49 sqm. Residential house - Ground Floor + First Floor with two bedrooms, Swimming Pool with toilet room, Lotus pond, Generator room, Store Room and with Garden area. Suitable for family.
2. **Auromodele - Debo's House.** Plinth area of 117.84 sqm. Ground floor with Living, Kitchen & Toilet, Passage & sit out area + First floor with Bed & Toilet.
3. **Velu & Suguna House - Promesse:** Area 72.33 Sqm. Single standing house residential building with inner and outer plaster brick wall, RCC roofing with covered for front verandah, living cum Kitchen Bed room & Toilet. Suitable for Family.

Re-announced:

Newcreation Sebastian House: Plinth area of 191.02 sqm. The Ground Floor consisting of one Bed room, one child bed room, one class room, one Hall cum Living, one Dining, one kitchen, two toilets and spiral staircase. The first Floor consists of one Bed room, one store room, one office room, one office store and one toilet. Suitable for Family.

Housing Projects under construction:

1. **SUNSHIP - Duplex** 4 th and 5 th floor - 78 M2 +terrace. Will be ready in August 2017. Collective living-Cafeteria, Laundry... Best for couple!! - For information contact louis@auroville.org.in

2. Kalpana - 21 apartments of different size available.

Studio - 6: 1 BHK - 8: 2 BHK - 5: 3 BHK - 2

Will be ready 30th May 2018

Contact person: satyakam@auroville.org.in

He is available on the site on:

Thursday: 3pm to 5.30 pm

Saturday: 10 am to 12.30 pm.

The model apartment is also visible on the above day and time

3. **Auromodele Orchard** - Several houses are still to be build. Will be ready in 2018.

Contact person: Padmanabhan, Auromodele. Mobile: 8940220333

For more information contact:

Housing Service (Town Hall)

Phone: (0413) 2622658 - e-mail: housing@auroville.org.in

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N No - 698 dated 06.05.2017

Our team is happy to recommend the following persons as Aurovilians, Newcomers and Friends of Auroville. We will wait one month for Newcomers and Aurovilians from this publication for your feedback before confirming. Send your feedback to: entryservice@auroville.org.in

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED

Michiyo NOGUCHI (Japanese) Stayig in Samridhi and working at Resident Service

Kite KANG (Korean) Stayig in Sve Dame and working at Korean Pavilion

Soyoun LEE (Korean) Stayig in Sve Dame and working at Korean Pavilion

Isis Roux-PAGES (French) Stayig in Sukhavati and working at Earth Institute

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:

Amos Cohen KHALLAS (Israeli)

Osnat Cohen KHALLAS (Israeli)

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:

Honor Ann CHANCE (Irish) Staying .in Maitreye2 and Working at Deepanam, Teacher's Center

Frederic LATOUR (French) Staying in Maitreye2 and Working at Deepanam

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:

Camille DELOBEL (French)

Margarita (Isora) GOZALEZ (Spanish)

Rosanna ZIGONI (Italian)

Simona SAVARDI (Italian)

Sivakumari KANNAN (Indian)

The above people will be confirmed as Aurovilians ONLY after signing the B-Form (the last step in order to be included in the Register of Residents of the Auroville Foundation).

B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only.

The Entry Service is open to the public Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9:30 to 12:30.

Wednesday and Thursday for Interview by appointment only.

At your service,

The Entry Service Team.

L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 6th May 2017

The following Site and Building Applications (SA and BA) are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks from the date of publication.

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 a NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens 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 PROJECTS

• **Site Application:** No New SA

• **Building Applications**

1. Srividjea Homestay (Vidjea & Perumal), on plot no. IR 361/2 for 63.35 sq.m. 1st floor extension on the existing building.

COLLECTIVE PROJECTS

• **Site applications**

1. Housing Service, Housing project A on plot no. IR 419/3 + IR 419/1A (South of Vikas) DDP 2016 reference: LDU U.S2.4.2 and LDU U.S2.4.3 for Long-term Aurovilians

Project write-up given by the project holder:

-Project Title: Housing Project A (name TBC)

-Proposed Site Location: East of Humility, South of Vikas

-Project Holder: Housing Service

-Architect: Chunhee

-Contact Persons: Ole, Sonja, Chunhee

-Description: A range of apartments that will be allocated to Aurovilians against recognized work for the community. The focus will be on collective living with many shared facilities and social areas. The architecture and landscaping will be in harmony with the surrounding nature and neighboring communities.

-Plot no: IR 419/3, IR 419/1A

-Total Area of the project: 8005 sq.m.

-Build up Area: 2796 sq.m.

-Target Group: Long-term Aurovilians

-Background: The Housing Service has an extensive waiting list of long-term Aurovilians that work hard for the community but do not have sufficient funds for a permanent housing solution. The aim of this project is to provide "housing against recognized work" for Aurovilians on a basic maintenance.

-Triggers: Presently the housing in Auroville is catered to people who are able to partially or completely finance their dwelling unit, or who are already allied with an organisation that has the capacity to develop dwelling units. There is no possibility of housing persons without capital.

-Goals/Objectives: The project is for housing Aurovilians that actively work in Auroville on a basic maintenance and do not

have the financial means to finance their own housing. The Housing Service will remain steward of all the assets, so that they can be allocated to different residents according to their current need and contribution to the community.

2. Housing Service, Housing project B on plot no. IR 415/0
DDP 2016 reference: LDU U.S2.7.8 and LDU U.S2.7.9 for Long-term Aurovilians

Project write-up given by the project holder

-Project Title: Housing Project B (name TBC)

-Proposed Site Location: Between Realization and Prayatna

-Project Holder: Housing Service

-Architect: Chunhee

-Contact Persons: Ole, Sonja, Chunhee

-Description: A range of apartments that will be allocated to Aurovilians against recognized work for the community. The focus will be on collective living with many shared facilities and social areas. The architecture and landscaping will be in harmony with the surrounding nature and neighboring communities.

-Plot no: IR 415/0

-Total Area of the project: 6072 sq.m.

-Build up Area: 2540 sq.m.

-Target Group: Long-term Aurovilians

-Background: The Housing Service has an extensive waiting list of long-term Aurovilians that work hard for the community but do not have sufficient funds for a permanent housing solution. The aim of this project is to provide "housing against recognized work" for Aurovilians on a basic maintenance.

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• **Building Application:** NO News BA

For additional information, please write to avenir@auroville.org.in, call 0413-2622-170 or come directly to L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC office in the Town Hall.

For more information on the location of the plots mentioned above, you can find this same announcement with map(s) on the AuroNet page of L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Congratulations! We just saved the community over Rs 2 Lakhs!

Thank you for your support, Auroville Community. As of 25th April, Shared Transport Services (STS) was able to prevent 101 single-taxi trips to Chennai resulting in carbon savings of 4,737 kgs and cost savings of Rs 222,200.

We can further reduce cost of travel, environmental impact and traffic congestion, if more taxi bookings are done through STS.

