

# News & Notes

18th July 2015.....A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville.....Number 606



# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

*It's a question on Sri Aurobindo's Aphorisms.*

51 - "When I hear of a righteous wrath, I wonder at man's capacity for self-deception."

Wonderful!

*There was a question: "Our self-deception is always 'in good faith'; we always act for the good of others or in the interest of humanity - and to serve you, that goes without saying! How exactly do we deceive ourselves, and how can we truly know?"*

It's terribly true.

Just yesterday, even before I read this (I didn't read it), I had a long vision on the subject, that's the surprising thing! But on such a different plane...

Yes, when we regard the higher part of our mind as the judge of our action, that's how we can deceive ourselves "in good faith." In other words, the mind is incapable of seeing the truth and it judges according to its own limited capacity - not only limited but unconscious of the truth; so then, as far as it's concerned, the mind is "in good faith," it does the best it can. It's like that.

Naturally, those who are fully conscious of their psychic cannot possibly deceive themselves, because if they refer their problem to the psychic, they can find the divine answer there. But even for those who are in contact with their psychic, the answer doesn't have the same character as the mental answer, which is precise, categorical, absolute, and imposes itself - the psychic answer is more a TENDENCY than an assertion. It's something that can still have different interpretations in the mind.

Which brings me back to my experience of yesterday. After looking at the problem, I reached the conclusion that it's impossible to reproach a human being who does the best he can according to his consciousness, because how can he go beyond his own consciousness?... That's precisely the error most people make: they judge someone else according to their own consciousness, but the other person doesn't have their consciousness! Therefore they can't judge (I am only talking about people of goodwill, of course). To the vision of a more complete or higher consciousness, someone else is in error, but to the person himself, he's doing as best as he can what he thinks he has to do. Which amounts to saying that it's absolutely impossible to blame someone who acts sincerely according to his own limited consciousness. And in fact, seen from that standpoint, everyone has a limited consciousness, except THE Consciousness. It's only THE Consciousness that isn't limited. But all manifestations are necessarily limited, unless they emerge from themselves and unite with the supreme Consciousness - then... In what conditions can that happen? It's the problem of identification with the Supreme, which is the Supreme One - One that is all. *(silence)*

There is a whole side of human thought which has held the conception that identification with the supreme Consciousness could only come through the abolition of the individual creation, but in fact Sri Aurobindo said it was possible WITHOUT doing away with the creation. They hold the conception that the creation must be done away with because they don't take the creation beyond the human creation - it's impossible for man, but possible for the supramental being. And that will be the essential difference of the supramental being: being able, without losing a limited form, to unite his consciousness with the supreme Consciousness. But it's impossible for man. That I know.

As I said, you have it [*union with the supreme Consciousness*], but as soon as you want to express it, it's finished, it becomes again... (*gesture as if shut up in a box*). That means the substance we are built with isn't sufficiently purified, illumined, transformed (anything, any word) to express the supreme Consciousness without distorting it.

*(silence, Mother enters an experience)*

It's a certain opacity of Matter, of the substance, which prevents it from being able to manifest the Consciousness... and that same opacity (I don't know what to call it), that opacity is what gives Matter the sense of existing.

It's part of the experience of these last few days. For... I don't know, for weeks I lived in a sort of fluidity - a transparent fluidity - and as that transparent fluidity is replaced by this something I now call "opacity," a sort of concretization of the body's existence comes back.

You understand, the psychic being's direct contact with the bodily substance, without intermediary, gives the sensation... (is it "sensation"? I don't know; it's neither sensation nor perception), it's a sort of "felt vision" - and that vision is very precise, very precise - of the value of the vibrations in comparison with a higher vibration which is (this is as much as I can say) more directly expressive of the supreme Vibration.

It's difficult to express, but the body is now living an experience it had never had, like going from an imprecision to a precision, from a sort of fluidity to... it's not something concrete, but from something fluid - fluid and imprecise - to something precise. Any event (any small event that happens to the body) is an occasion for a new perception. Previously, everything was fluid and imprecise; now it's beginning to grow more precise - more precise, more accurate. But it loses a little of its fluidity. It's very hard to express. I had never thought about it. Strangely, it's not deliberate, I've just now had the experience. So it's not very clear yet. In reality, the mind provides a precision which is lacking when it's not there. Its role in the creation has been, as a matter of fact, to make things precise, to explain them, and at the same time to limit them.

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 25 September 1968

MOTHER

*The  
Ponder  
Corner*

Every gleam of aspiration is always the expression of a psychic influence.

Without the presence of the psychic, without the psychic influence, there would never be any sense of progress or any will for progress.

*The Mother*

*ref. Works Of The Mother, Questions And Answers vol.4, p. 165*

## Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)

### June 2015 Report

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

Temporary membership: Yuval (Housing Board) is attending in place of Sonja through end-July, and Angela (Working Committee) is attending in place of Mandakini beginning-June to beginning-July.

### TRUST & UNIT TOPICS

The Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC) recommended, and FAMC approved, the appointment of one additional executive, Slava, to Mitra Auroville. The current executives are: Arjun, Ulli, and Michael Bonke.

ABC recommended, and the FAMC approved, the unit "Gecko!" executive changes as follows: the addition of V. Panneerselvam and the resignation of Doty. The current executive is Stephan H.

ABC recommends, and the FAMC approved, the unit, HERS, be registered under Kattida Kalai Trust, and an additional executive be appointed: M. Palani. The current executives are S. Vinod, and Gillian.

The Auroville Board of Services (ABS) endorsed, and the FAMC approved, Center Guest House executive changes as follows: the resignations of Tineke, Janet, and E. Saravanan, and the appointments of Cristina B., and Dodo.

Previously the FAMC had agreed, under certain conditions, to establish the Auromode Apartments as a guest house directly under the Auromode Trust. As the situation on the ground changed, and there were concerns expressed about a guest house not operating under the Guest House Trust, it was agreed to discuss the situation in more detail. After quite some deliberation it was finally agreed to leave Auromode Apartments under the Exploration (small guest house umbrella) for the time being. Towards the end of the fiscal year, for example January 2016, the FAMC will review the situation and see if it makes sense for a guest house unit to be created under Guest House Trust or Auromode Trust. *All concerned were informed.*

The ABS submitted to the FAMC the Non-Commercial Trust and unit version of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) (reference: ABC Commercial Trust and Unit MoU/used as the template). The Non-Commercial Trust and unit MoU was approved. [Note: ABC Commercial Trust and unit MoU was approved by the Governing Board in August 2014.]. *The ABS was notified accordingly.*

The ABC recommend to the FAMC to create a Hospitality Trust "that could serve as an umbrella for units offering lodging, food and in-house boutiques, a set-up that may not fit the present Guest Houses Trust." The FAMC decided to ask the ABC and ABS to collaborate on a detailed proposal, which can include 'pros and cons' of creating a Hospitality Trust, and look at tax implications, if any. *FAMC await their proposal.*

It was noted that the Auroville Board of Services (ABS) had not yet been formally constituted therefore the FAMC formally constituted the ABS, with effect from 1 April 2007.