To book a taxi please visit:

<http://sharedtransport.auroville.org/> or dial +91 8270512508 | +91 9787880211 | +91 413 2623 200

Auroville invited to re-design training process for Rural Development Institutes of Tamil Nadu Government

Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI), that has been set up by the Tamil Nadu Government in partnership with the Auroville Foundation, has been invited to re-design the existing training processes in six rural development institutes run by the State - including the 5 Regional Institute of Rural Development (RIRDs) and the premium State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD). SLI will engage with the TN Government on this year long project to re-design their curriculum, pedagogy and institutional process. The scope of works will include a

thorough study of the current status of these institutes, development of a restructuring plan and facilitation of the change process. The combined turnover of these 6 institutions is more than 100 times that of SLI. Hence this invitation indicates the positive impact of Auroville on the rural development department through SLI.

This is an opportunity to bring Auroville's experience and lessons learnt, in designing unique learning methodologies and designing sustainable processes, to Tamil Nadu and influence the rural development processes throughout the state. Aurovilians with experience in facilitation and designing of processes and pedagogies are invited to participate and contribute to this project. A presentation will be organized to outline the scope of participation. If you are interested and would like to attend the presentation, please write to programme@navsli.in

Information from Bharat Nivas

This is to inform the Community that Sri Aurobindo Auditorium of Bharatnivas will remain closed for its annual maintenance. Also Major acoustic & repairs works are being undertaken. Therefore it will further remain closed from May onward until further notice.

Sri Aurobindo Auditorium Team - Bharat Nivas

O B I T U A R Y



Anie Nunally

On Wednesday 26 April, Anne Nunnally (called 'Anie' by the Mother), a dear friend of Auroville, passed away at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram Nursing home at the age of 80.

Anie, who was a professional singer and musician, originally came to Pondicherry with Narad in the very early seventies and lived in the Ashram for several years at that time. When returning to USA she remained an ardent devotee, was a.o. active in the Sri Aurobindo International Center in Manhattan, served as the first board member of the Foundation for World

Education (FEW) and was from 2009-15 president of the Board of the East/West Cultural Centre (EWCC) in Los Angeles.

She is the author of '[The Golden Path](#)', a compilation of interviews with disciples of Sri Aurobindo.

In February last year, Anie came back home to Pondicherry, along with Aurovilian Mikael Spector, who had the last six years been assisting her at the EWCC and had become a close friend and partner in the process.

At the end of 2016 Anie fell ill. Friends from the US and France contributed to a fund for her hospital stay and dialysis supplies; eventually she was taken up in Dr Dutta's Nursing Home from where she quietly slipped on to the Golden Path. Anie's body was cremated on 27th in the Ashram's cremation grounds.

Jay MA~

T H A N K Y O U

Note from Paulien's sister, Mariette

In the afternoon of Friday 28 April, Paulien's body was cremated. It was a very beautiful, very Aurovilian event in the late golden hours of the afternoon, with her colleagues of the choir singing the Earth Aspiration song before and during the ignition of the fire. Also TLC's children bravely honoured her with a song and with their keen presence.

Mariette, Paulien's sister, said a few words and asked that they be shared with the community. You find them here below. OM- (Submitted by Mauna)

Dear friends of Auroville, dear children,
My sister Paulien only reached the age of 64. She still had lots of plans but, unfortunately, passed away much too young. Next month she was going to visit our family, in the Netherlands, but that wasn't possible anymore. And therefore Bettie and I came to Auroville to visit Paulien. I'm very glad that I could spend these last weeks with my sister. She bravely accepted her illness, with courage and trust.

For me it was also great to see her fantastic work at school with the sandboxes for the children of Auroville and I hope that you will continue this valuable work. I thank all of you for the great support you have given Paulien, and us as well.

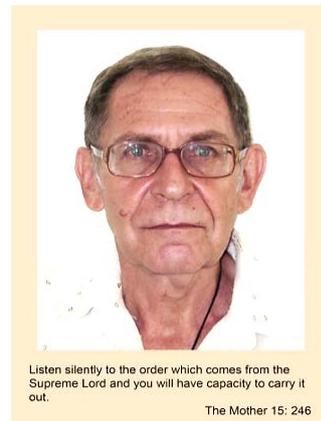
Paulien,
thank you very much for having been my sister.



Farewell ~
Mariette

Siefried's passing

We would like to express our deep gratitude for all the help we received during the time of Siegfried's illness and passing.



Listen silently to the order which comes from the Supreme Lord and you will have capacity to carry it out.
The Mother 15: 246

It was beautiful to experience the immediate support of all our doctors and especially the Health Service. They responded not only in a professional way, also with lot of love and care.

The 20 years of his Auroville presence Siegfried spent first in the carpentry section, later as a teacher in Deepanam School and went back the last 10 years to his original profession and passion to produce healthy food.

Mothers quote and the saying of Stefan Zweig were always near to his heart:

"Wer sich selbst gefunden hat, der kann nichts auf dieser Welt mehr verlieren." (If you have found yourself, you will not lose anything anymore in this world.)

Thank you all
Arjunan, Ajith, Pachiammal, Amudha, Theresa, Sami and Karin

P O S T I N G S

Free Store: Dear community, in the summer months May and June the Free Store will ONLY be open in the morning from 9-12.30 Monday to Saturday. See you all there, *Free Store team*

Haircutting: Hello, this is a reminder that I am back to work and cutting hair again. I also go to people homes if for some inconvenience it is uncomfortable for them to leave the house. For appointments Please call 978 733 74 65. Thank you and enjoy the summer! *Ladina*

Nandini Tailor Section will receive your summer (May & June) orders : Tuesday & Saturday from 9am to 12.30pm and 3pm to 5pm, Thursday from 9am to 12.30pm. Keep it light !!;-) Beautiful Summer Days, *Nandini Team*

AV Bakery closed on Summer Sundays: Auroville Bakery will not be open on Sundays for the Summer from this week onward. We are open on weekdays as usual. See our update under "Eating Out". *Auroville Bakery Team.*

A V A I L A B L E

Cute kitten: Dear All!!! I am a lovely kitten, grey striped, 2 months old. I am looking for a new home to enjoy my new life. My Granma says that I am very cute ☺ so if you want to come and see for yourself, please contact *Christine (Vikas): 9626194492. See you!*

Honda Unicorn is available for a contribution. 4 years old, in good condition, with TN license plate. For more information contact me: [809 81 44624](tel:8098144624) after 5 pm or oleg@auroville.org.in. Warmly, *Oleg*

Pure organic coconut oil: From AV Gokulam Farm -excellent for cooking, hair and skin care, massage etc... Contact *Anand*: 986 562 3504.

3 kittens! Our cat Parker has delivered 3 cute white brown beige spotted kittens on Easter Monday. They are still blind but will be ready for new parents soon. Please call 7708595796 to arrange a visit for adoption negotiations *Joël UHU*. thank you!

Kalki Pondy has space available on the 1st floor, for Auroville units only. The available space is 37 sq meter. The details can be discussed directly with the concerned unit. Those interested please send an email to Maroma (maroma@maroma.com) explaining what they would like to display. A contribution towards expenses will be required. With Regards, *Joshua for Maroma*

LOOKING FOR ...