In response to questions arising from the appointment of new executives to existing units, and the creation of new units with new executives, the FAMC formulated the following recommendations which were sent to the ABC, ABS, Guest Facilities Coordination Group, and Guest House Trust: a. The individual running the unit must be an Aurovilian, and residing in Auroville 9 out of 12 months; b. An executive needs to be competent to act. If an executive is receiving a maintenance or other material/financial support from the unit, s/he must be involved in the daily functioning of the unit, and; c. If a unit has 2 executives who are related it is recommended that the executives designate a "back-up" who will be responsible in case the 2 executives are unavailable or not able to execute their duties. The FAMC requested these points be taken into consideration when reviewing new unit applications and unit executive changes.

### FINANCE TOPICS

The FAMC asked Mr. Srinivasmurthy if Auroville had to reapply under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), as per a fairly recent notice. Mr. Srinivasmurthy confirmed that the Office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation applied for renewal in April 2015.

### LAND TOPICS

The Town Development Council (TDC) submitted a final draft of the greenbelt land allocation process for FAMC input. The paper was approved with the addition of text concerning activities that are neither farm or forest being directed to L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC, and a footnote that land allocation can be reviewed in case the land is not being utilized for the purpose for which it was allocated. The FAMC has the final authority of continuing stewardship, in collaboration with the relevant group (i.e. Farm, Forest, L'avenir). Once confirmed the change is agreeable to TDC/Green group, the FAMC will publish the process in the News & Notes and on the AuroNet. *The FAMC await a response from the TDC and the Green group.*

The Land Board (LB) requested about Rs. 8 lakhs (rupees eight lakhs) for an RCC cement slab wall at Bharathipuram. This was approved. *The LB was promptly notified.*

The TDC recommended giving stewardship of plot IR 407/2 (adjacent to Mahalakshmi Park) to Alain G. and Glenn who are joint stewards of Mahalakshmi Park. This was approved. *The TDC was notified.*

### HOUSING TOPICS - *nothing new this month*

### OTHER TOPICS

Hilde recommended moving the Health Fund under the Budget Coordination Committee (BCC)/City Services from the Health and Healing Trust. It was reported during an FAMC meeting that the BCC had already accepted this proposal. The FAMC gave its full support to this change. The BCC followed-up with Hilde via email, with a copy to the FAMC. [Note: the Health Fund is not a 'unit' under Health and Healing Trust. This arrangement has been an administrative convenience; the accounts have been managed under the Trust only. It is not necessary to obtain any further approvals for this move.]

The FAMC and Working Committee (WCom) met and discussed various topics such as the situation at Eco Service, Martuvam Healing Forest, as well as registering for an Auroville trademark under specific classes (with Vinodhini), the

Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI), Mohanam's cultural heritage project proposal, and commercial unit performance.

In response to a request by the TDC, the FAMC began a review of the formerly created Water Supervisory Board. It did not really flourish, so the FAMC have contacted individuals previously involved and asked for their reflections on what didn't work. Other Aurovilians working in the area of water are being asked to provide input as well. The aim is to create a Water Supervisory body with an oversight into all areas of water. The task of the Water Supervisory Board includes the appointment of Auroville Water Service executives and the TDC has requested the appointment of a third executive in addition to the existing ones. This action is on hold while the review is ongoing.

#### ***Following up from previous reports***

In May the FAMC had some questions when it received the ABS endorsement of executive changes at Joy Guest House. In June all the questions were answered and thereafter the FAMC approved the changes which are the appointment of new executives: Giovanni, Stefania, and Sara; and the executive resignation of L'aura. Janet remains an executive.

In May it was reported that the FAMC had written to Martuvam Healing Forest (MHF) about moving forward. In June the FAMC received a response which didn't directly address the points of the FAMC. Presently the FAMC is making efforts towards the regularization of the situation of the unit and the assets, the unit executives and the accounts.

Last month the FAMC noted that it was reviewing housing subsidy. In light of the responses from the housing projects Kalpana and Sunship, the members decided to initiate a wider dialogue concerning pro bono housing allocation so as to be able to reach an understanding and agreement concerning general principles, eligibility criteria, and allocation/selection criteria and processes. It was decided to invite representatives from the Housing Service/Board, the Auroville Council, Youth Link, some members from the former ad-hoc committee who allocated Inspiration housing (11 apartments pro bono), as well as a couple of senior Aurovilians. *The subgroup is still being formed at the end of this reporting period.*

The FAMC continued to meet with the Sacred Groves project holders and in June reached an agreement with them about weekly monitoring and reporting, and how funds would be provided to finish the 3 prototype houses. *This is ongoing.*

In February it was reported the TDC informed the FAMC that Auroville Village Action Trust (AVAT) proposed a renewable land lease agreement with the Udhayam Women's Federation Trust. This month AVAT submitted the updated land lease agreement, which included all the points requested by the FAMC in February. The FAMC approved the updated land lease agreement. *AVAT and TDC were informed.*

Upon dissolution of the former Fund raising cell / Resource Mobilization Team, the WCom put at the disposal of the FAMC the remaining balance of funds raised. At present it is agreed that these funds will not be used for running costs or Aurovillian maintenance, with the exception of 2 months maintenance as a bridging fund for the Aurovillian who was working with, and supported by, the former team. To receive funds there should be a specific activity with a clearly stated objective. The FAMC have asked the Project Coordination Group (PCG) to make recommendations based on project proposals submitted to them. It has been suggested that a professional fund raiser be brought to Auroville to train Aurovilians about fund raising. In response to this suggestion the FAMC also asked the PCG to ascertain how many Aurovilians would be interested in such training. *FAMC await their reply.*

## **Auroville Council report May/June 2015**

Dear friends,

Despite the summer, the Auroville Council has been relatively active, with some of our members being TOS.

We have been present in conversations - sharing - processes through our representatives in various working groups (Housing Board (Renuka), Security (Auroananda), FAMC (Matriprasad), BCC (Daniel) and regular joint meetings (Working Committee, Koodam).

We are also informed regularly by members of the Council who are also part of the Farm Group, Green Group, ABC support group etc., of the issues which concern our desk.

Currently, we are finalizing the **new Entry mandate & policy/guidelines** emphasizing the need, and encouraging the trend, of participation in our organization and decision-making processes.

For the **new Land Board mandate**, the subgroup is evaluating and incorporating the feedback received before re-publishing it for ratification.

**An appeal process against the decision of working groups**, currently undefined, remains a need we are faced with regularly; a process to define some parameters/ guideline for the same is being initiated presently, and is aimed to finished in the next 3 months.

#### **Some updates:**

##### **NTDA:**

The GM last week brought forth a better clarity on the current situation of the proposed NTDA. The RAS has set up a forum to receive feedback from all those present in the GM and will publish the meeting report soon.

##### **New Entry Policy/ Guidelines:**

The sub-group of the AVC has concluded its work on the Entry Policy. A larger meeting with Working Committee, more members of the Entry Service and 4 members of the Growth Action Group was held, in which the draft by the sub-group was shared and reflected upon. The feedback received in this meeting will be incorporated into the document before publishing for feedback from the larger community in the next few weeks. A GM is also planned to present the spirit of the new proposal.