French tutor for summer holidays: Hello, a 9 year old Auroville girl is really keen to learn a bit of French during her summer school holidays. Would you be free for a couple of hours weekly to help her? A lady teacher is preferred. Merci! Contact *Anand*: 986 562 3504.

Looking for work: Arumozhi (we call her Arul!) is the sister of Tulasi from Solar Kitchen. This young lady is very intelligent, witty, heartfelt, efficient and responsible, with lots of professional skills as she was part of Srini's film making team. I worked with her on different projects for Thamarai and films for Oli School with a lot of pleasure: acting, filming, mainly editing...

She recently got married and the extended evening hours of editing required by her previous job are not compatible any more with her new family life, so she is looking for a new work opportunity. "Any kind of job", she said to me, as she is eager to learn more and apply her skills to different fields. I warmly recommend her to you. Any idea? You can write to her at auroarulmozhi3000@gmail.com

Submitted by Marie-Claire

12 volt Dc solar Led bulbs: Contact *V. Boobalan* 9787084506 Siddhartha Forest. Thank you.

Xrays: I am experimenting with shadow puppets and would love to use Xrays for some of my cut-outs. If anyone in the community has Xrays they no longer need, please let me know - I am happy to come and pick them up! Love, *Nikethana*, Contact: 7094716136, nikethana2001@gmail.com.

Cashews: We are happy to take your well dried cashew nuts for a good rate.

Small or big quantities. Waiting for your call.
Siddhartha Farm. Herbert - cell: 900 37 38 560
siddhafarm@yahoo.co.in

A cycle with gears: Hello everyone, I am looking for a bicycle with 3+ gears to rent cheaply or if you can lend me for some months I will take good care of it. Hirakata2002@yahoo.com - thank you. *Malcolm*

Fan and Fridge: Does anyone have an old fan and/or fridge in working condition for my amma? I would be very grateful for your give away, even for small donation! *Dorit*, ph.2623038

Trip partner to Aravind Eye Hospital: Is anyone going to visit Aravind Eye Hospital in the next few weeks? I would like to go with someone one morning to get some tests. Contact *Shanti* at 0413 2623 314 or 89035 16016 or shanti@auroville.org.in.

Trip partner to Bodhi Zendo: I would like a travel partner to Bodhi Zendo which is near Kodaikanal in western Tamil Nadu. I will go by taxi on the morning of May 29th. If you want to share the taxi or you want to talk about the details of possibly sharing it, contact *Shanti* at 0413 2623 314 or 89035 16016 or shanti@auroville.org.in. Bodhi Zendo (www.bodhizendo.org) often has cancellations so you might get a space there if you are willing to be on their waiting list and see what happens. Thanks, *Shanti (Creativity)*

Battery Car: Dear Friends, I am looking for a Battery car. If anyone have and interested to sell please contact me. My mobile number is 9585550709, mohan@auroville.org.in, Thanks, *Mohan*

LOST & FOUND

Wallet (lost): I have lost my wallet last Friday, between Ganesh bakery and Unity Pavilion, on the road through Kottakarai village. I'd be happy to get back whatever part of its content: cards, id,...Thank you! *Célia* - celia@ecofemme.org 8940298585

ICICI Debit Card (Found): We found an ICICI bank Debit card near Samasti Guest House on Sunday 30th April afternoon, in the name of Vihshal Anand. If it is yours contact 9489887192 or 9843678554. *Monna and Jyoti - Samasti*

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

Dog&House-sitting 1 - in a house in the forest: 29 June to 16 August, Anusuya Forest. Our 6-month old dog and our two cats need tender loving care! We prefer a couple or a small family who like to spend time at home. Facilities available: Daily house-keeper, 12V solar power, gas oven, small pool, separate cute bedroom. Facilities not available: 220V AC current, refrigerator, western toilet. Sounds like you? Contact christophp@auroville.org.in or 9787702495

House-sitting opportunity 3: Love animals? Looking for a month's break by the sea? Want to cool off for the summer and get some solitude? I am looking for a housesitter for my house in Quiet from 26th May to 29th June. My house is best for a single person and could work for a couple. I have a cat and 2 dogs that need care. Please email nandita@sharan-india.org or SMS /WhatsApp 9488483286 - *Nandita, Quiet*

House-sitting opportunity 3: From the 11th of May to the 30th of June, house-sitting for a single person available in Prarthna. If you are interested, please contact *Gali* per email : magalichirouze@gmail.com.

House-sitting needed 1: After two 6-month-stays in AV, first as a guest (working at PTDC's kitchen and living in Creativity), then as a volunteer, (at Auroville Art Service and also working one day at PTDC's kitchen, and house-sitting in Prarthna at Christian's place), I will come back mid-July as a pre-newcomer and would enjoy to find a house-sitting for my newcomer year. I'm a responsible and organized mature woman, loving pets and plants :-). Thank you for answering at this email: magalichirouze@gmail.com. Warmly, *Gali*.

House-sitting needed 2: We are a newcomer family (*Juan, Ally and Nalia*). Before we find our home in Auroville, we are looking for long term house-sitting, preferably 1 year or longer. Please contact Ally 7639318959 (ally@auroville.org.in).

House-sitting needed 3: Hello my name is *Sudhagar*, 31, Aurovillian looking to house sit somewhere within Auroville. I am available from now for long or short term. I like animals and gardening and am very reliable. Please contact me on 8940627795.

TAXI SHARING

Please note that there is a new Auroville service of taxi sharing available with STS at: <http://sharedtransport.auroville.org/>

May 8th: To Chennai Airport - the taxi will leave Auroville at 3.45 am and arrive at Chennai airport by 6.30 am. If you're interested in sharing contact me on 9626895370 or 0413-2622759 - *Francesco*

May 10th: I have to be at Chennai airport on May 10th at 4:00 am, so I will leave AV around 00:30 am. If you need also a transportation on the way to - or back from - the airport, please contact *Gali* per email: magalichirouze@gmail.com.

May 10th: Who wants to share a taxi to Chennai airport on May 10th? Leaving Auroville around 10.30/11.00 am. Please contact *Helena*: 9786952918 or 2622603. helenahutte@hotmail.com.