##### **Windarra conflict - implementing the arbiters' decision:**

The Implementation Monitoring Group has invited representatives of the Farm Group to be part of it. Details at the ground reality level are currently being worked out.

##### **Arya appeal process:**

As per the Housing Policy in use, the Auroville Council is the body to deal with appeals against decisions of Housing Service. Upon Arya community's appeal against the decision of allotting an apartment in the community to Rajaram, the AV Council put together an appeal body consisting of Michael Z, Bunty and Guy.

They studied the issue in depth and concluded that the appeal in question was without merit.

The community has managed to reach an understanding regarding this situation following this process, helped by Anandi (PTDC) and Lakshmanan(Town Hall). Rajaram has been confirmed as the new steward of the apartment.

##### **Resource Link:**

A note explaining the Resource Link was published a few weeks ago in the News and Notes. Isha (Swayam) is currently preparing a questionnaire for "Resource Persons" from the community in collaboration with the Auroville Council.

##### **Membership:**

Davaselvam has resigned from the Council for reasons of too much workload. We thank him for his time with us and wish him all the best for his future projects.

The team will welcome Rita back only when she has demonstrated her goodwill to be part of the team by acknowledging her previous and present actions.

#### Next in our agenda:

- 1) FAMC: a subgroup is being formed to work on a new mandate.
- 2) Housing: within the next month we will be working on its mandate & policy and executives
- 3) The Contribution/ Maintenance policy to be reviewed in collaboration with BCC.
- 4) HRT mandate and membership to be reviewed in collaboration with the BCC
- 5) Green group mandate & guidelines to be published and posted for feedback
- 6) MM mandate and executives: process to start
- 7) Arbiters pool to be strengthened and enlarged in collaboration with Koodam
- 8) TDC functioning and mandate - to work in collaboration with the Working Committee
- 9) Security Policy and team renewal
- 10) Senior Care (stay, financial support etc.)
- 11) Unity Fund executives term of office

We intend to hold a General Meeting soon, in the coming weeks. We will keep you posted on the dates and venue.

Warm regards,

*Daniel , Guy , Veronique , Matriprasad , Renuka , Auroananda and Sindhuja .*

## Forest Group Meeting - Adventure Community 03<sup>rd</sup> July 2015

**PRESENT:** Kumar, Cristo, Kartik, Nola, Paula, Hans (Silence), Tom, Natasha, P.Elumalai, Rita, Nina, Alok, Shivaraj, Balu, Boobalan, Thanajaiyan, Achilles, Fabian, Adi

#### Topics discussed:

##### Fertile - Building without valid permissions:

It came to the notice of the Forest Group that there are several buildings in Fertile which have come up during the

last years and where the agreed building application process has been ignored by the steward and the people building - some of them unknown to the majority of the Forest Group members and not Aurovilian.

The Group would like to hear from Johnny, the steward of Fertile, why this continues to happen and at the same time remind all members to follow the overall agreed process.

#### Adventure:

Members of Adventure Community and Kumar of Adventure Forest agreed in the meeting to harmoniously collaborate on defining the boundaries between the Forest part and the rest of the community. They will work together on physical boundaries and update the existing area maps so that this can be recorded with the Land Board.

Cristo reminds the group that the TDC is working on an overall development plan for the Greenbelt in which details of existing communities (overall area, types of development, existing infrastructure, community members ...) will be recorded.

#### Nilantangam:

Tom - who lives temporarily with his family in Nilantangam - approached the Group seeking advice on how best to deal with several areas in urgent need of fencing (at present there is still no central budget for further fencing released by the FAMC).

Cristo announced that the TDC is working on an overall strategy to make fencing more efficient. A relevant report is in progress and will soon be published by the TDC.

Meanwhile Tom will decide if it makes sense to use money generated by sales of wood and mangoes can be used for the most urgent fencing.

**The next meeting will be on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2015, 15.00. The location has not yet been decided.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Joy of Learning

Mark your calendar and join us for the 3rd instalment of the *Joy of Learning* series - the Auroville learning forum from Aurovilians for Aurovilians.

#### The Auroville Master Plan Demystified

An exploration for the lay person

**When? Tuesday, July 21st; 4.30 to 6.30 pm**

And if you can, come half an hour earlier or stay a bit longer to visit the related exhibition

**Where? SAIER Conference Hall**

**Who?** The Auroville Campus Initiative (ACI) is happy to present:

**Lalit** - 'The History of the Master Plan'

**Sauro** - 'Key Features of the Master Plan and Evolution of Planning in Recent Times - Perspectives and Critical Aspects'

**Toine** - 'Legal and statutory Framework of Planning and Development; Infrastructure Planning and Development'

#### Town planning concerns all of us!

Town planning in Auroville is much more than the design and development of streets, houses and amenities. It is more than a land-use management tool or a strategic plan to make the most out of our precious resources.

Town planning in Auroville needs to provide a comprehensive framework and reference for our collective development. It needs to aim at creating a balance of the diversity that our community represents while maintaining

through form, function and beauty an alignment with our aspirations and thus the core values and vision of Auroville. At the center of these efforts lies the Master Plan and an understanding of its scope and intention is indispensable to fully grasp the challenges and opportunities that town development in Auroville entails.

*We are looking forward to welcoming you to yet another collaborative learning event in which to further explore the creation of our very own habitat.*

Your ACI Team (*Amy, Deoyani, Lalit, Mike, Min, and Sophie*)

### Resource Link questionnaire

Dear Community,

We are happy to announce that you will receive around the 16th of July through your email address a questionnaire asking you:

If you are willing to be a resource person for participatory working groups If there is a need or to be a contact person for Entry Service and/or Savi.

Please fill the questionnaire or pass by next to the AVC office if you want to get a hard copy.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at: [resourcelink@auroville.org.in](mailto:resourcelink@auroville.org.in)

*Isha Swayam for Resource Link*

## Mobile patrolling

In the interest of everyone's security, the Tamil Nadu Police has arranged mobile patrolling around Auroville. It is their duty to verify driving-related documents. If you are stopped and requested to produce your documents, kindly cooperate with them. If you are found not carrying the appropriate documents, it is well within their powers to detain the vehicle and release it only on the production of the original documents.

*Submitted by the Working Committee*

## FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N NO- 606 dated 18.07.2015

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

### AUROVILIANS:

Francois MARTINEZ (French) - Staying at Fertile, working as a handyman and carpenter at Fertile and also working as a Luthier and musician.

Revathi IYANAR (Indian from Kullapalayam) - Staying at Surya Nivas, working as a Sales manager in Tanto.

Divya LIESER (French) - Staying at Kalabhumi, working as secretary at TDC and also working as helper at Evergreen.

### NEWCOMERS:

Tomoko SUZUKI (Japan) - Staying at Surrender, working as an administrator at Thamarai.

Nils LALLIKE (German) - Staying at Grace, working at Bamboo centre.

Salima (Hamsini) SEKFALI (French) - Staying at Maitreya - II, working at Auroville Papers book shop and Auroville Press - for La Revue d' Auroville.

### CHILD OF A NEWCOMER(S):

Amar SEKFALI (French) - born on 17/12/2007, studying at Deepanam school.

We have identified a lack of clarity in the communication and confirmation of status, as the announcements done in the News and Notes are FOR FEEDBACK ONLY and sometimes, after announcement, there can be either an extension of status or a decision to stop the process. We have therefore added an additional section to confirm the status of persons previously announced.

### CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER STATUS:

Nausheen BARI (Indian from UP)

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

Kristen GRAVELLE (American)

Francesca FROLLO (Italian)

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

### PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT AUROVILLE ON THEIR OWN:

Zeev Yacov PERETZ (Israeli)

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

Dear Newcomers,

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

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

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

The Entry Service team

*(Alexy, Aurore, B, Chitra, Ishita, Matilde, Neeti)*

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## Acres for Auroville - Update N° 5

*Together, let's complete the gold!!*



Dear Friends,

The Acres for Auroville land campaign (A4A) is a partnership of 'Auroville International' and 'Lands for Auroville Unified-LFAU'. The first phase of the campaign focuses on missing plots of land in the Matrimandir area and the International Zone.

Inaugurated on Sri Aurobindo's birthday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 2014, in just 10 months, A4A has reached 85% of its target! And financed by A4A donations, Auroville just bought a very important plot close to the Matrimandir!!

We greatly appreciate the contributions of over 320 donors who have made this success possible. Thanks to all of you, our Success Barometer has become beautifully golden! However, as you can see in the above symbol of the Mother, a little remains to be done to fill it up all in gold. Yes, a 100% success and not 85%! So, this is our call to you, to all our friends to contribute whatever possible, possibly on or before Sri Aurobindo's birthday on August 15, 2015.

With firm belief in the golden future of the City of Dawn,  
Aryadeep, Mandakini, Sigrid and Jothi of the A4A team



**Important PS:** We take this opportunity to ask donors to let us know if they have any problems logging into their donor page on COLAAP or with viewing the DVD we've sent "The Teachings of Flowers: The Life and Work of the Mother of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram" (It should be adapted to the geographical zone of your DVD player). Contact LFAU if there is any problem with either of the above: [lfau@auroville.org.in](mailto:lfau@auroville.org.in)

**Please specify "ACRES FOR AUROVILLE" via: Auroville Unity Fund (checks or bank transfers)**

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### Security Advice

Dear friends,

This is to inform you that during the month of June, 2015, 1 theft (Samridhi). 3 attempt thefts (Nilathangam & Revelation), 1 fire incident (near Aryapai farm) and 1 accident (near Fertile) occurred in different areas of Auroville.

We request all Aurovilians/Newcomers/Guests to be more conscious of their valuable belongings and use additional locks for their vehicles and houses to lower the risk of thefts.

We recommend that women avoid travelling alone at night, and to store our security numbers in their phones to report any incidents as soon as possible.

Women of all ages and modest dress code have reported harassment, so be on your guard at all times. Be wary of three boys on a bike and do not stop for local men asking for directions. For post-incident support and counseling you may call the Women's help line (open in the morning) at 262-2425 or email AV health services: [avhs@auroville.org.in](mailto:avhs@auroville.org.in).

For escort (for people with bikes/cycles only), call Ramesh.V at 9443090107 / 9443362691. Please note that the guards cannot leave their posts without prior permission from Security management.

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

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

- 1) With Xerox copies of your documents only. Leave the originals in your guest-house safe.

- 2) Not to carry large amounts of cash or valuables on your person unless absolutely necessary.
- 3) To secure/ tie up your bags properly or to keep bags on your person instead of in cycle baskets.

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

## New booklet called "Wel'Om"

Dear unit managers and public spaces, A new booklet called "Wel'Om" will soon be available to visitors and guests who come to discover Auroville. This booklet will be available at the Visitor Centre, Guest Service and in guests houses which wish to have it.

It will provide simple, accurate information about important places and units having a showroom, giving details on the activities, the exact location, contacts, schedule, and pictures of buildings and will organize a tour for self-discovery of Auroville using a numbered map.

List of known locations is available at: [crealom@auroville.org.in](mailto:crealom@auroville.org.in)

Anyone interested to be included in "Wel'Om" (shop, units, restaurants, activities, baby-sitters, guides...) can contact me before the end of July. Send a picture of the building and your production, a small text presentation of your activity, the exact place in AV, the contact email, website and anything else you think important.

Please, contact me on: '[crealom@auroville.org.in](mailto:crealom@auroville.org.in)' or 948 85 12678.

Thank you, *Veronique J.* from Svedame.

## POSTINGS

### About Water Level in Fraternity

Dear all,

The water pump in Fraternity has been taken out for repair. On this occasion a measurement of the water level has been done. The water level is now at 36.50 m. The last time it was measured was in 2008, when it was at 24 m. If these numbers are correct, it means that the water level has gone down by 12.50 m in 7 years. If we round it up that makes a loss of about 2 m each year. The consumption of water in Fraternity can therefore not be considered as "sustainable" and it would be interesting to know if this is according to the general trend in Auroville or not. Given for information by Fraternity Water Supply,

*Michiko and Ananda.*

### Auronoses help

This is a call for all Aurovilians, Newcomers or Volunteers to help make Auronoses. These are used for medical clowns in hospitals and other institutions that support village programs.

The noses are a symbol of love, unity, peace and joy and your work helps that. The noses are made from the seeds of the Palm Tree and are all natural and sustainable. We ask that you come to the **Youth Centre on every Sunday Afternoon from 2-4 pm**. Come with working dress - all are welcome. For more information please contact *Babu* from Siddhartha Forest on 8098736485 or *Noe* from the Youth Centre on 9159559047.

### Apartments in Sanjana Housing Project

Work is going on in the Sanjana Housing Project between Arati and Sukhavati communities. There are still a few apartments - different sizes available, 2 bedrooms, 1 bedroom... You are welcome to have a look and choose between different flats. The construction is expected to be completed beginning of 2016 for 3 blocks and a bit later for the 4th block. For details please contact [helene7@hotmail.com](mailto:helene7@hotmail.com), *Sanjana Management Team*.

## AVAILABLE

### Row-House available at Sanjana-Project (between Arati & Sukhavati).

64 sqm + Terrace + Balcony. Ground-floor and first-floor. Ready to move into beginning of 2016. Contact: *Gerhard* ([gerhard@auroville.org.in](mailto:gerhard@auroville.org.in) / Ph: 9488610506)

### An Amma

Sudha is looking for a job, after the school where she had been employed for 8 years closed down, because the government funds stopped. She would like to work in a home as an "amma". Her English is basic. For more information call *Yanar* on 75 98 566 735 (*submitted by Sara*)

### Nikon D7100

Body, 24MP, DX Format, F mount, 51 Focus points, 2 Card slots, excellent camera, 4 months old; 8GB SDXC card. Contact *Dirk*, [caddstudio@av...](mailto:caddstudio@av...), 9486919830 - Thanking you, *Dirk. Aurelec/Certitude*

### Items

4 PC each 13000/- selling pr. 7000

Config : autom mother board 2 gb ram 250 gb hard disk processor intel autom monitor 15.6" nec 2 years old

2) canon ir 3025 copier/xerox machine 1 year old 60000/- selling 45000/-

3) Epson L210 colour printer/scanner/copier inkjet 1 year old 9400/- selling 6000/-  
4) Inverter-luminous 2kv 2 Exide battery 1200 w each 2 years old 37000/- selling 26000/-

5) 4 pc internet cabin each 3400 selling 2000  
6) 4 revolving chairs each 2000 selling 1200  
7) 1 cash table 3500 selling 2200  
Contact no: Jayandhan 9843182560. Ganesh 9843926715.