May 10th: Taxi leaving from Auroville at 8 pm to Chennai airport. Do you want to share? Write to giacomonovi@gmail.com or call 8220125978. *Giacomo*

May 12th: taxi sharing from Auroville to Chennai Airport, leaving around 3 pm. If you want to share going or coming

back, please contact *Simona* at simonasvrd@gmail.com or tel.9489511648

May 15th: taxi to Chennai airport - Air India Chennai - Delhi - Paris. Departure New Creation 3am / 3.30am. contact *Agnès* 9787874081

May 16th: Taxi going to Chennai Airport, leaving from Auroville 1.00 pm (time flexible). Please contact +91-9843605237 Agni (btv.12@mail.ru) *Tatyana*

May 17th: Taxi departing Auroville around 2:30 pm on Wednesday 17th of May, to Chennai Airport. One person going, taxi coming back empty. Sharing both ways available! Contact lasabine@auroville.org.in - 9786775818

May 17th: Happy to share the ride to Chennai airport on May 17th, being flexible with the departure time, as long as we get there by 6:30pm. Inviting cheerfulness and stories of loving Auroville as companions. Let's ride it together. *Ana*, 7094285544, ana.raducanu@restartedu.ro

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities for Newcomers and Long-Term Volunteers at SLI

Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI) welcomes long term volunteers and newcomers to join our team. SLI is a unit that works very closely with rural communities and rural development department of the Tamil Nadu government to provide training in sustainable livelihoods. There are more than twenty different training programs currently in SLI- ranging from sustainable agriculture to waste management; and rural entrepreneurship to herbal cosmetics. Each program includes learning opportunities of best practices as showcased by

different Aurovillian units and farms. From its inception in 2015, over one hundred twenty programs, involving over 2000 participants, have been successfully conducted at SLI in its campus at Kottakkarai.

SLI provides a unique learning space for the rural community leaders of Tamil Nadu to experience and learn from Auroville- not just as an exposure visit, but to learn to create livelihoods based on practices from Auroville. We are looking for skilled persons to help with documentation, coordination, data management, delivery and event management. Knowledge of Tamil will be an advantage. Please contact programme@tnavsl.in

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear listeners !

Our live streaming can be heard on <http://radio.garden/live/villupuram/auroville-radio/>

Here is an update from AV Radio with programs made past week:

Our volunteers have recorded:

- Steve recorded [GM on ALA](#)
- Gino Vox Pop after [GM on TDC](#) restructuring.
- You can listen to [Classical Guitar Solo](#) with Ashaman, and as a special guest Vera.

Within the regular programs:

- Marlenka continues with [Synthesis of Yoga, Pt.1, Ch.9](#) by Sri Aurobindo,
- and Gangalakshmi with her [Selections](#) of Sri Aurobindo's and The Mother's texts in French - uncut version on the request of listeners!

Out of regular programs are here [Thursday](#), and [Monday](#) news. Music lovers will enjoy in new age [Wind of Change](#), or [Song of the Universe](#), maybe you would prefer tribal house of [Drums of Peace](#).

happy listening, your AV Radio Team (www.aurovillerradio.org)

EATING OUT

Bharat Nivas, the Pavilion of India, Presents "North Indian" lunch:

By Ms. Divya Karun

At Atithi Griha Guest House

Bharat Nivas - The Pavilion of India

on Sunday the 7th of May, 2017

Between 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

For Aurovillians and Newcomers only. For reservations, please write to: atithigriha@auroville.org.in.

You can call us at 0413-2622445 before 4:00 pm on Saturday the 6th of May, 2017.

Summer update from AV bakery: Those who visit us regularly already enjoy our new round pizza (Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the afternoon) and daily morning square pizza, the new variety of fresh juices at our garden café, and a new selection of pastries. Recently we shifted to organic wheat for all our production. As Summer is right here and many of you are going out, the bakery and the garden café will be closed on Sundays but will continue as usual with the regular menu. We'd like to thank all our customers that supported us along the year, we wish all of you a cool and happy summer and hope to see you soon!

GREEN MATTERS

Water Saving Tip: Gardening #2

Did you know that the city of Las Vegas, USA, located in an arid desert landscape, actually has "turf limitations" in place to limit the amount of grass planted at new buildings? The government also offers money to people who want to convert their lawns into more water-sensitive landscapes. While we don't yet have that set up here, you can be pro-active. Next

time it's time to plant, make the effort to put local plants in your garden. Check with the good folks at Botanical Gardens to help you select the native plants most conducive to this region. Consider completely replacing your water-consuming grass lawn with native species of plants that do not require water. *Water Group*, watergroup@auroville.org.in

Dig deeper or let die?
The impact of drought on our farms

Fields on the farm, usually green, are turning yellow-ochre and gradually to red, that same deep red that marked the early Auroville landscape, barren land in need of healing. Trees are shedding their leaves and drop their half-ripe fruit, unable to find enough moisture to mature it. Cows are grazing on parched earth, while providing fodder for them is getting harder by the day, a shifting balance between scarce materials. Borewells are running slow, clogging the pumps with sand, alarming signs that the aquifer is rapidly dropping. One of Auroville's farms has had its well running dry seven times in a single month, and it is not an exception.

Farmers are used to living with the cycles of life and death and the fragility of nature; yet the present drought and the distress it brings on plants and creatures is hard to witness. *Which of our fields do we stop watering, is the frequent dilemma; which crops do we let die...?!* Apart from the heart-ache and loss of time, there is of course the financial stress. Unlike farmers elsewhere in South India, Auroville's farmers are not covered by a scheme that compensates for loss of crops. They are left to fend for themselves, or appeal to the solidarity of their fellow farmers or the community at large.

Very recently, one such situation was brought to the community's attention on AVNet. One of our farmers had planted a sesame crop when the well from which it was being irrigated started giving signs of failing. The choice: Either letting the crop die, or else spending half a lakh to push the pump further down the well in the hope of getting the needed water.

As Priya wrote: *"Some of us feel that to go on extracting more water from what is an already fragile and over stretched aquifer is not what we should be doing. In Auroville we should be seeing how we can use less water both in our agriculture, commercial production and swimming pools/gardens. We need Auroville to provide an example of action that seeks to support the aquifer for the future, not drill deeper wells to take out as much water as we can now. We feel it would be better if this crop was allowed to die and [the farmer] compensated for his loss, rather than deepen the well and take even more water out from under our feet. [...] If we do not get enough community support on the issue, we feel that we will have no option but to allow [X] to push the pump further down the well. Even though this is against our basic principle of sustaining our most precious resource--water."* An appeal was launched to FAMC and directly to the community, but so far with very scarce results...

Lowering pumps, deepening borewells and digging new ones is exactly what is happening all around us. The demand is such that suppliers of GI pipes for borewells in Pondy have run out of stock, and are giving out tokens on a first-come first-serve basis! While everybody knows how short-sighted and suicidal the policy is, free electricity for farmers continues to allow water extraction without any cap; Annapurna has in the past seen their large rainwater catchment pond filled to 90% with the mere run-off of the water pumped non-stop by the neighbouring farm! AuroOrchard has in its direct neighbourhood a large water-bottling factory. It takes 6 litres of water for every one litre of bottled water - and that's beside the problems of the plastic! An estimated dozen-or-so more water bottling plants are said to be operating illegally in the area...

Against this backdrop, whatever water savings Auroville can achieve seems obviously a drop on a hot stone. (Naturally, it was easier to see the success of our water conservation / percolation measures preventing floods during a super-monsoon than keeping water in our aquifers during a drought, due to the natural movement of water following gravity!) And yet, this one drop can make a vital difference in terms of setting a working example of what can and must be done. We agree with Priya that Auroville has the mandate of showing a way forward, and there is a lot we can and must improve in our infrastructures and daily practices / habits. It's great to have a Water Group and we salute their and other community

members' initiatives. But to make these efforts fruitful, it takes the active collaboration of all of us, collectively and individually!

The other big question brought into focus by the drought is how we relate to our farms as a community. Most of our farmers feel that they are struggling to survive, largely unsupported by our collective. Our consumer-centred food supply systems with their 'open-market' approach puts our farmers into competition with a skewed and artificial market field, dominated by the politics of the global agro-industries: the 'mainstream' world we all know, where price is the bottom line, while quality, health and sustainability are reduced to fringe luxuries for the privileged few. Are we ready at last to put our values first, and creatively build the systems of a more real world? Sure, the challenges are complex and tough; but the change is happening, experiments are burgeoning all over the world... while the world is watching and waiting for Auroville to embrace its ideals and ground them in its vibrant red soil!

Auroville Green Center (Jasmin, Lisbeth & Isabelle)
We welcome green news from Auroville, the Bioregion, India and the world. Write to us at avgreencenter@auroville.org.in

Sunday
walk
Farms & Forests

The last walk of this season took us to Aranya, on 30th of April. A small group of us started off in a van from Solar Kitchen, and were welcomed by Saravanan who took us on a walking tour of this unique place with its wild beauty.

Aranya, 45 hectares of plateau and peramboke land with a number of canyons and gullies, was the very first place to be bought for Auroville back in ca. 1964; it is situated near the Ousteri Lake, adjacent to the Ashram's vast Lake Estate farms. When Saravanan came to live here 30 years later, the area was still severely eroded with very little vegetative cover. After clearing the land of grazing cattle and hunters who had had free rein for years while it was lying fallow, he started contour bunding, digging water holes and, together with Auroville foresters, collecting indigenous seeds from sacred temple groves, the Javadi Hills and other forests in the bioregion. In order to protect the land and prevent the pebbly Cuddalore sandstone from further eroding in the many gullies and canyons, a total of 36'000 trees were planted during the winter monsoon or after the summer rains. The forester's approach of not watering them after planting resulted in a 10-14% loss overall, but the 90% of the trees that survived are strong and hardy with a deep root system (very few trees fell in cyclone Thane). What once was a wasteland is now transformed into a wonderful bio-diverse forest, a watershed model and environmental education centre.

We walked along the winding paths through the land and canyon, admired the zip line and the tree observation hut built in a huge banyan tree right over the canyon. We found petrified wood and footprints of jungle cats, civets, porcupines, turtles, loris, deer and more. Even the endangered Indian Eagle owl makes its home in the canyon. We discovered the amazing seed pots of the yellow silk cotton tree (*Cochlospermum Religiosum* or 'Success in Supramental Work'). We were shown a mound of corals that might still be remnants from the Tethys Sea, which divided the Indian-Australian plate from the well-watered Tibetan plateau over 65 million years ago (predating the Himalayan mountain range which was formed by India colliding into the Asian continent)!

The walk was followed by a delicious breakfast and a power point on Aranya's history and impressive metamorphosis. Thank you Aranya!

This is the 7th year of the Auroville Green Center's activities. We write the Green Columns which get published bi-weekly in News & Notes and on AuroNet, and organise the Sunday walks to Farms & Forests between Pongal (mid-January) and the end of April.

The Green Column will be on partial holiday in May and June but will appear regularly again from July onwards.

As a very small team, each member having multiple engagements in Auroville, we are urgently looking for people who can help us with gathering, researching and communicating green news from Auroville, the Bioregion and the world. Other help, such as in organising and accompanying the Sunday walks, is also greatly appreciated.

We always appreciate receiving feedback, both from participants and from hosting stewards, about this season's walks to Farms & Forests. (Thank you Nasim from Botanical Garden for your lively report!).

A very big thank-you goes to all the farm & forest stewards who have hosted walks, visits and potluck meals during this year's cycle. Your warmth, enthusiasm, professionalism and generosity in sharing your experience and knowledge has been truly inspiring and enriching for us all!

We wish everybody a good, peaceful summer and hope you can stay cool!

for the Auroville Green Center
Lisbeth, Jasmin and Isabelle

Notes

Open Our Heart

Can we just be looking at life from the times it has been manifested? Millions (or more) of years before a thinking human could be able to, when well educated, hardworking, save his assets, his cash, in an egoistic self-centered life? The wheel is turning and turning until the being is empty of fuel (or faith) and end up nowhere, with no cash, no assets, to take away, nothing. Hope we are not missing the goal. The aim of life, as what happened since millions of years will go to further millions of year, but certainly not continuing our small self, but to reunite ourselves to the Supreme Consciousness, and in this times death will be no more, but first only for those who have done the choice to free their ego, and work for an Harmony in all sphere of life, not above but into this terrestrial life.

Can we keep that message? "The World is preparing for a big change, will you help?", said the Mother.

With love,

André (New creation)

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

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

We follow the sun and the timing changes with the season...

6.00 to 6.30 pm

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. No Photos.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you

Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm.

Please be seated by 5.55 pm.

Thank you, Amphitheatre Team

CULTURAL EVENTS



The Auroville Theatre Group
presents

ALL MY SONS

By Arthur Miller

Friday 5, Saturday 6, and Sunday 7 May at 7:30 pm
CRIPA Garden (behind CRIPA), Kalabhumi.

American playwright Arthur Miller's first, great play about family, ethics, money and love...

"Everything was being destroyed, see but it seemed to me that one new thing was made. A kind of... responsibility. Man for man. You understand me? - To show that, to bring that on to the earth again like some kind of monument and everyone would feel it standing there, behind him, and it would make a difference to him."

Cast: Swar, Jill, Shilpi, Vinu Karthick, Nishant Saini, Ahmed,
Myrta, Manjula Selvam, Satyendra Kumar, Satish T.

Directed by Jill

Everyone Welcome - (No babies please! Those under 16 years may get restless. Thanks for understanding.)

INVITATIONS

YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE OPENING OF

NEEM TREE EATERY

Mahalaxmi Park (Behind Auroville Library)

Wednesday 10th May | Starting 6 pm

The Cashless eatery is to provide vegetarian and healthy food for the people associated Auroville

Join us to celebrate the beginning of this initiative

THE NEEM TREE TEAM

Submitted by Min

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

9th 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 Soul and Psychic being'

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

(For those who are new to Yoga, from 8.45 to 9 am there will be a brief presentation on Yoga and Spirituality.)

Led by *Ashesh Joshi* (Contact: 9489147202, 0413 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

GAMES GAMES GAMES!

An evening of fun board games. Every Friday from 6:30 pm onwards, upstairs at le Zephyr restaurant in Visitors Center. We have many games already! Bring yours if you have!

Dancing Authentic Collaboration



Intermediate Nonviolent Communication with *L'aura Joy*, NVC Certified Trainer
Do you want to deepen your NVC practice and feel more confident in creating authentic connection?

A 1-day Deepening for those with prior NVC experience. Not for absolute beginners...

- Sat, May 13 - 9.30am-5pm (with lunch break)

More info & register (and for venue info): contact *L'aura*: joylivinglearning@gmail.com

Limited seats. Registration required.