## LOOKING FOR ...

### Deepanam School needs bicycles

Every week our youngest group called "Light" goes for field trips in Auroville. As our numbers have increased this year we need more bicycles for age 7 or 8. So if you have spare ones and want to give them away please let us know. Contact no .2622450 - Thank you, *Deepanam School*

### Work in an AV Unit or Activity

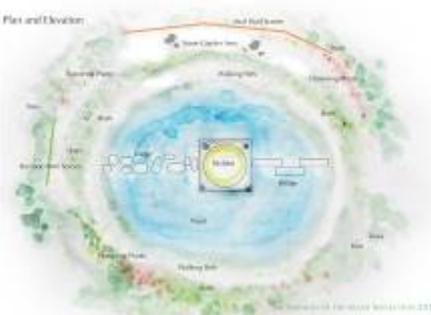
Rajasegar from Alankuppam, 24 years old, B-Com, Accounting/Tally, knows typing, has a Driver license (car) and speaks some English. Rajasegar is the son of the Tamil lady working at my house for 23 years. He is a nice young man who has just

finished his education. Mobile number: 7639031329 -  
*Submitted by Shivaya*

### Call for beautiful plants!

YC wants to revive its gardens by potting more plants. If anyone has some that germinate easily and is willing to share a cutting, please give us a call at 811 00 654 90. Many thanks,  
*Youth Center*

## A P P E A L



### AV Botanical Gardens: Fundraising for a Japanese Garden

Greetings All! As many of you know, the Botanical Gardens is home to many beautiful natural creations, including the new Labyrinth, Ornamental Garden, Cactus Garden, Arboretum, Orchid and Fern Houses, and TDE Forest. We are now planning to create a Japanese Garden with designs by our fellow Aurovilian Jyoti Naoki Eri (see artistic design here). In his words, this Japanese Garden, to be known as the Pavilion of Silent Reflection, will be "an attempt to create a Japanese garden pavilion, garden, and meditative/poetic atmosphere by using the existing natural and human resources of the Auroville Bio-region..... Hopefully this project's efforts will result in a greater unity between nature and man to truly become One Nature so as to manifest the higher consciousness in matter without denial of the knowledge from the past."

In order for this project to manifest, we must raise around 8 lakhs, so we will need the support of Aurovilians, guests, AVI centers, and anyone else with a love for gardens. For more detailed plans, please see the post on Auronet (or email Noel, as below). If you wish, you can contribute through the Botanical Garden account # 251761. Please inform us of your donation.

If you have any contacts who may be interested in this project, please email me (Noel) with their information at: [earthyoga@hotmail.com](mailto:earthyoga@hotmail.com). We also welcome any other ideas for fundraising, as well as participation in the creation of this project. Thank you very much and we hope you will visit the Botanical Gardens soon!

## TAXI SHARING

**July 26th:** There will be a taxi empty from Auroville on the 26th night to Chennai Airport and returning with one person who arrives early morning on the 27th. Anyone interested to share either way, please contact me at: [rosa@auroville.org.in](mailto:rosa@auroville.org.in).  
*Rosa*

**July 26th:** Taxi will drop me off on Sunday morning 26th July 3 am at Chennai airport. Welcome to share. Leaving from Arati 3B. *Marlenka* - 948 636 3525

**July 28th or 29th:** Looking for a taxi share from Auroville to Chennai, either July 28 in the afternoon or July 29 at 4am.

E-mail Alexia: [perineaualexia@gmail.com](mailto:perineaualexia@gmail.com).

**July 28th:** Taxi leaving for Chennai airport at 11.30am. Please contact me if you would like to share. Thanks. *Penelope* 9159675921 or [vanmaasdyk@gmail.com](mailto:vanmaasdyk@gmail.com)

**To Chennai City:** Anyone for sharing a taxi to Chennai? I have to go to Chennai City to extend my Belgium passport in July, date flexible. Departure would be around 6 am. Contact *Krishna*: [krishnabrigitte@auroville.org.in](mailto:krishnabrigitte@auroville.org.in)

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

### Do You Have Good English Skills?

The Project Coordination Group (PCG), SAIIR and the Resource Mobilization Team are looking for people who are willing and able to help others prepare project proposals and project reports. If you feel you have the necessary skills and experience to offer and/or would like to know more about this opportunity, please write to [resourcemobilization@auroville.org.in](mailto:resourcemobilization@auroville.org.in) or visit us any Wednesday morning from 9-12 at the Residents Assembly Service office, 1st floor (Town Hall).

## HEALTH

### Psychotherapy and Psychological Help and Healing Talks is again available.

Get your appointment by phone 2623489, Mobile 9443752847, or mail: [mychello@auroville.org.in](mailto:mychello@auroville.org.in)  
Michael O.

### Tibetan Doctor

Dear Friends,  
This is to remind you that the monthly visit of the Tibetan Doctor will be on Saturday the 25th of July 2015. For your appointment call Namgyal or [Kalsang@auroville.org.in](mailto:kalsang@auroville.org.in) or call 0413 2622401 or send an e mail @ [kalsang@auroville.org.in](mailto:kalsang@auroville.org.in)  
Regards Namgyal and Kalsang

## AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Listeners,

This week we enjoy the second group of Future school students (Tara, Auroson and Edo) in exploring themes, recording, editing and publishing programs - do keep an eye out for their contributions as well as those by Aloe, Rishi and Luca earlier.

Lately we have also produced a program with an in depth perspective on Youth titled: Coming of Age- Auroville rises by volunteers Kunal, and Albert is currently working on a program about Sound and Healing which will be published shortly. We are looking for technical help from a web-developer to create a new radio and TV content in one place. We also need someone familiar in developing applications for smart phones. Creative people and

journalists are welcome to help us cover events and create content.

We join with many here in being grateful for the recent cooling rain.

These are the latest programs published by AurovilleRadio this week. All the recordings are available in CD or ready to be copied on your memory stick at the AurovilleRadio premises in Town Hall, opposite the Financial Service.