[Other upcoming NVC events: joylivinglearning.org]

Practice Group - Restorative Circles Learning Community

Building a Compassionate Justice System

- with *L'aura* and RC Team



All are welcome, with RC experience or not...
Thursdays in May and June
4.30 - 6.30pm

Restorative Circles (RC) offer ways for individuals and communities to establish connection, discover meaning and recover power on profound levels. They create forums for reaching agreements that help sustain effective and nurturing relationships both personally and collectively.

This Circle process has developed within the Restorative Justice (RJ) movement, which in recent decades has rediscovered and adapted ways for communities to promote responsibility and healing. Rethinking justice, and engaging with the challenge of consciously building whole system responses to community well-being, has opened up revolutionary possibilities for furthering a culture of peace.

More info about Restorative Circles: www.restorativecircles.org

Conflict is an inevitable part of the diversity of life. Yet few of us individually, let alone as a community, know how to respond to conflict with behaviors that do not produce pain and damage relationships.

The RC process offers a way to create community spaces for conflict that are safe and constructive, not destructive. It has been described as a straightforward problem-solving and nonviolent restoration method that demonstrates how community members can resolve their own conflicts when provided with a constructive forum to do so.

The establishment of a restorative system empowers communities to consciously choose how they would like to respond to conflict before it occurs - a form of proactive, preventative conflict transformation. It enables them to choose a nonviolent response to conflict that involves the whole community in discovering their own sustainable strategies by addressing immediate as well as underlying long term causes.

Contact *L'aura* for more information and to register: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016. [Other upcoming RC events: joylivinglearning.org]

Secrets of Root-Sounds in Sanskrit

it is obvious that a kind of science of linguistic embryology is the first necessity.

Sri Aurobindo, The Origins of Aryan Speech

I am planning to organise a workshop in Auroville during July or later on "Dhaturahasya: A Workshop on Unfolding the Secrets of Root-Sounds in Sanskrit." It will be conducted by Dr. Sampadananda Mishra who is a Sanskrit scholar. We need a minimum of 15 students and I am looking for people who are interested.

The duration of the workshop will four full days.

Please write to me if you are interested in participating:

manoj@auroville.org.in

Thank you, *Manoj*

Summer Hands-On Workshop At AuroCreation

DATE : MAY 12th to 14th, 2017

VENUE : AuroCreation, International zone, Auroville (Near Tibetan Pavilion)

Hands on workshop on CSEB, Ferrocement, and Bamboo.

Beat the heat with these "Climate-Friendly" learning.

Visits to Matrimandir, Beaches.

Special discounts for students and groups.

Register at aurocreation@auroville.org.in.

ALL ARE WELCOME

SCHEDULES



Bamboo Centre Training Program for May - 2017

Auroville Bamboo Centre runs many workshops throughout the year for visitors who book and pay for the courses. We do have various conditions that we hope you'll understand and agree to.

The importance of Bamboo as an Eco-friendly raw material capable of meeting many needs and is gaining global acceptance among many people.

Being a natural gift to mankind, bamboo is very popular due to its multipurpose use, fast growth, easy propagation, soil binding properties and short gestation period.

Each program will consist of learning inputs: theory, instruction, demonstration, and practical work.

The Auroville Bamboo Centre offers training to individuals and groups in:

Bamboo Construction Experience

- 4th to 6th of May (3 days) (Joineries techniques)
- 24th to 27th of May (4 days) (Split bamboo techniques)

Bamboo & Wood Furniture Experience

- 17th to 20th of May (4 days)

Hands on Craft Creative Workshops:

Bamboo Jewelry

Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday of May -9.30am to 12.30pm

Bamboo Toys

Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday of May -9.30am to 12.30pm

Bamboo Musical Instruments

Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday of May -9.30am to 12.30pm

Flexible training dates offered to groups

Contact: 0413-2623806, 2623394

bambooworkshop@auroville.org.in/www.aurovillebamboocentre.org

Contributions requested from guests/Volunteers

Volunteer reduction by advance application only.

Auroville & Kaluveli Bio-Region Experience Program for May 2017

OPENING THE GATES TO THE VILLAGE

Feel Taste Hear Discover Experience

Village Tour

Saturday 06/05, Sunday 14/05, Saturday 20/05, Sunday 28/05
Meeting Point is the Lively Boutique, Kotakkarai plaza at 9.30 am (please bring your bike)
Come and enjoy the authentic village experience and celebrate cultural heritage!

Cultural & Spiritual Experience

Irumbai Legend Shiva temple Visit

Time: 11am to 12.30pm & 3.30 to 5.00pm (Please bring your own vehicle)

Date: Special days Every Monday & Saturday but we will take whole week.

Kolam Village Walk

Spiritual and lively village experience for Women's empowerment.
Timing: Every Friday - from 6.00am to 7.30am

Kolam Workshop

Spiritual and lively village experience for Women's empowerment.
Timing: Every Saturday - from 11.00am to 12.30pm

Thiruvakarai Wood Fossil

An excursion into the park contains petrified wood fossils approximately 20 million years old, scattered throughout the park, which covers about 247 acres (100 ha).

Date: Every Friday, Time: 10am

Pottery Ceramic Hands on Experience

Come & learn How to create your own pot

Timing: Every day Month of May except Sunday
from 10.00am to 12.30pm & 02.00 pm to 04.30 pm

Contributions requested from Guests/Volunteers, Volunteer reduction by advance application only.

Give Time a Break: Discover Village Life!

Auromandalam kaluveli region weekend camping with local youth

Date: Every Saturday - Time: 3pm till 12.30pm

Meeting point: 2.45pm at Lively Boutique, Kotakkarai Plaza.

- Begin in Perumukkal Mountain (Setup the tents on the top of mountain)
 - Sunset meditation
 - Bonfire with light music
 - Stay in the mountain
 - Take shower in the lake
 - Discover the village of Munnur with ancient temple (Pottery Village)
 - Visit a traditional family of potters who will demonstrate their craft
 - Visit Salt landscape, Prawn farm, Wind turbine, Mangrove forest and Sand Dune
 - Finish the day on the ocean side and meditate while the sun sets over the magnificent Kaluveli landscape.
- Tour will only take place once a minimum of 5 bookings has been received. Transportation will be arranged according to the number of people.

Coconut Fronds Weaving

Come and learn how to weave Coconut fronds, the ancient art of weaving

Timing: Every Friday - from 9.00am to 10.30am

Please register for all the programs in advance by contacting: 0413 2623806, 2623394, or Mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in

Please visit: www.mohanam.org

or www.harmonyvillagepromenade.weebly.com

SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN MAY

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

Auroville Ambulance: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271

Auroville Library, Crown Road: opening hours - 9:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:30 from Monday to Saturday. email: avlib@auroville.org.in. tel: 0413-2622 894

Bike/Car repair & servicing: ★ Painting ★ Modification ★ General service ★ Bike renting. Please contact Satya: 9443438287
At Abri workshop (old puncture service) Auroville. We accept Auroville PT account.

AvHC: The Pharmacy is open 8.30 to 5 pm daily including Saturdays. The doctor's consultation is the same with a lunch break from 1-2pm, except Saturday up to 1pm only. Phone no 0413-2622123 and 0413-2622018. Email: avhealth@auroville.org.in.

AV Safety & Security Team: Call us 24/7 for emergency, assistance or escort on 9443090107. Visit our office (Certitude Service Area - Near Gas Bottle service) from Monday to Saturday (9AM to 1PM - 2PM to 4PM) or contact us on 0413-2623400/avsecurity@auroville.org.in

City Transport: Quick "Pick up and Drop" Shuttle Service in Maruti Omni 4-seater people carrier, free of charge for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Guests for trips within the city area, destinations up to Aspiration/Auromodele and Repos/Quiet chargeable with passenger fares, from Rs.110/- for 1 person single trip. Phone Visitors Centre main gate 0413-262-2611 or to the driver directly 94876-50951 daily 9.30 am-6.00 pm. E-mail: visitorscentre@auroville.org.in - Please note that it is not a taxi that can be ordered in advance for an exact time, but will normally reach you with 10/15 minutes, and will not wait for you for onward or return trips - if needed it will come back to pick you up again when called.

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

EcoService, Kottakarai: Palani 9443535172 or Kali 9443090114. ecoservice@auroville.org.in

Entry Service, Multimedia Center: 1st floor, Town hall Complex: We are open to the public **Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9:30am to 12:30** - Wednesday and Thursday for interview by appointment only B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only. For more information on joining Auroville: +91 (0)413 262 2707 email: entryservice@auroville.org.in

Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246. This phone is reachable 24/7.

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

Free Store: Summer timings (May and June): open mornings only. Monday to Saturday: 9 to 12:30 pm. Telephone: 0413-2623680 email: freestore@auroville.org.in

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. Telephone: (0413) 2622452 / email: avgasservice@auroville.org.in

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 above the Solar Kitchen: 1st floor. Opening times: from Monday to Saturday 9.30 to 12.30, and from Monday to Friday 13.00 to 16.00. avquestservice@auroville.org.in; contact no. 0413 2622675

Housing Service, Town Hall: Public Hours: Monday morning from 11 to 12.30 and afternoon from 2.30 till 4.30 - Tuesday morning from 9.30 to 12.30 - Wednesday closed - Thursday 9.30 to 12.30 - Friday morning 9.30 to 12.30 only by appointment - Friday afternoon 2.30 to 4.30 - Saturday morning 10.30 to 12.30 only by appointment - All regular financial matters can also be taken care of on Friday morning. Phone: (0413) 2622658. Email: housing@auroville.org.in

Integral Health, Prayatna: transpersonal regression therapy, classical homeopathy, counselling, vital remedies, child & women health, hypnotherapy. integralhealth@auroville.org.in - 2623669 - Mon to Sat 9 am - 5 pm, preferably on appointment.

LFAU - Fundraising for Auroville's land: with its two campaigns 'Acres for Auroville' & 'GreenAcres' *Aryadeep, Mandakini LB, Sophie, Sigrid, and secretary Jothi*. Welcome: Mornings from 9:30 - 12.30 at Town Hall, 1st floor. LFAU 0413 2622657. lfauf@auroville.org.in / www.colaap.org

LOE, Lab. Of Evolution, Bharat Nivas: LOE Library Open every morning Monday to Saturday: 9 to 12 am / Afternoon Monday to Friday: 2.30 to 4.30 pm. loechu@auroville.org.in

Matrimandir: The Inner Chamber is open for Aurovilians daily:

6am to 8.45am/11.30am to 12.30pm (2pm on Sunday)/4.30pm to 8pm. 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 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): will receive your summer (May & June) orders : Tuesday & Saturday from 9am to 12.30pm and 3pm to 5pm, Thursday from 9am to 12.30pm. Keep it light!! ;-) Beautiful Summer Days, *Nandini Team*. tel: 0413-2622527 Email nandini@auroville.org.in. *Don't forget to bring your bag when you give a new order!!!!*

Nandini Distribution: (PTDC area): tel : 0413-2622033 Email nandini@auroville.org.in. 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. outreachmedia@auroville.org.in

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: SUMMER TIMINGS: open from Monday to Friday morning from 9:30 am to 12.30 pm. We will be closed in the afternoons starting from May 1st. We will come back to our regular timings from July onwards. Telephone: (0143) 2622191 / email: resservice@auroville.org.in

Residents Assembly Service: new landline number: 0413-2623701 (please note it in your agenda). The RAS office (located 1st floor at Town Hall) is open for public from 10 AM till 12 Noon from Monday till Friday. We are happy to welcome your questions, suggestions or information. We will do our best to help you in whatever way possible. Thank you for your appreciation. Your RAS team

Santé Clinic: Crown Rd. near. Arka: Call 0413-2622803 for an appointment. Summer timings: MAY AND JUNE closed in the afternoons. Hours: Monday to Saturday: 8.45 am to 12.30 pm.

Savi: Services for Volunteers and Hosting Units/Services of Auroville, a link between Auroville Projects and long-term Volunteers (minimum 2 months). We offer welcome information, 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 call (0413)2622121 or go to Savi website: www.auroville-learning.net.

Skyworks: Tree pruning, removal of hazardous trees and branches over fragile structures, power line cleaning. *SatYaaji*: 853 103 35 45

Shared Transport Service (STS): Taxi sharing +91 413 2623 200 | +91 413 2623 201 | +91 8270512508 - sharedtransport@auroville.org.in | <http://sharedtransport.auroville.org/>

TreeCare: Pruning, removing, cabling, bracing and transplanting of trees. Hedge and grass maintenance also available. Call: *Jonas*: 9159843579 / *Anadi*: 9655477329 or go to: treecareindia.com.

Vehicle Service, Town Hall: Monday to Friday: 9am to 12.30pm, 2.30 to 4.30pm. Saturday: 9am to 12.30pm. Rental of bicycles and children car seats also available. avvehicle@auroville.org.in or phone 9843734825

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



We need some feedbacks on Sunday trips to Sri Ma beach for summer.

In the last 3 weeks the numbers of users were too low to cover the running expenses of the bus. Maybe for the summer, we could re-schedule the timings and cut down the number of trips to avoid extra cost. Please let us know by writing to us.