#### **Embracing the Planet (Pioneers 11/07/2015)**

Amazing multimedia play Embracing the Planet has successfully started the season last night at SA Auditorium -[English, 74 Minutes]

**Coming of Age- Auroville rises (Kids & Youth 10/07/2015)**

Coming of Age in Auroville has its own problems, but since the "Retreat" the youth has been active in many areas... -[English, 18 Minutes]

#### **Off the Cuff-34 (Performing Arts 10/07/2015)**

Andrea, Renu and Wazo shares their perspectives on Fiber-optic in Auroville, AuroNet, NDTA general meeting. -[English, 16 Minutes]

#### **Exploring the Future of Rock (Music 10/07/2015)**

Today Luca M.B brings to us songs of various bands that are currently uprising in the underground Rock scene. -[English, 47 Minutes]

#### **City Back to Life (News from Auroville 09/07/2015)**

Embracing the Planet, a world premiere and one and only show tomorrow at 8 pm at Sri Araubindo Auditorium. New SANTE. - [English, 15 Minutes]

You can listen to all of the programs and more on [www.aurovilleradio.org](http://www.aurovilleradio.org)

For more info call 0413-2623331 or email [a@aurovilleradio.org](mailto:a@aurovilleradio.org)

**Selections par Gangalakshmi-45 (Performing Arts 08/07/2015)**  
Selection par Gangalakshmi-45. Cette semaine; -[French, 18 Minutes]

#### **People's opinions on Auroville (Research 08/07/2015)**

A few Aurovilians share their thoughts on Auroville. By Rishi and Aloe, students of Future School. -[English, 7 Minutes]

#### **General meeting on NDTA (Governance 08/07/2015)**

How does one protect the physical idea of Auroville? How can the NDTA help and how will it hinder? -[English, 106 Minutes]

#### **Morning station with Luca M.B (Music 08/07/2015)**

Luca, Rishi & Aloe bring to you a playlist. They are participating in the Auroville community service. -[English, 48 Minutes]

#### **Black Peru (Music 07/07/2015)**

Featuring songs from Black Peru rich in African rhythms, and sonically vibrant realm of Afro - Peruvian music. -[English, 64 Minutes]

#### **Schools Open, 80th Brithday of HH (News from Auroville 06/07/2015)**

Featuring Aloe, Rishi and Luca sharing with us some impression on past holidays while they are with us. -[English, 16 Minutes]

## EATING OUT

### Kofi Bar

We welcome you to Kofi bar, now a unit of Auroville (AFA) for delicious snacks, cold coffees and fresh juices. We also serve Vegan cold coffees and organic chocolates.

We are located in Kulapalayam main road, next to Yatra Nova travel agency - Open every day from 10.00 am to 8.00 pm.

Thank you,

Kofi bar team (email: [priti@auroville.org.in](mailto:priti@auroville.org.in))

# Notes

## The Camaraderie

"Systems of patriarchal oppression dominate both women and animals in similar ways..." (Prof. Lisa Kemmerer, *The Hindu*, July 5 2015, p.3).

Last June a German girl Johanna Kempter lived in Aspiration Guest House, in room number ten. She was born on 16 Nov - 1991, in numerology her number is eleven, it means realization of inner power. The girl cared for the grey cat with green eyes by feeding it. In return the cat cared about her health. It is named felinotherapy: a cat gives health to the person who cares about it.

Last June Nature changed magically around the room #10. The grass, bushes and trees were greener than in other places, the butterflies and birds gathered to this room. There was a supernatural music of the spheres, I heard a divine voice: "Long live the camaraderie of the German girl and Indian cat! Women and animals of the world, unite! Stop the dominance of human males onto mankind and nature! Transform man's world in a world of equality for every kind of life! Let there be a kingdom of ahimsa (nonviolence), kindness, compassion, wisdom, peace and harmony!"

There is also another cat living in Aspiration community - One white cat with a blue eye, the other eye having been lost in a fight I think. A French girl Marie Horassius cares about this cat - She was born 26 Oct. 1989, in numerology her number is nine, it means the intellect and spirituality. Some people say that every cat has nine lives. I don't know about other cats but the white one has lived for a long time. Marie was in Aspiration Guest House in August and September 2012 and afterwards again and again came to Auroville and bought food for the cat.

Johanna and Marie previous incarnated in ancient Egypt together with their cats. One of the girls (maybe both) had the name of Queen Nefertiti - Everything is possible if the Lord wants it.

Baris

## For your calendar

### AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri - read by Mother to Sunil's music  
Every Thursday at sunset  
From 6 to 6.30 pm.



Dear Friends and Aurovilians,

This is to inform you that the Amphitheatre program continues on Thursdays from 6 to 6.30 pm  
Though we announced that it will be discontinued for the months of May and June.  
We are happy to let you know that we have found volunteers to take this up and continue as before.  
Text from the 'Mother' by Sri Aurobindo along with Sunil's music will be played.  
Aurovilians, Newcomers, Guests with Aurocard are welcome to enjoy the meditative music at sunset.

See you there.  
Amphitheatre Team

## INVITATIONS



## Women's Solidarity Festival -

Sunday, 19th of July

All are invited to join us for the Women's Solidarity Festival--a celebration of the talent and culture of local women in the Auroville bioregion that will showcase cultural performances, speeches, and educational displays on various topics relevant to women's health and livelihood.

We expect more than 4000 people to attend. It will take place at the AVAG office from 10am to 4pm --address provided below:

Auroville Village Action Group, Irumbai Main Road Opp. TNEB Sub Station - Irumbai 605111, Tamil Nadu, India

For any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us at: +91-413-2678871/2678872 or email us at: [avagoffice@auroville.org.in](mailto:avagoffice@auroville.org.in)

Come, join us in our celebration! AVAG Team



## Revealing the Self

Poetry recital

Two poetry personalities

*KinGi & Truly Tracy*

Invite you to partake in  
An evening of poetic pleasures

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of July at Visitor Centre 8pm.  
Come See Sound Take Shape

## EXHIBITIONS



## Gardens of Cornwall

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*Cafeteria & Art gallery*

Photo Exhibition  
Photos by Franz Fassbender  
OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM

## CULTURAL EVENTS



## Concert of the Guitar Duo BARTOLI-FODERA'

The Italian Pavilion would like to announce  
A concert of the Guitar Duo BARTOLI-FODERA'  
On THURSDAY 23rd of July in CRIPA at 8 pm

Music by Boccherini, Scarlatti, Rossini, Mangore', De Vecchi, Gangi, Assad, Morricone.  
The concert is organized in collaboration with the Institute of Culture of the Italian Embassy  
in New Delhi.

Marco Bartoli is currently a classical guitar teacher at the Musikschule Aallschwil (BL), Switzerland and plays a Matthias Dammann guitar.

Salvo Fodera' teaches at the Musikschule Muttentz in Basel and plays an instrument made for him by the Italian luthier Gabriele Lodi

They have performed in many countries in Europe, Asia and South America.  
You are warmly invited

## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

### INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

21st July (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: 'Synthesis of Yoga'

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

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

Led by Ashesh Joshi. Contact: 9489147202, 2622922

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

All are welcome

For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit [www.integralyoga-auroville.com](http://www.integralyoga-auroville.com)

### DEEP CORE INTENSIVE MASSAGE OFFERING AT ARKA

Starting from July 2015 Sumit will be at service as the Resident Masseur & Therapist at ARKA.

Sumit has trained in Deep Core Intensive Massage from Germany and is a Reiki Master from the Reiki Academy London(UK), Sumit offers massage sessions for relief and relaxation from aches, knots, pains, cramps, stress and stiffness of the muscles in the Neck, Shoulders, Back, (upper & lower) and Limbs.

Deep Core Intensive massage is a technique which along with the classical strokes & movements also uses knuckles, finger tips and elbows for deeper penetration into the areas of accumulated stress in the muscles and tissues. It may also involve light stretching and assisted contortions.

Each session lasts between 50 - 75 minutes and includes elements of Reflexology and Reiki for an integral relief and enhanced relaxation. Oils used.

**No Fee for Aurovilians & Newcomers** - a contribution to ARKA would be most appreciated and welcome.

Call: 07839062619 for details and appointments.

### WOMEN SELF-DEFENCE COURSE BY GIACOMO COLOMBA

**Venue:** Joy Community Guesthouse Hall (Center Field)

**Date/time:** Tuesdays and Thursdays - 5.30 to 6.30 PM

**Starting on Tuesday 21st of July**

Giacomo has been practicing martial arts for the past 22 years and has been in Auroville since recently as a long-term volunteer of Joy Community. From 1997 to 2002 he has been focusing on Wing Tsun, which is a self-defense martial arts invented by a nun and traditionally transmitted to women only. Since 2005 he has been practicing grappling that is one of the most effective martial arts in real "street" situations, and Shou Dao that is very suitable to develop individual characteristics and to find the practitioner's own style without being restricted by orthodox decoded styles. Thanks to his long-term experience in all these techniques, Giacomo helps the practitioner to develop equilibrium, coordination, sensibility, fluidity, proprioception (perception of internal body parts), use of non-muscular energies, and awakening of spontaneous body "intelligence". The purpose of this 6-week course is to learn to act and react with "conscious" energy even before getting into physical contact with an internal feeling of secure action and

equanimity. As such, this is especially suitable and directed to women who want to be ready to respond to sudden aggressive approaches without needing much strength, constant training and body fitness.

Joy Community Guesthouse. Center Field, Auroville, 605101, Tamil Nadu, India. Ph.: +91 (0)413 2622584

<https://www.facebook.com/joyauroville>.

<https://joyauroville.wix.com/welcome>

### Course on Electronic Circuit Design - Analysis, Design and Art

I am offering a course on Mondays 1:30 pm. - 3:00 pm. (starting 27 Jul) on electronics circuit design. The course is equivalent to what you should be learning in an undergrad/grad studies in electrical engineering with an emphasis on (practical aspects of) circuit design for communication.

**Who?** EE graduates who want to learn circuit design. Anyone else who has an exposure to algebra, geometry, calculus and graphs who is interested in electronics.

**What you need?** A laptop or some computer access (with ability to install tools), curiosity and self-motivation.

**How is the course organized?** Areas of theory necessary will be covered along with practical use - signals and systems, Fourier transforms, passive elements, active elements, amplifiers, oscillators, PLLs, etc. The course will flow based on the participant interest and experience.

Participants will be expected to work on their own beyond the time together working on projects in simulation and in practice for deeper understanding and design.

**Cost?** There is no fee for the course. But, if you build something and you want to keep it, you are expected to pay for the components.

**Interested?** Send an email to [sanjeev.r@auroville.org.in](mailto:sanjeev.r@auroville.org.in).

*Sanjeev Ranganathan*

## SCHEDULES

### JOY JULY ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Thai Massage	Full body massage in the Thai Yoga tradition of Wat Pho, Bangkok. By Salvatore. Appointment only.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> of July (12.45 am) Community Lunch	Lime Jaggery Juice, Mediterranean Salad, Varagu Couscous with Mixed Vegetables, Sicilian Watermelon Pudding, and Italian Coffee. Reservation only.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> of July (5 pm) Self-Defence for Women	1 <sup>st</sup> lesson of a martial arts course designed for women self-defence, including Wing Tsun, Grappling, and Shou Dao. By Giacomo Colomba. Drop-in.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> of July (6.45 pm) Barbecue Night	Lemongrass Jaggery Juice, Grilled Vegetables, Marinated Grilled Chicken, Marinated Grilled Mutton, Watermelon. Reservation only.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> of July (8 am) Garden Karma Yoga	Community work to maintain and develop the Joy Vegetable Garden using natural farming principles. Traditional Aurovillian 2 <sup>nd</sup> Breakfast provided. Drop-in allowed.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> of July (5 pm) Self-Defence for Women	1 <sup>st</sup> martial arts course designed for women self-defence, including Wing Tsun, Grappling, and Shou Dao. By Giacomo Colomba. Drop-in allowed.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> of July (12.45 am) Pizza Night	Sweet Lime Jaggery Juice, Neapolitan Style Pizza Magherita, and Chocolate Pizza Roll. Reservation only.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> of July (12.45 am) Community Lunch	Sweet Lime Jaggery Juice, Mediterranean Salad, Varagu Couscous with Mixed Vegetables, Sicilian Watermelon Pudding, and Italian Coffee. Reservation only.
Saturday 23 <sup>th</sup> of July (12.45 am) Community Lunch	Lemongrass Jaggery Juice, East-West Salad, Vegetable Gyoza (Japanese Momo), Fruit Salad, and Italian Coffee. Reservation only.

Joy food is prepared using as much as possible pure vegetarian organic or 1<sup>st</sup> quality ingredients (extra-virgin olive oil, Joy Garden, and Auroville farms products). Auroville guests are requested a fixed contribution (young people below 30 avail 50 % discount for courses and treatments); contribution of Aurovilians, Newcomers and long-term volunteers (proof required) follow a free donation basis. Our main goal is to bring people together in a family environment, so don't expect the moon and you'll get the sun!

We are located in Center Field next to Center Guest House. For more information and booking please contact [joycommunity@auroville.org](mailto:joycommunity@auroville.org) or 04132622584 or 9442328120.



C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

Reminder: Friday 17th - « JIMMY'S HALL » - Directed by Ken LOACH

FRIDAY 24 JULY 2015 - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7:45 sharp)

“PRINCESS OF MONTPENSIER” (LA PRINCESSE DE MONTPENSIER)

Directed by Bertrand TAVERNIER - France, 2010

With: Mélanie Thierry, Lambert Wilson, Gaspard Ulliel ...

*Synopsis:* Based on a novella by the celebrated Madame de Lafayette, a gripping drama set against the savage Catholic/Protestant wars that ripped France apart in the 16th century. From an early age, Marie de Mézières loves Henri, Duke of Guise. She is forced by her father to marry the well-connected Prince of Montpensier. When her husband is called by Charles IX to join the princes in their war against the Protestants, Marie is left with her tutor, the aging Count of Chabannes, away from the world in the castle of Champigny. She tries in vain to forget her passion for de Guise, but in spite of herself, becomes the centre of rival and violent passions in which also enters the Duke of Anjou, future Henri III.

*Original French Version with English subtitles - Duration: 2h.19'*



“The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, July 24, Friday at 7pm

SEEDS OF PERMACULTURE: TROPICAL PERMACULTURE

2014, 88 minutes, Directed by Greetje Mulder and Rogier van der Voort

An interactive documentary about permaculture in the tropics. Set against a beautiful Thai backdrop, the film takes a look at two permaculture education centers where visitors from all over the world come to educate themselves to be self-sufficient, produce no waste, and build their homes and gardens, but most of all they learn to build communities.