We are looking forward for the feedback from you all. Write to us at avbus@auroville.org.in

Thank you, Raju for Auroville Public Bus

Pondy Trips

The usual stops are served along the way: Matrimandir office gate, Solar kitchen, Certitude, Kuilapalayam, New Creation Junction, Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank), (Former) Last School, Quiet, Lotus Hotel

Morning Trips:

MONDAY to SATURDAY

Dep. 8.20 am - Vérité
Arr. 9.05.am - Ashram Dining Hall

Dep. 12.00 pm - Ashram Dining Hall
Arr. 12.45 pm - Vérité

Afternoon Trips:

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Dep. 4.20 pm - Vérité
Arr. 5.05 pm - Ashram Dining Hall

Dep. 8.10 pm - Ashram Dining Hall
Arr. 8.55 pm - Vérité

Short afternoon Trips:

MONDAY & SATURDAY

Dep. 2.50 pm - Vérité
Arr. 3.35 pm - Ashram Dining Hall

Dep. 6.00 pm - Ashram Dining Hall
Arr. 6.45 pm- Vérité

Srima Beach (Tanto Far Beach) – Sunday Trips

The usual stops are served along the way:

Matrimandir office gate, Solar kitchen, Certitude, Kuilapalayam (New Creation Junction), Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank), (Former) Last School

Dep. 9.00am - Vérité
Arr. 9.30am - SriMa

Dep. 11.30 am - Vérité
Arr. 12.00pm - SriMa

Dep. 2.30pm - Vérité
Arr. 3.00pm - SriMa

Dep. 3.30pm - Vérité
Arr. 4.00pm - SriMa

Dep. 9.30am - Sri Ma
Arr. 10.00am - Vérité

Dep. 12.00pm
Arr. 12.30pm - Vérité

Dep. 3.00pm
Arr. 3.30pm - Vérité

Dep. 5.30pm
Arr. 6.00pm - Vérité

F I L M S

THE ECO FILM CLUB



Sadhana Forest, May 12th, 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!

US NOW

60 mins / English / 2009 / Directed by Ivo Gormley
A documentary film project "about the power of mass collaboration, the government and the Internet". The New York Times describes it as a film which "paints a future in which every citizen is connected to the state as easily as to Facebook, choosing policies, questioning politicians, collaborating with neighbours.

The documentary weaves together the perceptions of leading thinkers on the power of the web, with the overriding suggestion that people gain a sense of satisfaction from active participation rather than symbolic representation in decision-making processes.

(Reminder: Friday 05/05 - RESTRUNG)

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at (0413) 2677682 or 2677683, or at sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in. Or visit us online: sadhanaforest.org / <https://facebook.com/sadhanaforest>

The News&Notes is available for all to download from the Auroville website at <http://www.auroville.org/contents/4186>
The archives are found at <http://www.auroville.org/contents/186>
And regular events at <http://www.auroville.org/contents/4201>

Important information about News & Notes

(Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm)

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

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

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

The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute as the News is given to the printers by Wednesday 2 pm.

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

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

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Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 8 May 2017 to 14 May 2017

Indian diaspora - Monday 8 May, 8:00 pm:

• **RUNNING SHAADI (Running Wedding)**

India, 2017, Dir. Amit Roy w/ Arsh Bajwa, Brijendra Kala, Taapsi Pannu, and others, Comedy-Romance, 114mins, Rated: NR (PG)

The story revolves around 3 characters Ram Bharose, Sarabjeet and Nimmi. Nimmi is the daughter of a bridal apparel shop owner. Bharose works in this shop named 'Singh & Singh' and his friend Sarabjeet aka Cyberjeet dreams of creating another facebook. The trio creates a website that helps lovers to elope. The site is an instant hit; young couples line up for the opportunity to escape strict families and run away with the ones they love. They successfully help 49 couples to elope and await for helping the 50th couple as their platinum achievement. That is when it starts getting complicated...

Italian- Tuesday 9 May, 8:00 pm:

• **LORO CHI? (Them Who?)**

Italy, 2015, Dir. Fabio Bonifacci, Francesco Micciché w/ Marco Giallini, Edoardo Leo, Comedy, 95 mins, Italian w/ English subs., Rated: G

At 36, David has a one and only ambition: to win the respect of the president of the company he works for and, in the process, to get a better position with the substantial salary increase going with it. The time seems to have come as he is the author of a revolutionary invention that could help the firm to become more profitable. But before he has time to present the result of his research to his manager, he is accosted by a friendly-looking man who - he will realize too late - his nothing but a con artist. In a matter of a single night, his life is rocked...

Interesting - Wednesday 10 May, 8:00 pm:

• **MORE THAN HONEY**

Switzerland-Germany-Austria, 2012, Writer-Director Markus Imhoof w/Fred Jaggi, Randolph Menzel, John Miller, and others, Documentary, 95mins, German-Swiss German-English-Mandarin w/ English subtitles, Rated :NR (G)

Fifty years ago, Einstein had already insisted on the symbiotic relationship binding these pollen gatherers to mankind: "If bees were to disappear from the globe," he predicted, "mankind would only have four years left to live." This film is looks at the fascinating world of bees, the relationship between mankind and honeybees, about nature and about our future. *A wonderful film - you cannot miss!*

French - Thursday 11 May, 8:00 pm:

• **LA PASSION D'AUGUSTINE (Augustine's Passion)**

Canada 2016, Dir. Léa Pool, w/ Céline Bonnier, Lyndie Ménard, Diane Lavallée. Musical drama, 113 min, French WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES, Rated : G

In a small convent school in rural Quebec, Mother Augustine provides a musical education to young women no matter their socio-economic background. However, with the looming changes brought by Vatican II and Quebec's Quiet Revolution, the school's future is at peril.

International - Saturday 13 May, 8:00 pm:

• **KUBO AND THE TWO STRINGS**

USA, 2016, Dir. Travis Knight, 101 mins, Animation-

Adventure, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Moana Waialiki is a sea voyaging enthusiast and the only daughter of a chief in a long line of navigators. When her island's fishermen can't catch any fish and the crops fail, she learns that the demigod Maui caused the blight by stealing the heart of the goddess Te Fiti. The only way to heal the island is to persuade Maui to return Te Fiti's heart, so Moana sets off on an epic journey across the Pacific.

Children's Film - Sunday 14 May, 4:30 pm

• **HEISEI TANUKI GASSEN PONPOKO (Pom Poko)**

Japan, 1994, Dir: Isao Takahata, w/ Jonathan Taylor Thomas, Clancy Brown, Tress MacNeille and others, Animation, 119mins, English w/English subtitles, rated: PG
Based on an idea by Hayao Miyazaki and made by the famous Ghibli Studio comes the story of a community of magical shape-shifting raccoon dogs who struggle to prevent their forest home from being destroyed by urban development.

WIM WENDERS Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Wim Wenders came to international prominence as one of the pioneers of the New German Cinema in the 1970's and is considered as one of the most important figures in contemporary German film. In addition to creating several prize-winning feature films working as a scriptwriter, director, producer, photographer and author, he also created several innovative documentary films, curated international photo exhibitions and numerous monographs, film books and prose collections.

Ciné-Club - Sunday 14 May, 8:00 pm:

• **ALICE IN THE CITIES**

Germany, 1974, Dir. Wim Wenders w/Yella Rottlander, Rudiger Vogler, Lisa Kreuzer and others, Drama, 110mins, German w/English subtitles, Rated: NR.

German journalist Philip Winter has a case of writer's block when trying to write an article about the United States. He decides to return to Germany, and while trying to book a flight, encounters a German woman and her nine year old daughter Alice doing the same. The three become friends and while the mother asks Winter to mind Alice temporarily, it quickly becomes apparent that Alice will be his responsibility for longer than he expected. After returning to Europe, the innocent friendship between Philip and Alice grows as they travel together through various European cities on a quest for Alice's grandmother.

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