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

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

Schedule of Events:

16:00 free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour

16:40 Tour of Sadhana Forest

18:00 free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco FilmClub

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

20:00 Dinner is served

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

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

or [sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in](mailto:sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in).

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

“OUR GRATITUDE”

A Musical Offering specially composed for the Centenary of Sri Aurobindo's and The Mother's first meeting in 1914 by Shobadi-Mitra (Head of the Music Section of the Ashram) and performed by Ashram students in the Savitri Bhavan Amphitheatre on 30 March 2014.

The Ashramites are singing - with deep aspiration for the Divine's love and work - prayers, songs, mantras and the text of gratitude which The Mother had put on the Samadhi.

At the end of the film there is a message from THE MOTHER spoken by Her in French with English subtitles: *“My children, we are united towards the same goal and for the same accomplishment - for a work unique and new, that the Divine Grace has given us to accomplish. I hope that more and more you will understand the exceptional importance of this work and that you will sense in yourselves the sublime joy that the accomplishment will give you. The divine force is with you - feel its presence more and more and be careful not to betray it. Feel, wish, act that you may be new beings for the realization of a new world and for this my blessings shall always be with you.”*

The film is done by Manohar. Duration: 35min.

Monday, 20th of July 2015, at 6:30pm



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 20 July 2015 to 26 July 2015

Indian - Monday 20 July, 8:00 pm:

• TAHAAN (A Boy with a Grenade)

India, 2008, Writer-Dir. Santhosh Sivan w/ Victor Banerjee, Purav Bhandare, Rahul Bose, and others, Drama, 97mins, Hindi-Urdu w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

A tender fable about childhood innocence amid the realities of war is set against the rugged landscape of Kashmir, so long a flash point for the territorial claims of neighboring India and Pakistan. The title character, an eight year old mountain boy, often hears distant gunfire. But it is not until he goes on a quest to reclaim his beloved donkey, which has been confiscated as payment of his poor family's debts, that he is drawn toward a violence he has no capacity to understand.

Italian - Tuesday 21 July, 8:00 pm:

• MIO FRATELLO E' FIGLIO UNICO (My Brother is an Only Child)

Italy, 2007, Dir. Daniele Luchetti w/ Elio Germano, Riccardo Scamarcio, Angela Finocchiaro, and others, Drama, 108mins., Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

The movie goes from the 60s to the 70s in Italy following two brothers from a communist working-class family. Accio the rebellious younger one, who drops out of seminary very quickly, gives in to the constant indoctrination of a much older bus driver pal named Mario and joins the fascist party. Then he falls in love with Francesca, the girlfriend of his older brother Manrico, who becomes a leftist leader in '68 and moves on to terrorist activities in the 70s. The ending is a memorable upside-down, touching and bittersweet, with an ultimate, definitive coming of age by Accio.

Interesting - Wednesday 22 July, 8:00 pm:

- **SEEDS OF PERMACULTURE: TROPICAL PERMACULTURE**

Netherlands, 2014, Dir. Greetje Mulder & Rogier van der Voort, Documentary, 88mins, English, Rated: NR (G)  
An interactive documentary about permaculture in the tropics. Set against a beautiful Thai backdrop, the film takes a look at two permaculture education centers where visitors from all over the world come to educate themselves to be self-sufficient, produce no waste, build their homes, and gardens. Most importantly, through this they learn to build communities. Christian Shearer guides the film through the philosophy of permaculture and a number of tropical strategies to help bring health and resilience to the permaculture farm.

Nordic - Thursday 23 July, 8:00 pm:

- **BUDDY**

Norway, 2003, Dir. Morten Tyldum w/ Nicolai Cleve Broch, Aksel Hennie, Anders Baasmo Christiansen, and others, Comedy-Drama-Romance, 100mins, Norwegian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR  
Three young unmarried men share an apartment. Each one has his own limits to overcome. Will they do it together?

International - Saturday 25 July, 8:00 pm:

- **NO FILM SCHEDULED FOR MAINTENANCE WORK**

Children's Film - Sunday 26 July, 4:30pm

**NO FILM SCHEDULED FOR MAINTENANCE WORK**

**PASOLINI Film Festival @ CINECLUB**

Ciné-Club - Sunday 26 July, 8:00 pm:

- **NO FILM SCHEDULED FOR MAINTENANCE WORK**

Rating codes we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G=General Audiences, PG=Parental guidance suggested, PG-13=Parents strongly cautioned, R=Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e. for Adults), NR=Film Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available.  
*Kindly do not bring food, drinks, snacks, munchies or your pets into the auditorium.*

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

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at [mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in).

*We appreciate your continued support: monthly or occasionally. You can also make a contribution to "Cinema Paradiso" account (#105106) at the Financial Service.*

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

## SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES

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

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

**Auroville Ambulance:** 9442224680

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

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

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

**Crisis Intervention:** Call Christian 763 949 3183 (Service offered until 1 March 2015)

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

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

**Eco Service, Kottakarai:** Jayamurthy - 904 701 5812 / Gillian - 9442067481, email: [ecoservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:ecoservice@auroville.org.in) / Auralice - 763-965-5954

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Housing Service, Town Hall:** Public Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:30 to 12:30 Monday and Friday from 14:30 to 16:30

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

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

**Kailash Clinic, Kailash:** Call 2622803 for an appointment during morning hours from 8.30am to 12.30pm

**LOE, Lab. Of Evolution, Bharat Nivas:** Mon to Sat 9am-12 noon

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

04.30 pm to 08.00pm

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

The Petals are open for Aurovilians daily

4.30pm to 6pm

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

Please remain with your guests throughout the visit.

Matrimandir is closed to visitors on Tuesday.

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

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

**Nandini Tailor section: (Auroshilpam):** tel: 2622527

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

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

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

Please note that our team for distribution will be complete only next month so our timing for July will be every morning from 9am to 1pm

**OutreachMedia Services:** The services provided by OutreachMedia include: dealing with all media that come to Auroville for filming, writing, photographing - reporters, journalist and writers. 2622-098 or 9443602194 or 9952463904

Multi-Media Centre. Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoons and Saturdays by appointment.

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

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

Thank you, Residents Service Team

**Savi: Services for Volunteers and Hosting Units/Services of Auroville**

We are a link between Auroville Projects and long-term Volunteers (minimum 2 months).

We offer welcome informations, placements opportunities, support with visa procedure and follow-up throughout the volunteers' stay.

Come and visit us at Unity Pavilion, Monday to Friday 10am-12pm. Phone: 0143-262-2121. Email: [study@auroville.org.in](mailto:study@auroville.org.in)

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

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

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

**Women's Helpline** - For women needing assistance after an incident of violence on Auroville roads. Please call 262 2425 (mornings) or email [avhs@auroville.org.in](mailto:avhs@auroville.org.in)

## ACT NEW TIME TABLE

### EARLY TRIP (daily except Tuesday)

*This service is conditional to MM being open to visitors.*

*Usually not running on rainy days (enquiries: 2622235)*

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

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

### SHOPPING TRIP

Tuesday and Saturday

8:50 AM from Vêrité

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

### AFTERNOON TRIP

Monday

2:50 PM from Vêrité

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

Wednesday and Friday

4:30 PM from Vêrité

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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